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DUMPSTER DAY IS NOV. 2nd!

(See back cover for details)



Autumn is the perfect time to showcase some colorful bounty of the season on your front porch by displaying mums, pumpkins, and gourds. Get creative and you might win one of the ALRV fall decorating prizes! See page 7 for more details.

Why Be a Block Captain?

Have you ever wondered about the role of an LRV block captain? Perhaps you've considered volunteering but weren't sure what it entailed. Block captains play an important role in our community and are part of what makes LRV a warm, welcoming neighborhood. If you've noticed signs decorated with wreaths at Christmastime or had the pleasure of reading *The Village Crier* which was delivered right to your door, you can probably thank your block captain! As a block captain you can choose the level at which you wish to volunteer. Please consider filling this important role for

your street. If you'd like to volunteer or would like more information, please email LRVblockCaptain@gmail.com.

Block Captains...

- Decorate the street (or their designated portion of the street) with wreaths at Christmastime.
- Welcome new neighbors and notify the Welcome Committee when a new resident joins the street. If willing, bring an ALRV "welcome basket" to the new neighbor.
- Are good will ambassadors and a positive resource for their street.

Block Captains MAY also decide to...

- Help deliver *The Village Crier*
- Help deliver important notices from the ALRV board
- Nominate winners for the holiday decorating contests
- Provide neighbors with community information and resources. It is not the block captain's responsibility to verify ALRV or Baltimore County rules or requirements. Block captains may "point the way" to help find the information, but it is up to the individual to contact the proper authority and confirm accuracy.
- Organize a block party
- Provide email contact information to neighbors via the website and *The Village Crier*

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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 in events
calendar; no meeting in August*

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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Block Captains are not...

- Facilitators of disputes between neighbors
- Law enforcement or vigilantes
- Enforcers or authorities on county or ALRV community codes and covenants

Block Captains...

- Make a difference
- Help create a sense of community – one street at a time
- Have the satisfaction that comes from volunteering
- And... can even introduce themselves as a “Captain!”

Board Notes

As summer draws to a close, those refreshing, crisp nights of the fall season now are just a few weeks away. The Board traditionally does not meet in the month of August, so things have been relatively quiet of late, but the next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on September 11th.

As many neighbors are aware, the Board voted several months ago to oppose the proposed construction of a Valvoline Auto Service Center at the site of the currently vacant First Mariner Bank building at the Northwest corner of Loch Raven Boulevard and Joppa Road and noted an Appeal to the November 15, 2018, Opinion and Order of the Office of Administrative Hearings for Baltimore County that effectively granted what’s called a “Special Exception” to permit the construction of a Valvoline Auto Service Center at that location. The Hearing regarding the Appeal concluded in late June, and public deliberation took place on the morning of August 27th. At that time, the Board of Appeals voted 2-1 to deny Valvoline’s request for a Special Exception. Although Valvoline retains the right to Appeal this decision

to the Circuit Court, the August 27th vote effectively brings this matter to a conclusion, at least for now.

The Board continues to be concerned regarding the recent installation of basketball hoops at Loch Raven Technical Academy (LRTA). As many neighbors who have lived in Loch Raven Village for a fairly long period of time may remember, the experience of Loch Raven Village with unsupervised, unmanaged outdoor basketball courts at local Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) and/or Recreation and Parks facilities is not good. The hoops and backboards previously were removed from all the courts in Loch Raven Village because of incessant disturbances and crime occurring at the courts.

Those who are members of the Loch Raven Village Residents’ Facebook page no doubt have read that there has been at least one instance of the courts being utilized by a group of young people in the very early morning hours, which created a disturbance for some residents who reside in very close proximity to LRTA. Therefore, the ALRV remains committed to working with BCPS, the Department of Recreation and Parks, and/or the Greater Loch Raven Recreation Council in developing a comprehensive plan to supervise, manage, and provide accountability for use of the courts and to ensure the continued safety and tranquility of the Loch Raven Village community.

As most of you are aware, the spring Dumpster Day had to be cancelled this year because Baltimore County lacked sufficient funding to provide the dumpsters. The good news is that there will be a fall Dumpster Day, which already has been scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 2nd, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Be sure to check the

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Crier for information regarding what is and what is not acceptable for disposal. Mark your calendars now!

We continue to need more support and involvement from residents if the ALRV is to remain viable, so please consider coming out and getting involved. Unless otherwise published in the Village Crier and/or on the Associates' official website, <http://www.lochravenvillage.com/>, the Board of Directors of the ALRV meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room #102 of the Loch Raven Center – i.e., the former Loch Raven Elementary School – located at 1801 Glen Keith Boulevard. It takes a Village.

Enjoy the coming fall months, and look for the next Board Notes sometime in November.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary S. Herwig

PPES Boundary Study

To provide capacity relief to Pleasant Plains Elementary, a boundary study will be conducted to explore potential new boundaries for Halstead Academy, Hampton, and Pleasant Plains elementary schools. The boundary process will start in September 2019 and a recommendation will be presented to the Board of Education (BOE) for a decision in March 2020.

The boundary study committee will be identified this summer and will convene in September 2019. Between September and December, the group will meet seven times, including hosting a public information meeting in October to share the group's work, speak with community members, and gather information. In February and March 2020, the BOE

will consider and take action on the committee's recommendation, including holding a public hearing.

How can I participate in the boundary study process?

- Starting in September, watch boundary study committee meetings online (live and recorded).
- Attend and observe boundary study committee meetings (meetings are open to the public; but participating in committee activities is limited to committee members).
- Attend the Public Information Session in October to review the committee's draft recommendations and talk with staff and committee members about boundary change considerations.
- Participate in the online survey beginning in October to provide input on the committee's draft recommendations.
- Attend Board of Education meetings and participate in general public comment.
- E-mail the BOE and the boundary study committee to offer input.
- Attend the BOEs public hearing specific to the boundary change decision (in February).

This information, along with Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), is posted on the Baltimore County Public Schools (BCPS) Web site under at <http://www.bcps.org/construction/PleasantPlainsES/> under the "What's Happening" section. This site will be updated throughout the boundary change process with new information, so please refer to it often.



SCHOOL NEWS

With schools back in session, please... Obey the speed limit. Keep alert and watch for children walking to and from school. Remind your children to look both ways and always cross at the crosswalk.

Pleasant Plains Elementary

Additional Adult Assistants Needed: PPES is looking for additional adult assistants to work with students in the classroom. Hours are 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The application form is online at www.bcps.org. If interested, please contact Ms. Marchineck at 410-887-3549 or lmarchineck@bcps.org.

Tutti Frutti Spirit Week

(check PPES PTA Facebook Page for additional information):
September 22-28

PTA Fall Fun Fest:

Saturday, October 5,
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Rain date is October 12.) Volunteers are needed for the Fall Fun Fest! If you are able to give an hour or more of your time, please contact PTA Vice President Colleen Baldwin at ppesptavp@gmail.com for more details.

PTA Trunk or Treat:

October 29, 6:00 p.m.
Health and Wellness Night: October 23,
5:30 p.m.-- 7:00 p.m.

Loch Raven Technical Academy

Loch Raven Academy is currently seeking adult mentors for students. If you are interested in making a difference by becoming a mentor to a middle school student, please contact Ms. DeShields, school counselor, at jdeshields2@bcps.org.

The PTSA is also now participating in the AmazonSmile program. Support LRTA at no cost to yourself when you shop at smile.amazon.com and choose Loch Raven Academy PTSA.

Calvert Hall

Turkey Bowl 100 Celebration: Join Calvert Hall on Friday, October 11 from 7:00 p.m. -- 10:00 p.m. at the Valley Mansion in Hunt Valley as we bring together alumni and friends from both schools in honor of Turkey Bowl 100. This joint celebration with Loyola Blakefield will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, carving stations, beer and wine. A cash bar will be available for spirits. The event is \$70 per person. Register today at www.calverthall.com/turkeybowl100. A 100th game commemorative gift will be given to everyone who attends. For sponsorship information or more details regarding the event contact Nichole Regulski at regulskin@calverthall.com.

Wrestling with the Rec!

Loch Raven Rec Wrestling will be having signups online starting in late September. Check the website for updates soon: <http://www.glrrc.com/programs/wrestling>.

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Coming Up! The LRV Fall Decorating Contest

It's time to put the summer behind us and turn our thoughts to crisp evenings, multi-colored leaves, and all things pumpkin flavored. Yes, fall will be upon us soon, which means it's time to get busy decorating the neighborhood for the new season.

The Associates of Loch Raven Village will once again sponsor a fall decorating contest. Whether you prefer to decorate for Halloween or for the fall season now is the time to get creative! The judges will be canvassing the neighborhood between October 28 and November 1, and will look at your exterior Halloween/fall decorations. Winners will be chosen to receive gift cards! The winning decorated houses will be announced on the ALRV website and Facebook page.

Categories may include, but are not limited to:

- Best Spooky Yard
- Most Halloween Fun for the Kids
- Best Fall Harvest
- Best Doorway Display



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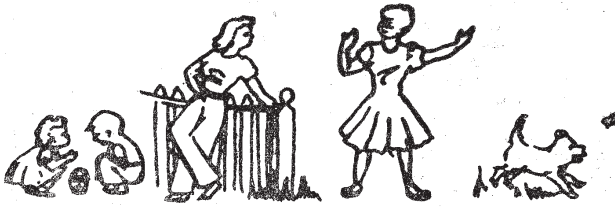
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***NEW FABRIC COVERS**

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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 lrvcrieditor@gmail.com.

Welcome home to **Traci and Tom Malstrom** (and their labs Tucker and Marley), former Cottage Lane residents whose work relocation took them to Florida in 2016. They have returned to LRV - 3 doors down from their former home! They wish to express their appreciation for the kindness (and patience) of neighbors who have stopped by to say hello and get the latest on renovations - which should be over soon!

Condolences to the family and friends of longtime resident **Jackie Solesky** of Barksdale Rd. who passed away in June. Ms. Solesky was 88 years old and was one of the original “settlers” of the neighborhood, moving into her home in 1957. She loved her home, the community, and the lifelong friendships she made along the way.



Happy 19th birthday to TU sophomore **Patrick Cullinan** of Feldbrook Rd. on September 26!

Best of luck to **Michael Guntzel** of Clyde Bank Rd. as he enters his freshman year of high school!

Good luck to all the students and teachers starting out the new school year!

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

– Nelson Mandela



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ON NOV 9TH**

COP News

The Towson Precinct Officer of the Year for 2018 is Officer Elizabeth Case. She was chosen by our Precinct 6 Police and Community Relations Council Board and was honored at the June 2 meeting of the PCRC. Officer Case patrols Loch Raven Village and parts of the immediate area during the overnight hours. She has achieved very high levels of enforcement statistics in her squad on the midnight shift.

During 2018, Officer Case was selected by her supervisors as Officer of the Month in February and August. She received the Commander's Award in May. Office Case was the initial investigator in kidnapping, carjacking, and robbery/home invasion incidents in which her direct collaboration with support units and detectives resulted in the rescue of victims, arrests of suspects and the recovery of guns used in the crimes.

In August 2018, Officer Case was detailed to the Gang Enforcement Unit to investigate gang smuggling of the drug Suboxone into the Detention Center. This required very detailed, time consuming work resulting in multiple criminal charges and the recovery of drugs. She has been acting supervisor for her squad when her supervisor is off. This is impressive for an officer with less than 5 years of experience. Officer Case is known for very thorough and well documented investigations.

Thank you Officer Elizabeth Case for your dedication and fine work!

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ALRV Board Meetings

September 11

October 9

November 13

7:00 p.m., Loch Raven Center

Contact: Peter Moulder

pmoulder49@gmail.com

Please note that the board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

LOCH RAVEN LIBRARY EVENTS

Chess Club for Kids

Drop in to play and practice your beginner to intermediate chess skills with others. Elementary and teen kids (under 8 with an adult).

9/19, 10/3, 10/17 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Safeguard your Retirement

Protect your finances! Learn about identity theft, scams aimed at seniors, money issues in retirement and more.

October 10 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Life in a Vacuum

(STEM activity – 6 – 11 years old.

Under 8 with adult)

Ever wonder what it means to be in an air-free environment? Or how air pressure affects us every day? CAPE Science explores these concepts with marshmallow and shaving cream experiments featuring a Vacuum Chamber.

Registration for this event begins on 10/5/2019 @ 2:00 p.m.

October 12 2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

Saturday Morning Birdwalks

All ages. Join a Park volunteer for bird walks on: September 7, 21, 28:

October 5, 19, 26:

November 2, 9.



Bring binoculars if you have them and dress for the weather! FREE! Reservations NOT required. Meet at the Willow Grove Farm Gravel Parking Lot. Saturdays starting 9/7 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Hawk Watch Weekend

All ages. Join Park volunteers and participate in Citizen Science to help us count the Broad-winged Hawks as they migrate through the Valley. Free! Reservations NOT required. Willow Grove Hawk Watch Site.

September 14 & 15 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Counting on Nature –

Ages 2-5 with adult

Learn about numbers and animals while visiting the Nature Center with your little one. Non-mobile siblings only, parent/guardian must be an active participant. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. Nature Center. PARENTS MUST ATTEND PROGRAM WITH THEIR CHILD, BUT DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER.

September 21 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Blue Water Baltimore

Fall Tree Giveaway

Herring Run Nursery

September 22 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

32nd Street Farmers Market

October 12 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

JFX Farmers Market & Bazaar

November 3 7:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Fall Food Truck Festival

Loch Raven Technical Academy

8101 LaSalle Rd.

October 12 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Loch Raven Village Book Club

September 19

October 17

Panera's at Towson Place 6:30 p.m.

Contact Rita 410-825-0002

Parking Know-How

Most residents of Loch Raven Village know that sometimes parking can be frustrating on our busy streets. Parallel parking has its challenges anyway, but when you add to this the irritation of having to park quite a distance away from your house while carrying heavy bags of groceries, then tempers can get short. Let's all try to keep a few things in mind in order to promote a peaceful and neighborly atmosphere in the Village. When parking, pull up or back up to the nearest car – don't leave a half-car length space between your car and the next just because you happen to be in your favorite space in front of your house. Pull forward (or back up) to close the gap and that will allow another car to fit behind/in front of you while still keeping you in close proximity to your house. Also, please keep in mind that it is illegal to park facing the wrong direction on the street. It may be convenient for you to not have to turn around, but it can cause confusion for other drivers which can lead to an accident. If we all keep these things in mind and pause to consider how our actions affect our neighbors, we will all benefit!

One More Movie!

There's time for one last Movie on the Lawn this season. So on September 20, head over to Babcock Presbyterian Church with the kids and a few blankets to see *The Jungle Book* (2016 version). Drinks and popcorn will be provided! Come over as dusk approaches. The movie will start when it's dark enough. Movies on the Lawn are sponsored by the Associates of Loch Raven Village and Babcock Church.



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Dumpster Day is Nov. 2

The Loch Raven Village and Knettishall communities are sponsoring a fall Dumpster Day to provide an opportunity for 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. This Dumpster Day comes just in time to clean out the house and yard before the Christmas season! There will also be a donation truck at the school, so if you have items that are in good shape and you'd like to pass them along, this a great opportunity.

Dumpster Day will be held on November 2 from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon or until dumpsters are filled at the parking lot of Pleasant Plains Elementary School. Take advantage of this opportunity to discard unwanted items in your home and yard. Please review the acceptable and prohibited items listed. This is not a substitute for the weekly trash pickup, and contractor demolition cannot be accepted.

The County will now charge communities a fine if prohibited materials are found in the dumpsters at the landfill. **PROHIBITED MATERIALS AND CONTRACTORS WILL BE TURNED AWAY!! NO HOUSEHOLD ELECTRONICS ARE ALLOWED!!** You may legally dispose of these items at designated county landfills.

ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Box springs / Mattresses
Furniture / House furnishings
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Lawn mowers / Edgers
Brush / Yard Waste
Plastics / Metals / Wood Scraps
Toys / Bikes / Tools
Broken Glass / Cement / Rocks
Propane tanks (if clean & cut in half)
Heaters
Windows / Screens
Gas Ranges / Hot Water Heaters

PROHIBITED ITEMS

The following items are prohibited from disposal and will not be accepted at the Dumpster Day event: (You are responsible to bring back home any item that is not accepted for disposal.)

Household trash -- (any trash including food refuse that would normally go out for regular trash collection)
Acids, caustics, pesticides, chemicals
Animal carcasses
Drums or tanks (unless clean and cut in half)
Explosive or flammable materials
Large stumps
Liquids or liquid waste
Medical or radioactive waste
Wood or logs greater than eight inches in diameter and six feet in length
Most large items that cannot be lifted manually
Appliances with Freon (including refrigerators, air conditioners and freezers)
Household electronics. Televisions and monitors
Tires (passenger car, motorcycle and light truck tires)
Antifreeze
Asbestos materials, including shingles
Batteries (vehicle and marine)
Household hazardous chemicals
Oil
Paint

Volunteers are needed! We had a great turnout last year from both neighborhoods. This is a great community event, so if you aren't sure how to get involved with your neighborhood this is a great way to get started. Volunteers from both communities will be on hand to direct traffic, help keep prohibited items from landing in the dumpsters, assist our senior and handicapped neighbors unload their vehicles, and clean up the parking lot.

If you are interested in volunteering or have questions please call Nick Linehan at 443-895-1407.