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ALRV WINS \$5,000 GRANT! (See page 7 for details.)

Decorating Contest Winners

This year was particularly beautiful in the Village during the holiday season. There were many creative and lovely displays. Our judges had a difficult time deciding, but here are the 10 winners (in no particular order)! All winners will receive a gift card from the ALRV.

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1405 Joppa Rd.
1409 Joppa Rd.
1734 Glen Ridge Rd.
1864 Edgewood Rd.
8150 Glen Gary Rd.
8111 Clyde Bank Rd.
8148 Loch Raven Blvd.
8200 Pleasant Plains Rd.
1549 Doxbury Rd.



Happy
New Year
2020



With the help of our favorite elves at the Providence Volunteer Fire Company, Santa Claus came to visit LRV and chat with the children on December 14th. See more photos on page 4.

March/April Crier Submissions
Deadline: February 13, 2020
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ALRV MEETINGS

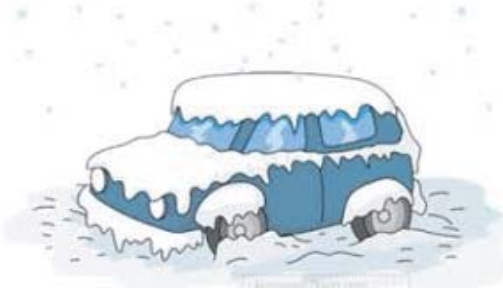
Meetings are held on the
second Wednesday of each month
7:00pm, Loch Raven Center
1801 Glen Keith Boulevard, Room 102
unless otherwise noted in events
calendar; no meeting in August

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.”

Board Notes

As we head into the colder, winter months, bad weather and possible snow may be on the way, and many people's attention turns to...parking. Our Village homes were constructed at a time when the majority of homes were occupied by families, and many if not most of those families had only one automobile.

Times have changed for a variety of reasons. Although many changes have been positive, they have caused parking to be at a premium unlike a time before now. I, and we as a Board, don't want to be preachy, but please be respectful of your neighbors!



Twenty-year Village resident and former ALRV Board member Lori Cullinan graciously has agreed to serve as the new Block Captain Coordinator. Consider volunteering to be a Block Captain. The time commitment is minimal, and it is important to know that Block Captains are not facilitators of disputes among neighbors, law enforcement personnel or vigilantes, or enforcers of County Code or the community's covenants.

There are approximately 1,500 homes in Loch Raven Village, and it is Lori's hope that "Block Captains...facilitate communication and help to make this large neighborhood feel like a smaller community."

Many thanks to new Board member, John Fiastro, and longtime board member and past president, Nick Linehan, for applying for and being awarded a grant for funding toward the upkeep and maintenance of the gardens on Putty Hill Avenue between Goucher Boulevard and La Salle Road. How awesome!

Stay tuned regarding the revitalization of the Joppa Road Loch Raven Boulevard/Joppa Road commercial district and the Pleasant Plains Elementary School (PPES) boundary study, both of which are ongoing.

Many varieties of Loch Raven Village 'swag' – vintage flags, t-shirts, etc. – are available for purchase. Please contact any Board member for additional information.

These Notes address only a few of the many issues to which the ALRV currently directs its attention. The best way to stay informed is to come to a meeting and maybe consider offering a bit of your time and talent for the betterment of Loch Raven Village. 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 frigid winter months, and look for the next Board Notes sometime in February.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary S. Herwig



Good times at the pancake breakfast with Santa at Babcock Church (co-sponsored by the ALRV) and later that evening as Santa visited the neighborhood!



SCHOOL NEWS

Pleasant Plains Elementary

PTA meetings –

1/13 and 2/10 at 7:00 p.m.

Spirit Nights – 1/15 Potbelly Sandwich Shop, 2/19 Chuck E. Cheese

Boundary Study Public Input Meeting -- 2/26 6:30 p.m. at Loch Raven High School (Snow date is 2/27.)

Loch Raven Academy

The Loch Raven Academy PTSA is sponsoring a spirit night at Chick-Fil-A in Parkville on January 21 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. The PTSA will receive 20% of sales. A flyer must be shown to the cashier in order for the school to receive credit. The flyer is attached and will also be available on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/LochRavenTechnicalAcademyPTSA.

Calvert Hall

For 175 years, Calvert Hall has been a top notch academic institution in the Baltimore community. Newsweek recently ranked Calvert Hall in the top 10% of America's Best STEM High Schools.

In Thanksgiving news, the Calvert Hall community donated more 25,067 canned food items to help our surrounding community. Two days after the drive was completed, the Calvert Hall football team went on to defeat the Loyola Dons 33-10 in the 100th meeting of the Turkey Bowl.

The Science National Honor Society students from Calvert Hall and Notre Dame Preparatory School completed a day of service at Loch Raven Reservoir. Under the supervision of Mr. Tom Peri '71 and Mr. Charles Motsay '76, more than 60 students from the two schools collected several hundred pounds of trash. This was the largest combined group of students in the 11 years the two schools have joined together for this important project.

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Towson Communities Alliance Treasurer Joe Goodman presents the grant check to ALRV board member Nick Linehan on December 12th.

ALRV Receives Grant

At the close of 2019, the Associates of Loch Raven Village applied for and received a matching grant for \$5000 to support new landscaping to the Putty Hill median gardens west of LaSalle Road. This award will enable a spring 2020 planting of the median garden.

This project will revitalize planting areas within the median. Previously, barberry, an invasive non-native species on the Maryland Invasive Species list existed on the median. ALRV volunteers have removed the barberry and other unintended plantings. However, related maintenance required considerable volunteer time and effort.

The project will use predominantly native species including native shrubs, perennial flowering plants and grasses. This will reduce annual maintenance costs. The length of the median to be improved is approximately 300 feet.

Towson Communities Alliance, of which ALRV is a member community, awarded the grant. The Alliance annually makes available funds for beautification projects. Grant funding comes from open space fees from several Towson development projects which it will disburse to Towson-area groups over the next several years.

ALRV estimates the project will cost about \$9000. The \$5000 matching grant reduces ALRV's cost to just below \$4000. The ALRV board will use funds from its Community Benefit Fund which supports such beautification projects. ALRV's settlement with developers of Loch Raven Commons, the old Raytheon site initially funded the Community Benefit Fund.

ALRV Board Members John Fiastro, Nick Linehan and Bruce Knauff identified the grant and prepared the application. If you are aware of similar grants that can support ALRV's beautification efforts, please contact John Fiastro at jcfiastro@hotmail.com.

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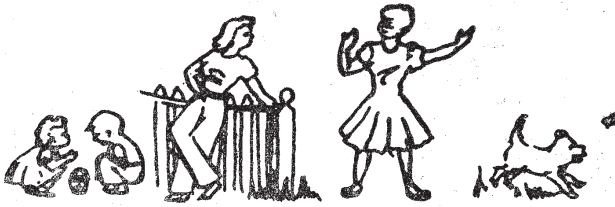
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***NEW FABRIC COVERS**

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***SERVICE QUOTES**

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.

Congratulations to **Suzanne Loudermilk** of Dellsway Rd. for co-authoring the book *Lost Restaurants of Baltimore*. Suzanne had a book signing at Eddies of Roland Park in December. Way to go, Suzanne!



**That feeling you get
when you've just paid
your ALRV dues...**

(See back page for more on how you too can get that feeling!)

COP News

Personal Security Ideas

Some items of value received at Christmas have serial numbers, so why not record the number and perhaps even take a picture? Documenting such things as TV's, cell phones, printers, bikes, laptops, cameras, and gaming systems might come in handy should the item be stolen. Another good idea is to document credit cards carried in your wallet. If you have a copier/scanner do a layout of the cards face down in an 8 x 11 format and make a copy. Update the document as cards are added or deleted. This will come in handy should the wallet be lost or stolen. Also, copy the reverse side of credit cards showing customer service phone numbers. It'll make it easy when reporting to credit/bank card companies to preclude unauthorized use and in obtaining replacements.

To add a deterrent to car theft, purchase and use the Club steering wheel lock. COP discourages warming your unattended car on cold or hot mornings. But if you must, leave the Club engaged on the steering wheel and keep an eye on your car from your doorway. Car thieves are expert in getting into cars quickly.

As always:

If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING, call 9-1-1 promptly!

Happy New Year

John Kelly

LRVillageCOP@AOL.COM

Modifications Reminder

Exterior modifications to your Loch Raven Village home are governed by the LRV Community Covenants. Applications for this work must be approved in advance and submitted in writing to The Associates of Loch Raven Village, Inc. Building Restrictions Committee, P.O. Box 9721, Towson, MD 21284. Visit our Covenant Guidelines resource page at <http://lochravenvillage.com/property.html> or email enquiries to the Building Restrictions Committee/ Architectural Review Committee at LochRavenVillageCovenants@gmail.com.

Block Captain News

There will be a Block Captain Meeting for current Block Captains and anyone wanting to learn more about the volunteer position on Wednesday, January 15th at 7:00pm. The meeting will be held at the Loch Raven Center at 1801 Glen Keith Boulevard, Room 102. Currently we have openings for Block Captains for Greenway, Kirkwall, Loch Ness and Putty Hill (West). Also, thank you to all the Block Captains for hanging the many holiday wreaths that decorated the neighborhood street signs. They really added to the festive feel of our Village. Thank you to these three volunteers for becoming block captains since the last issue of the Crier was published.

Loch Raven (East) - Teresa Hammer
Pleasant Plains South - Lauren Brown
Pleasant Plains North - Amber Deal

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Events Calendar January— February

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ALRV Board Meetings

January 8

February 12

March 11

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 Village Book Club

Jan. 19

Feb. 20

Panera's at Towson Place

Contact Rita 410-825-0002

TU Jazz Festival

This day long festival will include morning rotations of middle and high school performing groups, a professional concert after lunch, followed by afternoon learning sessions for all! Proceeds from festival activities support Towson University Jazz Festival (TUJF) activities through the Towson University Foundation/Jazz Ensemble Fund. Visit tuboxoffice.com for more information.

January 16 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Harold J. Kaplan Concert Hall, CA 3042 Center for the Arts, Towson University,

TU Empty Bowls Workshops

Anyone regardless of their experience with ceramics is invited to join TU students and faculty in creating a bowl after a demonstration on hand-building. TU ceramic students will glaze-fire the bowls and deliver them to the St. Vincent de Paul's Empty Bowls event in March. Cost is \$15. Proceeds help Maryland's homeless and hungry.

February 1 & 8 1:00 – 3:00 (must sign up for a time slot)

To sign up and buy tickets visit towson.edu/event/empty_bowls_workshops.

Center for the Arts, Ceramics Studio, CA 3012 Towson University

LOCH RAVEN LIBRARY EVENTS

Drop-in Tech Help

Did you get a new device over the holidays that you need some help deciphering? Bring your device in for hands-on technology instruction. 1/12 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., 1/13-1/15 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. & 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., 1/16 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., 1/17 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Resume Building: Soft Skills

Development

Leadership development facilitator and trainer Nadine Hailey helps to define and develop soft skills and hard skills on your resume. Learn how to update your resume and cover letter to include these soft skills and make yourself more attractive to potential employers. Registration for this event begins on 1/15 at 5:00 p.m.

CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

Cabin Fever – All ages

Have cabin fever? We have the cure. Get plenty of Vitamin D and help ward off those winter time blues while we take a hike on our trails. We will retire to the Nature Center for hot chocolate afterwards. Registration required. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center February 1 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Maple Sugaring Weekend – All ages

Native people made sugar from the sap of our native maples. Join a Naturalist for this ongoing program to tap a tree, boil some sap and make a pancake. Drop in program. FREE! Reservations NOT required. Willow Grove Nature Center February 22 & 23 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Looking for a way to help your neighborhood out?

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