



NEW LRV T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE (See page 12 for details.)

President's Letter

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the Fall"

-F.Scott Fitzgerald

As I write, the long summer days are beginning to wane. Many of our young students are preparing to return to in-person classes, some for the first time since spring of 2020. Others are newly college or career bound; packing bags and preparing for long planned next steps. New homeowners and residents are unpacking their bags and beginning their next season in Loch Raven Village. Our gardens are giving the last of their bounty and planning and preparation is in the air!

The Board has also been busy, while continuing to meet monthly via Zoom. We have published The Village Crier and dedicated volunteers delivered it to every home. We've continued to advocate for our community on projects that may impact the neighborhood. Welcome signs have been cleaned and polished. LRV banners damaged due to weather have been removed and replaced, and our community garden on Putty Hill has been weeded and mulched - much to the continued enjoyment of many who walk or drive along the avenue. We have also benefited from the hard-working community volunteers who helped pick up trash during community clean up days.

The ALRV remains committed to promoting community engagement through our newsletter, online resources, and community events (when they become feasible again), and to enhancing the property values of

Loch Raven Village homes through the application of covenants and the education of homeowners. The Board is composed of 15 people, but the Association is all of us! When you see something that needs improvement, by all means, reach out and ask how the Board may be able to assist, but please also consider ways that you can help. Can you donate some time? Join COP, become a Block Captain, volunteer to help with a community clean up day or contact a committee member. Don't have time? That's okay too - not everyone can volunteer, but consider a commitment to paying your annual membership (go online at LochRavenVillage.com - it's easy!) as your way to show support for Loch Raven Village.

As has been our history, our community has shown resilience and compassion during the last year and a half as we navigated the strange and unexpected ways in which Covid-19 would alter our everyday lives. As a long time board member and LRV resident, these recent, unprecedented times have only reinforced my belief that the people of Loch Raven Village are the first and best resource we have in continuing to make our Village a great place to call home.

If you're new to the Village - Welcome! Feel free to contact me or reach out to your street block captain (listed on LochRavenVillage.com) and let them know

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Winter Crier Submissions
Deadline: November 12, 2021
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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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you’ve made LRV home. If, like me, you’ve lived here a long time, thanks for paying your dues and supporting ALRV (or for making that commitment going forward!) Our community is a special place because of each of you. In the weeks ahead, as the air becomes crisp and the leaves begin to fall I hope the seasons bring renewal as “*life starts all over again....*”

With thanks and appreciation,
Antoinette O'Donnell
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VILLAGE VIP

Shine the light on your Village VIP - a Village resident who goes “above and beyond” in either big or small ways to make LRV a great place to live. Contact the Crier editor with your candidate at lrvcrieditor@gmail.com.

This issue’s Village VIP is...Cole Bailey! Cole has spent many, many hours over the past year designing, weeding, and mulching the garden at the end of the Glen Gary alley for the benefit of all residents in the area. What could have been a neglected little corner of the Village has become a lovely oasis of blooms and greenery. Cole has recently also volunteered to be a board member of the ALRV. Thank you, Cole, for all your hard work!



GTA Garden Contest Winner!

Congratulations to Karen Williams of Deveron Road for being selected as one of four winners in the Green Towson Alliance's first annual Native Garden Contest! Karen's garden (pictured) won in the "Emerging Garden" category. Another LRV resident, Ronald Davis of Cottage Lane, was a finalist in the Small Garden category. Well done Karen and Ronald and thank you for adding beauty to the neighborhood with your Maryland-native plants and flowers!



ALRV Membership Stats

As of September 3, the Associates of Loch Raven Village consisted of 196 households who have become members by paying dues. This number represents 13% of our nearly 1,500 homes. The following streets are those with the most dues-paying households:

- 1) Drumwood and Barksdale 21%
- 3) Putty Hill 19%
- 4) Cottage 18%
- 5) Dellsway and Myamby 16%

Thank you to those who have paid dues to support your community organization. Special thanks to those residents who have sent in extra donations to help with the Putty Hill gardens and other projects! Included in one check for dues was the note "Love living here!! 61 years!" Look for the dues payment coupon on the back cover if you would like to send in your dues with a check. If you'd rather pay via PayPal, visit our website at LochRavenVillage.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

Pleasant Plains Elementary

PPES welcomes our new assistant principal, Ms. Lauren Dorsey! Lauren is coming to us from Padonia International School where she has served as the assistant principal for the past three years. We look forward to holding opportunities for PPES parents to meet Ms. Dorsey in the near future.

Wrestling at the Rec is back!

We are planning on having a great comeback season and invite youth ages 5-14 years old to join the Raiders Rec Wrestling team for the 2021-2022 season. Details can be found on our website here: <http://www.glrrc.com/programs/wrestling>

Registration begins online on September 15th. See you on the mat!

Balt. Co. Library News

The school year recently began and Baltimore County Public School students are back in the classroom. Baltimore County Public Library features several in-person and online tools, e-sources and engaging programs for students and their families to support them through this school year and beyond.

While all Baltimore County residents are able to obtain library cards online, BCPS student identification numbers already serve as library cards. With a library card, materials and myriad e-sources are available instantly.

Free Meals

Beginning Wednesday, September 8, ten branches will provide two days of meals (cold supper and a snack) to those 18 years of age and under on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Branches distributing meals include: Arbutus, Essex, Lansdowne,

Loch Raven, Randallstown, Reisterstown (beginning Wednesday September 15), Rosedale, Sollers Point, White Marsh and Woodlawn.

New Hours Starting Next Week

Beginning Tuesday, September 7, Baltimore County Public Library has new service hours. New hours: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Friday-Saturday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. We remain closed on Sundays.

Library of Things

Did you know that the Baltimore County Library has more than just books and movies? It is also the Library of Things! This feature expands our collection's range of materials for borrowing, so that community members of all ages can discover tools and materials to help them explore, learn, create and connect. Our Library of Things builds community through a shared economy, while giving you the opportunity to use an item that may not be attainable, or to save money without purchasing. Included are such diverse items as Adventure Backpacks, Book Club Kits, Chromebooks, Hot Spots, and Telescope Kits. Contact your library or visit bcplonline.org for details.



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Sold Price Compared to Original List Price 2020
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Questions About Street Trees?

LRV residents may wonder who is responsible for the trees planted between the sidewalks and the street – our street trees. Here is some guidance from the Baltimore County Government website to clarify things.

Tree Trimming & Removal

All roadside trees within the public right-of-way are covered under the regulations of the Maryland Roadside Tree Law (PDF) (COMAR Title 5-401). While Baltimore County does not own trees within the right-of-way, they are considered in what is known as a tenant in common relationship, which is a working relationship between the property owner and the government agency.

A person may not cut down, trim, mutilate or in any way injure any roadside tree without a permit or work order issued by Baltimore County or the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The following services are provided for roadside trees:

- Removal of dead wood – dead, storm damaged or broken limbs

- Trimming – removal of limbs blocking streetlights, traffic signals, traffic warning signs and site distance issues at intersections
- Elevate limbs blocking public sidewalk or traffic vehicle lanes
- Cut down and remove dead trees
- Cut down and remove live trees with a valid permit or work order that has been obtained by the property owner
- Removal of stumps or grinding

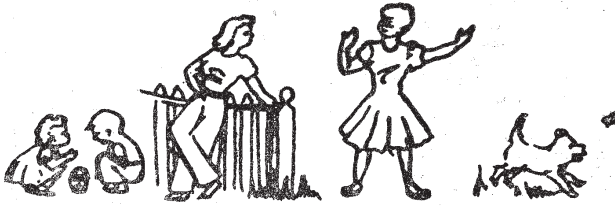
If you have a tree that you feel needs to be removed, send an email to the Bureau of Highways at highways@baltimorecountymd.gov or call 410-887-3560 to apply for a work order. Baltimore County uses the same criteria as the DNR when issuing work orders. The tree must be within the County right-of-way, which will be determined when the work order application is started.

Can't Wait?

Sometimes after severe storms, and during busy seasons, our tree crew may fall behind schedule and residents may have to wait for some time before trees are removed. In such cases residents, at their own expense, may hire a licensed tree company to do the work, provided they have obtained a valid tree-removal permit from the Maryland Forest Service.



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 **Nick and Deborah Linehan** of Cottage Lane, proud grandparents to newborn Avery born to their daughter Sophia Riley and son-in-law Branden Riley residing in North Carolina. Best wishes to all!



Shout out to **Myles Willard** of Kirkwall Court, who tirelessly skated for hours in the alley & anywhere he could find, and is now officially a 'Pro' Skateboarder with Toy Machine as of September 11! We are very proud of you!!!! xox



LRV Resident Named Best of Baltimore!

Village resident and former ALRV Board member, Dr. Brendan Moulder, was just named best veterinarian in the Baltimore Magazine Readers Poll. Belvedere Veterinary Hospital, where Brendan practices, was named favorite veterinary hospital. Brendan, and his wife Lane, live in the Village with their two children, Evelyn (4yo) and Adley (1yo). He has lived in the Village for 33 years (since he was 4) and his parents, Peter & MaryPat, and sister, Maggie, also still live in the Village. Congratulations Dr. Moulder! For more on the Baltimore's Best list visit <https://www.baltimoremagazine.com/promotions/pets-best-of-baltimore-readers-poll-results-2021/>.



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!

Student Support Network Event

You are invited to join the Student Support Network in leveling the playing field for thousands of Baltimore County students at the first annual A Night for the Network. The celebration will take place on October 15th from 6:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel. Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception, a seated dinner, inspiring program, and a special comedy act!

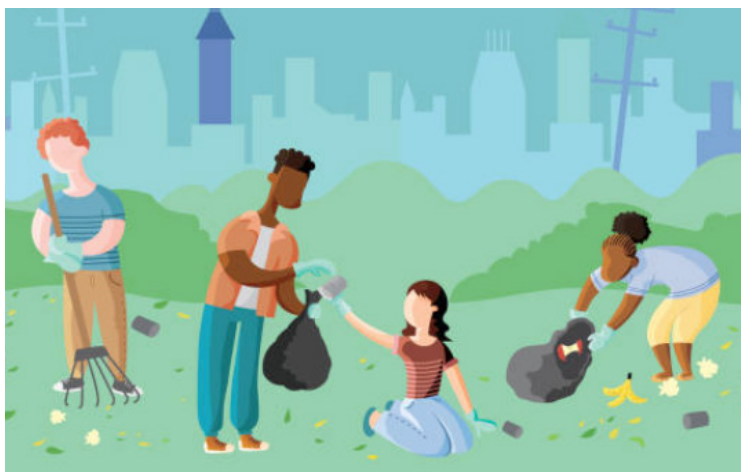
When you attend A Night for the Network you will put basics like notebooks, physical education uniforms, and weekend meals in backpacks that may otherwise be empty - all while showing our community that your business or family cares about our neighbors who continue to experience a great need. We hope to see you there.

Visit <https://student-support-network.ticketleap.com/a-night-for-the-network/> details for tickets.



Hi Neighbor!

Feel like getting out of the house for an hour or two?
Join us for a neighborhood trash pickup on **Sept. 25th!**



Meet at the Pleasant Plains Elementary playground
or the old Loch Raven Elementary playground at **10 a.m.**

Trash bags and gloves will be given to volunteers!

We look forward to seeing you then!

Events Calendar – Fall

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 more information on events at Cromwell Park visit info@cromwellvalleypark.org.

ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

At this time board meetings are being held virtually, via Zoom. They are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please email Tom Malstrom at temalstrom@aol.com prior to 3:00 p.m. with your name and street address so that he knows you wish to be let into the meeting and he can give you the access codes.

September 8

October 13

November 10

December 8

FALL HIGHLIGHT EVENT

Primitive Cooking at Cromwell Park -- Ages 14+. No grill?

No problem. Learn how to make a primitive greenwood grill and how to cook in clay pots. \$4 members /\$6 non-members. Primitive Technology Lab BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.

Saturday, October 16 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



For more information about events at **Cromwell Valley Park**, visit https://cromwellvalleypark.org/event_calendar/

Also check out these local entities for more interesting and fun things to do with the family!

Loch Raven Library – www.bcplonline.org

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/>

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

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 toasting marshmallows over an open fire. Fall is right around the corner 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 7 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



Raised Crosswalk for Putty Hill

County Councilman David Marks has announced that Baltimore County will construct a raised crosswalk at Putty Hill Avenue and Drumwood Road in Loch Raven Village. This project should make it much safer to cross Putty Hill, especially for children heading to or from school. Construction is expected by the end of the year. Photo inset is an example of how it will look.

COP News

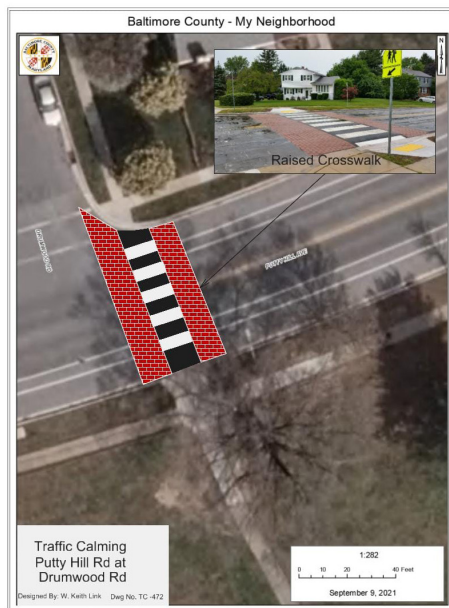
Baltimore County has now allowed neighborhood COP programs to resume normal operation. The Loch Raven Village community has always had an active COP program with several residents patrolling our neighborhood. Whether you have patrolled in the past or would like to begin, let me know if you have an interest in serving. In the past, COP members patrolled parts of Loch Raven Village in their car, on bike or on foot. While on patrol, members look for suspicious activity and report what they see by calling 911 on their cell phone. Members set their own hours for patrolling each week. There will be a training session for those interested so that you may learn more about the COP program and how you may serve. Send me an email if you have an interest in participating in COP.

For more information on COP visit:
<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/community/cop.html>

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