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THE FOURTH... FINALLY!

*Our twice
postponed July 4th
fireworks are
coming!*

**Saturday
October 3
Details Inside**



Community Happens Between the Meetings

One of the things I've enjoyed noticing lately isn't something that happened at a board meeting or at a community event. It's happening every day, often quietly, right among us.

On our community Facebook page, neighbors have been helping neighbors find lost pets, recommending reliable service providers, sharing advice about home repairs and where to find needed services. Others have shared beautiful photographs from walks around the neighborhood—little reminders of the place we all call home.

None of these things may seem particularly significant on their own. But taken together, they say something important about our community.

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Solid Waste Management

410-887-2000

www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/public-works/solid-waste

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410-704-2057



ALRV COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month

7 p.m., 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.”

A neighborhood becomes a community not only because of the houses we live in or the streets we share, but because of the connections we make with the people around us.

We've also recently seen that spirit of community in action in a very different way. When concerns were raised about the condition of an alley, our County Council representative didn't simply make a phone call and move on. He worked with residents to address the problem—and literally rolled up his sleeves to clean up. It's a great example of what can happen when residents speak up, people listen, and everyone is willing to pitch in.

And then there are the things that don't get nearly as much attention—but are just as important. I happened to see work crews installing new liners in our main sewer lines. Not exactly the most exciting neighborhood news! But it is a good reminder that a community also depends on the less-visible work that keeps our homes and infrastructure functioning as they should.

Whether it's a neighbor helping find a lost dog, someone sharing the name of a great plumber, a public official picking up a shovel, or a crew quietly improving the infrastructure beneath our streets, community is built through people caring about the place we share.

So, keep doing what you're doing. Ask a question when you need help. Share what you've learned. Recommend a business that has served you well. Help a neighbor when you can. And if you capture a beautiful moment on one of your neighborhood walks, share that too.

Those everyday interactions may not make headlines, but they are the things that make a neighborhood feel like home.

Thank you for being part of it.



COMMUNITY CLEANUP



Thank You! 
**COUNCILMAN MIKE ERTEL
& GARTH**

for your sweat and labor on a
Saturday morning to clean up
the Glen Gary Alley!

**CLEAN, SAFE
& BEAUTIFUL!**

Thanks to your
hard work and
dedication, the
Glen Gary Alley is
cleaner and better
for everyone.



**HARD WORK.
REAL RESULTS.**

We appreciate you!



Thank You

Mike and **Garth**,
for giving your
Saturday morning
to help make our
neighborhood better.
You make a difference!

✓ SAFER STREETS

✓ STRONGER
COMMUNITY

✓ BETTER PLACES
FOR ALL OF US



**WE'RE GRATEFUL FOR LEADERS
WHO ROLL UP THEIR SLEEVES AND GET IT DONE!** 

COMMUNITY + TEAMWORK = RESULTS!

Share Your Thoughts



This is your neighborhood newsletter, and we want it to reflect what matters to you!

What types of stories, information, tips, or community features would you like to see in future issues?

Send us your ideas at Irvcrieditor@gmail.com

We'd love to hear from you!

Towson Fireworks

Fireworks

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3, 2026
8PM or when dark
(Rain date - Oct 4)**

**Loch Raven Technical
Academy
(8101 Lasalle Rd)**

*We anticipate a spectacular show
and invite all to attend.*

*Grab a blanket or chairs and head
on over to enjoy the show!*



COMMUNITY SAFETY



Simple steps can help reduce the risk of vehicle theft and break-ins.



LOCK IT UP

- Lock your vehicle every time.
- If your vehicle automatically locks, make sure every door is completely closed.
- Never leave a spare house or car key inside your vehicle.
- Never leave your vehicle running and unattended.



KEEP VALUABLES OUT OF SIGHT

- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle, even if they are hidden.
- Never leave keys, credit cards or personal information in your car.



MAKE YOUR CAR A LESS ATTRACTIVE TARGET

- Park in a well-lit area whenever possible.
- Consider installing a steering wheel, steering column or brake lock. These mechanical devices can deter some criminals.
- Consider displaying a sign such as “This property is under electronic surveillance.”
- Make sure security cameras are working and positioned to monitor vehicles and home entrances.



STAY ALERT

- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- Take a moment to look around for anything unusual or suspicious.



BE PREPARED

- Keep a card with your license plate number and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN). Police will need this information.

A few extra seconds of caution can make a big difference.

News From Babcock Presbyterian Church



Voices Three

Please join us for a vocal
concert celebration filled
with classics and new works –
Baroque to Folk!

**Babcock
Presbyterian
Church**

FREE CONCERT

**SUNDAY
OCTOBER 11
4PM**

**Jean Shaffer Blair, Soprano
Beth Miller Ryan, Messo-Soprano
Sandra N. Smith, Alto**

Babcock Presbyterian Church, Towson, MD. Meet the “voices” after for refreshments in the Narthex. Handicap parking and sanctuary access available. babcockpc.org





THE NOTORIOUS BIG WHEEL RACE FOR CANCER IS BACK!

RIDE LIKE IT'S 1986!

 **SATURDAY
OCTOBER 3RD**

 **1-5PM**

 **1800 BLOCK OF
ABERDEEN RD
LOCH RAVEN VILLAGE, 21286**



1PM: DOORS OPEN
with live tunes from
Lutherville Rock School
student bands + local vendors



CRUSH STATION
Bring your Rock & Ride Yeti
and your first fill
is **ON US!**



**RAFFLES, PRIZE WHEEL
& OFFICIAL ROCK & RIDE MERCH**



BIG WHEEL RACES
for **KIDS AND ADULTS!**

ADULT RACERS!

THIS IS A DONATION RACE.

RAISE AT LEAST **\$20** TO ENTER,
IF YOU WIN, A LUCKY PERSON WILL
BE DRAWN FROM ALL OF YOUR
COLLECTIONS TO ALSO **WIN A PRIZE!**



→ **WANT IN? MESSAGE US TO SET UP
YOUR FUNDRAISING PAGE!**

**100%
FREE**

TO ATTEND!

♥ **EVERY DOLLAR RAISED
STAYS LOCAL, SUPPORTING
CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR
FAMILIES RIGHT HERE IN
OUR COMMUNITY.**

CAN'T MAKE IT OUT?

You can still race for a cause—
raffles and donations stay
open online through the
night before the event.



ROAD CLOSURE: THE 1800 BLOCK OF ABERDEEN RD
WILL BE CLOSED **10AM-6PM** ON OCTOBER 3.

LEARN MORE: →
BaltimoreRockAndRide.org

ROCK & RIDE
FOUNDATION

LIKE, FOLLOW & SHARE:  
[@baltimorerockandridefoundation](https://www.instagram.com/baltimorerockandridefoundation)

MEMORIES FROM THE 2025 ROCK N RIDE!!

LETS MAKE 2026 EVEN BETTER



2025 ROCK N RIDE

WHAT A RIDE!

BIG WHEELS.
BIG HEARTS.
BIG FUN.
ALL FOR A
GREAT CAUSE!



★ THE BIG WHEELS ARE READY!



★ GREAT VIBES. GREAT PEOPLE.
GREAT CAUSE.



★ READY, SET, RACE!



★ GOOD TIMES ON
THREE WHEELS!



★ AMAZING CROWD.
UNFORGETTABLE DAY!

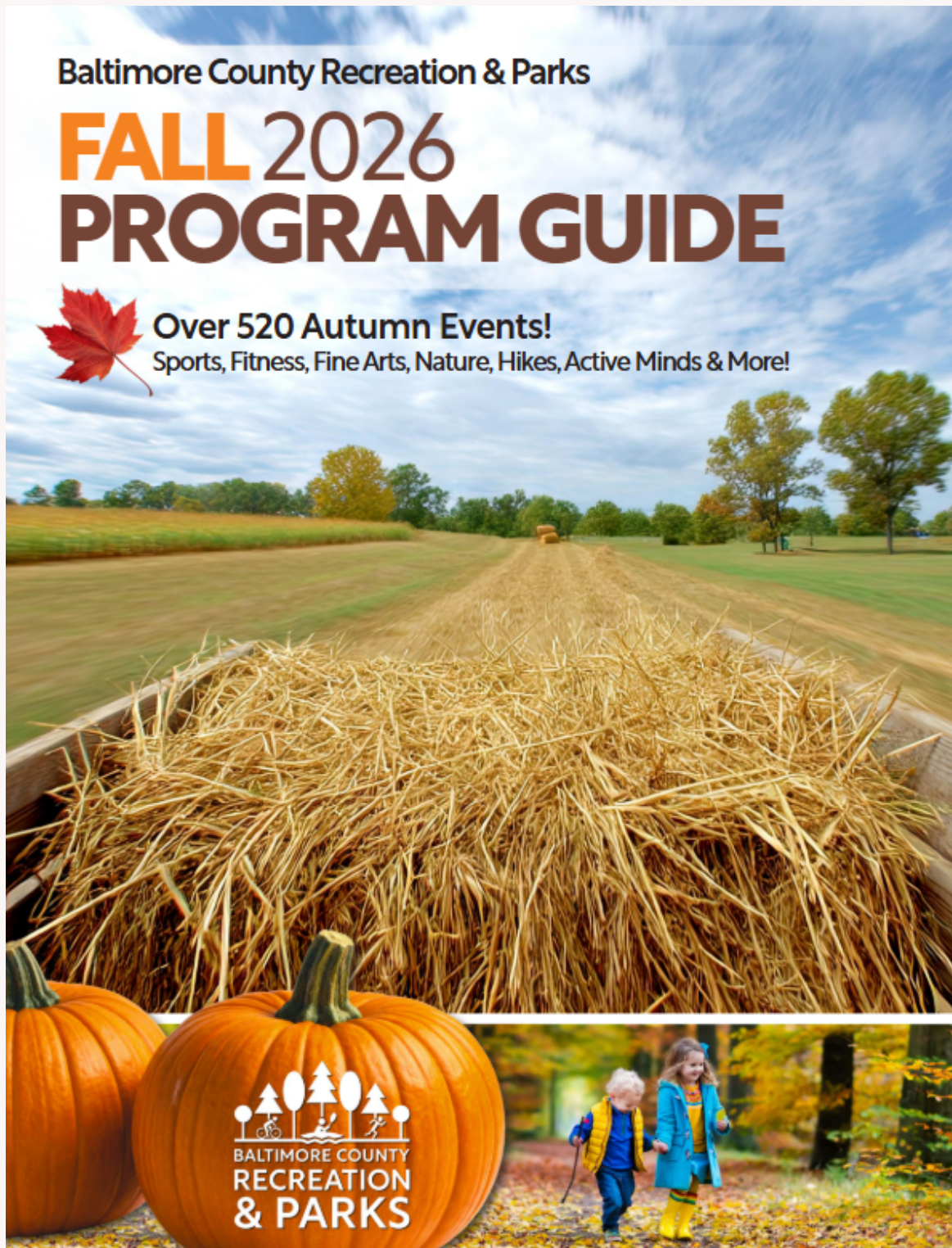


TO EVERYONE WHO MADE THE 2025
ROCK N RIDE AN INCREDIBLE SUCCESS!

Every dollar raised stays local, supporting
cancer patients and their families in our community.

**SEE YOU IN
2026!**

PARKS AND RECREATION



[Check out the fall activity guide](#)

TOWSON AREA EVENTS



Towson Fall Festival

September 5, 2026 11am - 7pm

Towson Courthouse Gardens

Enjoy live performances by local bands, food trucks, moon bounces for kids, and a variety of craft vendors.



Towson Farmer's Market

Every Thursday from June 4th to November 19th

10:30am - 2:30pm

Allegheny Avenue - Towson



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

SCHOOL

PreK3 - 8th grade

Offering 5-day Preschool, full or half day



**FALL
OPEN HOUSE
Wednesday,
October 14th
3:30 - 5:30 pm**

ihmschoolmd.org

8501 Loch Raven Boulevard | Towson, MD 21286

LIBRARY RESOURCES



School Year Success Begins at the Library

Summer flew by, and the 2026-27 school year is already here.

Along with the classroom and your home, the library wants to be your third space to make the school year successful with in-person programs, online resources and dedicated spaces for every student to enjoy and help navigate learning.

Library Resources include:

Research Databases

Digital Library

Study Spaces

Homework Help

LIBRARY RESOURCES



HOMEWORK HELP RESOURCES

- **Brainfuse**—Get expert help from tutors through a live chat 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Have your library card number and password available. Spanish-speaking tutors are available.
- **SkillSurfer**—Practice long division, improve reading comprehension and learn other key skills.
- **Writing Lab**—Submit a writing sample and receive feedback on structure, grammar, style and content to help you better organize and present your thoughts and information.

CROMWELL VALLEY PARK



Cromwell Valley Park has fall programs for all ages.



Some are free and some low cost.



Click the link below for more information.

[Explore the programs for fall here](#)

RECOGNIZING OUR COMMUNITY BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

We appreciate the local businesses that support our community association. We encourage residents to support these businesses that so thoughtfully give back to our community.

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**Use the link below to
register for the Fall
Open House on
October 14th**

<https://bit.ly/IHMinquiry>