



KIDS & PETS COSTUME PARADE - OCT. 29! (See Events page for details.)

President's letter

"Fall is proof that change is beautiful."
author unknown

I love autumn and the cooler, crisp air that it promises. The transformation of leaves from green to gold, to red; pumpkins and spice and warm apple cider; neighborhood kids out to trick-or-treat - these are some of my favorites. And, although some changes may be less welcome, yet I am encouraged by "change is beautiful".

Previously, I shared that ALRV had applied for a grant from Towson Communities Alliance (TCA) in order to replace the Village sign that was destroyed on Putty Hill. I'm delighted to announce that we

received the grant. The grant provides a percentage of funds for the project and ALRV will need to add the remaining funds. We are very appreciative of TCA for selecting us as grant recipients and we are excited to move this project forward.

ALRV contacted the Mackenzie group (former Bel-Loc/Starbucks location agents), County Code Enforcement and Baltimore County police to address landscape overgrowth problems and graffiti on the former Starbucks building. We are grateful that the issues were addressed and the graffiti removed very quickly. The building is still for sale and to date, we do not have further updates. We contacted Saul Centers regarding an instance of graffiti and concern about the overall management of the Ravenwood Plaza shopping center. As yet, they have not responded. However, the graffiti has been removed. We subsequently contacted Code Enforcement regarding the overgrowth that was obstructing the sidewalks and alleyway and appreciate their help in correcting some of these concerns. ALRV board members also represent Loch Raven Village as part of a committee of surrounding communities for the Towson Marketplace. New restaurants coming to Towson Place include Ledo's Pizza, First Watch, Panda Express as well as Navy Federal Credit Union.



On a scorching hot weekend in July, the ALRV held its first annual Gardens Tour, and despite the heat it was a success! Pictured is Robin Taylor of Edgewood Rd., winner of Best Overall Garden. Other winners were Jean Blair of Glen Keith Blvd. for Best Landscaped Garden, and Ronald Davis of Cottage Ln. for Best Native Garden. Thank you to all who participated, whether as gardeners or spectators. We look forward to next summer's Garden Tour and seeing even more gardens of the Village!

As the ALRV board continues to focus on ways to enhance life in the Village, we are

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Winter Crier Submissions
Deadline: Nov. 12, 2022
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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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mindful of change. Some board members and committee volunteers are moving on to other things and our Village Crier newsletter continues to move toward being delivered electronically rather than primarily in print. We will look to increase our social media presence on Instagram in the near future. Community events now include a beautifully executed Village Garden Tour, a Halloween Pet costume parade (as well as one for children!) and a community-wide yard sale event - The Village Market. We will not host a fall decorating contest as in previous years. However, we will still host a Christmas decorating contest. Look for details nearer to the time.

As you move through the “beautiful changes” of fall, consider making a change - join an ALRV committee, volunteer to help run an event, share your expertise with us as we continue to navigate ongoing development and zoning issues. And of course, please! Send in your membership dues! If you have questions or you’d like to get more involved but are not sure where to start, please email me alrvpresident@gmail.com. As always, thank you for your support of ALRV and our community.

Antoinette O'Donnell
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LRV Wins \$5,000 Grant

Thanks for the efforts of ALRV board members Nick Linehan and Kate Walkinshaw, the ALRV has been chosen to receive a \$5,000 grant from Towson Communities Alliance (TCA). This grant will be used towards a new Loch Raven Village sign on Putty Hill Ave. The previous (almost new) sign had been destroyed when hit by an oncoming vehicle. We look forward to seeing the new sign and hope it lasts for many years!

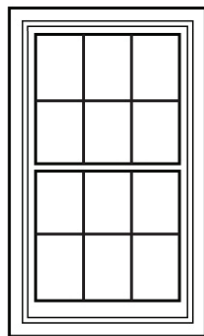
Block Captains Needed – Can You Join the Team?

Block captains play an important part in making Loch Raven Village a great place to live. Please consider contacting our block captain coordinator, Lori Cullinan, if you feel you can help out in this way. See “Why Be a Block Captain?” on page 9 to find out what block captains do to enrich our experience of living here in Loch Raven Village.

Here is our list of current block captains and open slots that need to be filled.

Aberdeen	Jack Tischinger
Barksdale	Maddy Moore
Clyde Bank	OPEN
Cottage	Darrell Kruschensky
Dellsway	Richard Brown
Deveron	Ad & Anita Randall
Doxbury	Elise & Will Bruner
Drumwood	OPEN
Edgewood (odd)	Doug Brady
Edgewood (even)	Mary Reinhardt
Feldbrook	Barbara Cardin
Glen Gary	Beth Gibbs
Glen Keith (east)	OPEN
Glen Keith (west)	OPEN
Glen Ridge	Kimberly Ford
Greenway	OPEN
Joppa Road	Corrine Ratliff
Kennoway	Ms. Pat Keller
Kirkwall	OPEN
LaSalle	Traci Malstrom
Loch Ness	OPEN
Loch Raven (even)	Teresa Hammer
Loch Raven (odd)	OPEN
Loch Shiel	OPEN
Mussula	OPEN
Myamby	Diane Davenport
Pleasant Plains (north)	OPEN
Pleasant Plains (south)	OPEN
Putty Hill (east)	Sharon Fisher
Putty Hill (west)	OPEN

The LRV Window Grid Campaign is underway! Help Loch Raven Village maintain its cohesive Georgian aesthetic by making sure your windows are in Covenant compliance. This fall we'll be reaching out to homeowners without grids (muntins) in their windows. If you're missing this important design element and would like to get a head start on the fix, easy "DIY" solutions can be found online and on our website under "Exterior Changes."



Village VIP

For this edition of The Village Crier, we would like to recognize our block captains (listed on page 3) who do so many great things for our Village. They welcome new neighbors, decorate our stop signs for Christmas, answer neighbors' questions, and many of them deliver the Crier right to our front doors. We also want to thank and recognize Lori Cullinan who is our block captain coordinator for her efforts at organizing information for our block captains and recruiting more folks to join the ranks. Additionally, we thank Lois Herty who contacts our block captains and other volunteers each season and prepares the Crier for delivery by counting and separating them out by street and coordinating the pickup of the newsletters by each volunteer. Thank you all for helping to make our Village a great place to live!

Cromwell Park Bird Feeder Watch Training

Adults Ages 18+. Count birds for science, but first, attend this training to learn how! After the training, we will meet weekly at the Nature Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for your 1-hour shift. FREE!

RESERVATIONS NOT REQUIRED.

REGISTRATION NOT REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT

OCTOBER 27 @ 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Pleasant Plains Elementary

The PPES PTA has several events lined up for the fall.

October

*Monthly meeting 10/12 at 7pm in the library; childcare provided for school aged children by Calladay in the cafeteria

***Chik Fil A Spirit Night** 10/19 5-8pm; mention PPES PTA Spirit Night and help PTA earn 20% of eligible orders

***Trunk or Treat** 10/26 (rain date 10/27); follow PPES PTA on Facebook for more details

***Fall Family Event TBD**

November

*Monthly Meeting 11/9 at 7pm in the library; childcare provided for school aged children by Calladay in the cafeteria
PPES will also be sponsoring a candy sale this fall. Order some delicious Gertrude Hawk chocolates for yourself, friends, or family for the holidays! Follow Pleasant Plains Elementary PTA on Facebook for more details.

PTA relies on membership support and volunteers to make our events successful. Community members are welcome to join our neighborhood school PTA. Membership dues can be paid via PayPal (\$8 for an individual, \$13 for 2 adults sent to pparentteacherassociation@gmail.com). Cash or check payments (\$7/\$12) can be sent to the school, attention PTA. PPES PTA provides financial support for school activities like assemblies and field trips, sponsors family and community events like our popular trunk or treat and game night, and quarterly teacher appreciation events.

Loch Raven High School

The LRHS PTSA is having a FALL MUM SALE! Sale ends October 1st. Order today!

Various colors, sizes (9", 10" & 12") and styles (pots & baskets) available. A portion of each sale from Maryland Flower & Foliage benefits the PTSA.

Orders will be ready for pickup around October 15th.

Order today at:

<https://lochravenhs.new.memberhub.store/store>

Wrestling at the Rec is back!

We invite boys and girls ages 5-14 years old to join the Raiders Rec Wrestling team for the 2022-2023 season. Details can be found on our website: <http://www.glrcc.com/programs/wrestling>
Registration begins online on September 15th.

See you on the mat!

A+ Before & After School Program

Are you looking for affordable, quality before and/or after school care? A+ at Babcock Presbyterian Church has openings! The program is available for children in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade attending Pleasant Plains Elementary School and Cromwell Valley Elementary School. Sessions run from 7:00am – 8:30am and 3:30pm – 6:00pm. The monthly cost per child is:

1st Child for both am/pm sessions: \$230 per month

2nd Child for both am/pm sessions: \$220 per month

1st Child for one session daily only; \$140 per month

2nd Child for one session daily only: \$140 per month

The children receive a breakfast and after school can receive homework assistance, have playtime, and a small Bible learning session. The program is at Babcock Presbyterian Church, 8240 Loch Raven Blvd, 21286. Please call 443-599-3564 or visit apluscareatbabcock@gmail.com for more information.

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\$260,969 (when listed & sold by Tim Hodgkin)

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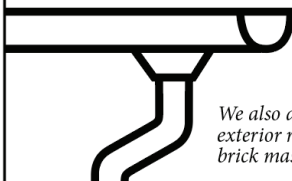
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Blue Water Baltimore/LRV Tree Steward Needed

We are looking ahead to fall of next year when LRV can participate once again in Blue Water Baltimore's discounted tree planting program. In order for our residents to be able to take advantage of this fabulous opportunity to have a tree planted in their front yard, back yard, or strip between the sidewalk and road for a reduced price, we need someone to volunteer to spearhead the program in the neighborhood. This would mainly involve encouraging LRV residents to sign up for this fabulous opportunity to have a native tree planted in their yard by Blue Water volunteers.

The benefits of planting trees in our neighborhood cannot be understated. It is a well-documented fact that tree shade can cool summer temperatures by 25 degrees as well as add tremendous curb appeal to our homes. A neighborhood with a well-established tree canopy can intercept many gallons of stormwater which will reduce runoff and erosion, protecting our precious Chesapeake Bay from harmful sediments. Currently, there are many large gaps in our tree canopy in LRV. If you would like to play a part in rectifying this problem by being the LRV tree steward and liaison between the neighborhood and Blue Water Baltimore please contact Darin Crew with Blue Water Baltimore at dcrew@bluewaterbaltimore.org, any member of the ALRV, or Crier editor Mary Noy at LRVCrierEditor@gmail.com.

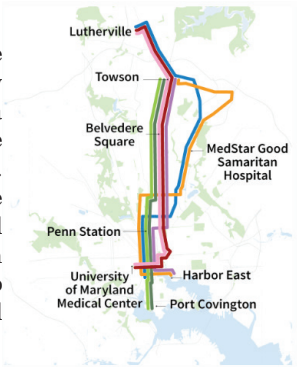
Please also think about donating time or money to Blue Water Baltimore, a wonderful local non-profit whose mission is to support clean water and build strong communities through tree plantings. Please visit them at <https://bluewaterbaltimore.org>.



Transit Plan Feedback Opportunity

The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) is excited to announce the start of the public feedback period for the newest Regional Transit Plan (RTP) Corridor Study between Towson and Downtown Baltimore.

After receiving over 500 comments in summer 2022 on the first RTP East-West Corridor Study connecting Bayview to Ellicott City, we are now asking for your thoughts on a potential future Metro, Light Rail, or Bus Rapid Transit line connecting North-South destinations in the Baltimore region. MDOT MTA, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County have been studying seven potential new transit options (called preliminary alternatives) that would best serve the high transit demand in this corridor. We need your feedback to help us decide which ones (or combinations of them) should move forward to the next phase of study.



To provide your feedback visit <https://www.rtpcorridors.com/northsouth> by November 7th.

In addition to the website, there are several different ways you can learn and share your thoughts:



Attend a Virtual Public Meeting on September 22nd or October 3rd. Click [here](#) to register.



Contact the project team by email: rtp@mta.maryland.gov or phone message: 443-475-0687



Talk with us at transit or event pop-ups in the corridor. We will email to let you know where we will be!



Invite us to present or set up a table at your community meetings and events.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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 to which you wish to volunteer.

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 (and, if willing, bring an ALRV "welcome basket" to the new neighbor).

Block Captains MAY also...

- Help deliver The Village Crier.
- Help deliver important or urgent notices from the ALRV board.
- Organize a block party.
- Help choose winners for the holiday decorating contests.
- Encourage residents to pay their dues.
- 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.
- Provide email contact information to neighbors via the website and The Village Crier.



Block Captains are not...

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

Please consider filling this important role for your street. If you'd like to volunteer or would like more information, please email LRVblockCaptain@outlook.com.



Remember to keep your porch lights on through the night. It's our first line of defense against mischief, and looks pretty too! Shine bright LRV!

Events Calendar – Fall

ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

September 14

October 12

November 9

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.

Spooktacular Pet Costume Contest

Oct. 29 1:00 p.m.

Loch Raven Technical Academy parking lot

One winner will be selected

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Spooktacular Children's Costume Contest

Oct. 29 3:00 p.m.

Loch Raven Technical Academy parking lot

Age categories for winners: 0-4yrs., 5yrs.-9yrs., 10yrs.-15yrs.

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LOCH RAVEN LIBRARY EVENTS

Family and Friends Story Time

Infant, Toddler, Preschool Ages. Develop language and early literacy skills together through stories, songs, rhymes and movement. Designed for children who range from newly mobile and active to learning to sit for short periods; siblings and all abilities welcome. Limited seating available; first come, first served. Wednesdays 2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

Community Shred Day

Destroy your confidential household paperwork at our free Community Shred Day. This outdoor event is for personal/residential users only. Limit of three (3) boxes per household; paper items only.

October 1st 10am-12pm

Loch Raven Branch Parking Lot

Free Community Flu Vaccination Clinic

University of Maryland St. Joseph Medical Center is on site to provide flu vaccinations to anyone age 9 and up. No appointment necessary. Ages 9-17 require a parent/guardian signature. Only standard dose quadrivalent vaccine provided. High-risk individuals are especially encouraged to get vaccinated. For questions, call 410-337-1479 or visit umstjoseph.org/flu.

November 7 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Loch Raven Branch Meeting Room

CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

Senior Stroll – Ages 55+. Walking in nature provides benefits to both the mind and body. Enjoy a relaxing stroll with one of our Naturalists along some of Cromwell Valley's less strenuous trails. Free! Reservations required.

Sept. 28, Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Willow Grove parking lot

Earth Oven Bread - Ages 10+. Bread is one of Mankind's most important inventions. Discover the secret of no-knead bread that you can make at home. We will bake a loaf here in our woodfired earth oven and you can take some dough to bake at home.

\$4 members /\$6 non-members. Both adults and children must register for this event.

October 15 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

2022 Crafts Galore market at Timonium United Methodist Church -- Handmade treasures include: One-of-a-kind collections, Home Decor, Photography, Locally Written Books, Graphic Signs & Decals, Textiles & Fabric Art, Wooden & Metal Designs, Pottery, Leatherwork, Jewelry Beauty & Self-Care, Fashion Accessories, Food, Baked Goods, and much, much more!

Free public admission from

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sept. 24, Oct. 22, Nov. 12, Dec. 3.

For more information visit www.vendormembersgroup.com.



VISIT THESE SITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL EVENTS.

Loch Raven Library – www.bcplonline.org
Cromwell Valley Park -- 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/>

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

Plan Ahead for the Holidays!

It may still be quite warm outside, but Christmas is just around the corner. Now is the time to start planning for the annual holiday decorating contest, this year titled Whimsical Wonder.

Every year the Village looks more beautiful than the year before and the contest gets tougher to judge! So, start thinking of how you would like to express yourself and light up the darkest time of the year – twinkling lights? Lots of greenery? Maybe some wreaths for the windows?

Judging will happen by December 17. Also, are you interested in caroling through the Village this Christmas season?

Please reach out to Cole Bailey at nlb4jb@gmail.com to let her know! More information will be coming in the next couple of months so please keep an eye on the Loch Raven Village Facebook page.



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