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GARDEN TOUR COMING IN JULY!

(See page 6 for details!)

President’s Letter

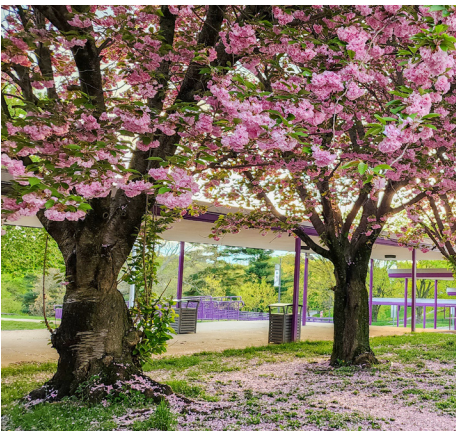
Dear Neighbors,

Thank you to those residents who attended our annual general meeting in April. We were very grateful to have Police Capt. Houston of the Towson precinct and Mr. Adam Whitlock, Chief of Baltimore Co. Code Enforcement in attendance. To recap; Captain Houston will have officers add patrols to the area around Ravenwood Plaza based on concerns voiced at our meeting. He encourages residents to make sure windows and doors are locked in homes and vehicles and recommends the use of the “club” to hinder car thefts. Unfortunately, police do not handle the issue of shopping carts being left around the neighborhood. That

is an issue for the owners of the carts to pursue if they wish. Residents may call the Towson Precinct at 410-887-2361 or reach out directly to Captain Houston at Shouston@baltimorecountymd.gov if they have concerns. Remember to call 911 if concerned about a possible crime in progress.

To contact or file a complaint with code enforcement residents may: call 410-887-3351, call 311, email: paienfore@baltimorecountymd.gov, or use the BaltoCoGo app. All rental properties must follow the same regulations and must be registered with the county in order to operate. This applies to both regular and short-term rental properties. ALRV has asked the county for more guidance regarding short-term rentals. Currently, it is unclear how rules governing renting to no more than two unrelated persons or rentals operating essentially as hotels/commercial enterprises in residential zones are being applied in short-term rental situations. The county will implement a code enforcement community sweep sometime this year. ALRV does not have details of when this will occur. However, this is a good reminder to bring your property into both county code compliance and to tackle those general maintenance and upkeep projects that you may have been

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The cherry trees looked spectacular this spring along the front sidewalk of Loch Raven Technical Academy. Thank you to Yuan Lu for this lovely photo!

Summer Crier Submissions
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Sixth Precinct Significant Event

Information / baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/pc06

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410-887-2000

Towson University / Off-campus

resident issues / 410-704-2057



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 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.”

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delaying. As a reminder, citations and costly fines may be issued by the county for non-compliance (e.g., trash cans without lids, evidence of rodents, debris left in yard, tall grass, etc.) Let's do our part to keep LRV looking beautiful!

For those of you who lived through the great Verizon cell service debacle of 2023, I hope, at this reading, your service has long since been fully restored. Please know that ALRV reached out to the County Exec. and our County Council rep. and many emails were exchanged with Verizon on your behalf.

The board continues to work diligently on projects that impact life and community in LRV. First Watch recently opened in Towson Place. The Chick-Fil-A project (former Bob Evans location) continues to move forward although we don't yet have a timeframe for when it will open. Although we were told last year that a feasibility study would be done to plan for improvements at the Loch Raven Center, we do not have further information at this time, but ALRV will continue to follow up. Stay tuned to Facebook and Instagram for ALRV updates and upcoming community events. Visit our website, LochRavenVillage.com for answers to many covenant and code questions, and committee and county contact information.

The Village Crier newsletter has been a long-standing tradition in Loch Raven Village, and it is delivered by volunteers to every Village home. Currently, we need a volunteer to deliver The Crier on Drumwood Rd (anyone in the Village can do this!) Please contact Lois Herty at Loisherty@msn.com Also, remember to sign up on our website to receive email updates. In part, due to the high costs of printing/producing the print edition of

The Crier, ALRV reduced printing from twelve issues per year to six issues. In 2020 we reduced that to four issues per year. ALRV would like a timely way to update residents throughout the year. We promise not to overload your inbox!

I encourage you to send in your 2023 membership - it's easy to do online. Remember to include your name and email address with your membership. And, as always, thank you to the volunteers who work on behalf of our community. It really does take a village. If you'd like to volunteer but are not sure where to start or if you have any questions, please email me at alrvpresident@gmail.com.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer!
Antoinette O'Donnell
President

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at

Multiple 2023 CRAFT SHOWS

HOMEMADE FOOD & UNIQUE BRANDS

AND WE WANT TO MEET YOU!

CRAFTS GALORE! Events



SEPT 16th
OCT 21st
NOV 11th
DEC 2nd

FREE PUBLIC ADMISSION 9AM-2PM

LOCATION: (NORTH OF TIMONIUM ROAD)

2300 POT SPRING ROAD
TIMONIUM, MARYLAND

IN ASSOCIATION WITH

VENDOR MEMBERS GROUP

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

www.VendorMembersGroup.com



Yard Sale Scheduled for Sept. 9th

The Village-wide yard sale will be held at Babcock Presbyterian Church on September 9, rain or shine. Spaces will be 10 x 10 feet and can be purchased on the LochRavenVillage.com website. The price for ALRV members, Knettishall Association members, and Babcock Church members is \$15 per space; all others, \$25 per space. If you have questions about the yard sale, contact Nicole Bailey at LRVEvents2@gmail.com.

Do You Walk Your Dog in LRV? You Can Be Part of COP!

Citizens on Patrol (COP) is a group of residents who volunteer a small bit of their time to patrol their neighborhood. Members set their own hours and receive training.

While on patrol, COP members drive, bike, or walk their neighborhood and if they spot suspicious activity, they call 911. If you are one of the many residents who walk your dog in LRV, you too can help keep our neighborhood safe from crime by being "on patrol" while exercising your canine friend! If you are interested in participating in this worthy program, please contact Richard Brown, COP coordinator for Loch Raven Village at brown7@comcast.net.

For more information on the COP program visit [baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/community/COP](https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/community/COP). The Weekly Baltimore County Crime Blotter for the Towson Precinct may be found at: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/police/precinct-news/Precinct6>. The Baltimore County Police and Community Relations Council (PCRC) provide an open forum where citizens, community leaders and representatives of the local business community may bring attention to problems within their neighborhood.

The PCRC meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. (The November meeting is on the fifth Tuesday. No meetings in July, August, and December). All Loch Raven Village residents are welcome to attend. Trinity Episcopal Church, Memorial Hall, 120 Allegheny Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 Go to www.baltimorecountypcrc.org to learn more about the PCRC

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"Tim sold our home on Pleasant Plains Rd. for 98% of the asking price & using one of his Guaranteed Home Sale programs." - The O'Donnell Family

Average Sold Price in Loch Raven Village 2022
\$274,440 (when listed & sold by all Realtors)
\$305,000 (when listed & sold by Tim Hodgkin)

Days on the Market of Sold Homes - 2022
13 Days (when listed & sold by all Realtors)
11 Days (when listed & sold by Tim Hodgkin)

*conditions apply. Seller & Tim must agree upon time of possession & price.



SCHOOL NEWS

Pleasant Plains Elementary School

BCPS will be providing meals to children at community sites including Pleasant Plains Elementary this summer through the Office of Food Services. Trailer number 5 (closest to the parking lot) will be used to facilitate the distribution of breakfast and lunch from June 20th through August 18th (no distribution on July 4th).

Summer School will be in session at Pleasant Plains Elementary from July 10 through August 3 at 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Students will spend part of every morning outside on the fields and on the hardcourt for recess, weather permitting. Please keep this in mind when deciding to use the hard court or walking your dog

on school property. Also make sure you leash and pick up after your dog. Thank you!

Immaculate Heart of Mary School

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is accepting applications in Prek3 - 7th grade for the 23-24 school year! Please apply online at ihmschoolmd.org. To set up a tour or inquire, please email admissions@ihmschoolmd.org.

Letter to the Editor

Hi, Villagers,

With the COVID threat waning and winter too, what do you say we get out and look closely at our neighborhoods. Do you see what I see--on the ground, that is?

Certainly not everywhere, but in many places, and even in some of our yards: litter, TRASH! Neighbors, can we get outside, both front and back, with a plastic bag or two, and actually stoop to pick it up? You and I can't miss it: the dropped bottles, paper wrappers, fliers, discarded food, COVID masks--and yes, dog poop--soiling our otherwise pleasant streets, alleys, yards and green areas.

It looks bad! So why keep ignoring it, or thinking, why doesn't someone pick it up? With just a little time on Tuesday or Friday, trash pickup nights, you and I can bring home some unsightly stuff and put it in our own trash cans for pickup. But first we must make yourselves SEE the litter.

We can all feel better about ourselves and our Village when we've spruced up. Will you make the effort?

Bruce Knauff



HOLY CROSS Lutheran Preschool

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and Toddler Playgroup

HolyCrossPreschoolTowson.org
director@holycrosstowson.org

SCHEDULE A TOUR 410.825.7905

Events Calendar June — August

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.

ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

June 14

July 12

NO MEETING IN AUGUST

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

UPCOMING ALRV EVENTS

2nd Annual ALRV Community

Garden Tour will be held on July 29th-30th at Babcock Presbyterian Church. 10am-3pm. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.lochravenvillage.com> along with details. Also check the ALRV Facebook page for details.

Community Yard Sale – Village-wide yard sale will be held at Babcock Presbyterian Church. Purchase a 10 x 10 foot space on the LochRavenVillage.com website. \$15 for ALRV members, Babcock Church members, and Knettishall Association members. All others, \$25. Rain or shine. Question? Contact Nicole Bailey at LRVEvents2@gmail.com.

LOCH RAVEN LIBRARY EVENTS

Summer Lunches & Programs for

kids -- children under 18. Loch Raven Library will be serving lunches provided by Baltimore County Public Schools on weekdays from 12:30 from 1:30. The library will also be providing a variety of programs every weekday at 2:00 following the lunch service. Our summer programming calendar will include crafts, STEM projects, nature activities, and more. Our full programming calendar will be available on our website and in the branch. Weekdays 12:30 p.m. -- 2:30 p.m.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

Adult. Connect with a SNAP benefit eligibility specialist from CCBC to help locate resources and services to support you and your family.

June 21, 3:30-5:30pm and following 3rd Wednesdays of the month

Pride Crafts -- School Age. Make a beautiful rainbow collage or rainbow friendship bracelet to celebrate Pride Month.

June 24, 2:00-3:00pm

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.
September 16, 10am-12pm

CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

Caterpillar Count! – Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist as we observe trees and leaves up close. Learn about what types of insects and arthropods visit them. What we see and record will help researchers better understand how our changing climate is influencing even the smallest of creatures. **FREE!**
BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT
Saturday, July 8 at 1 PM to 3 PM

Butterflies Like It HOT! – Ages 8+. Join a Naturalist to identify and observe our butterflies. Learn why they prefer the “dog days of summer.” Bring binoculars if you have them, so we can see them up close without disturbing them. **FREE!**
BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.
Saturday, July 15 at 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Discovering Dragonflies – Ages 6+. Did you know that dragonflies are apex predators of the insect world? Learn fun facts about these creepy denizens of the pond and join us as we go in search for them to get a closer look. Wear shoes that can get wet. **FREE!**
BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT.

Sunday, August 6 at 1 PM to 2:30 PM
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/>
Baltimore Ag Center -- <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/recreation/programs/agriculture-center/index.html>
American Visionary Art Museum -- <https://www.avam.org/exhibitions-and-events>

Thank You, Block Captains

Block Captains play an important role in maintaining the warm and inviting atmosphere of our neighborhood. The following is a list of current Block Captains and streets that are currently without one. To find out more about a Block Captain's role, go to the Loch Raven Village website, click on Contacts, and scroll to the bottom of the page for an article entitled What is a Block Captain? Or click on this link: https://www.lochravenvillage.com/_files/ugd/0df2aa_0a925cf4ff664217b0c03295921bd4d7.pdf

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To get more information or to volunteer for an open block captain position, contact Lori Cullinan at LRVBlockCaptain@gmail.com.

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Professional Service Ad - \$25.00 per ad, 50 word max.

Display Ad - \$75.00

Note - limited Display Ad spaces per issue!

Ads run in the next issue (quarterly/seasonally) once paid and received by the editor. If your ad is time-sensitive, please contact the Crier editor for more information.



July 4th Fireworks!

Are you looking forward to the annual Towson fireworks display that takes place right here in LRV? It has been a fun Towson tradition for over 50 years! The event is fully funded by private donations only and is run by volunteers. So please make a donation, however small, at TowsonFireworks.com to help raise money for this enjoyable (but expensive) event. It's sure to be another spectacular display!



photo courtesy Stacy Keller



photo courtesy Bill Blair

*Beauty All
Around Us*



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