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HO, HO, HO, HE'S ON HIS WAY! *(See back cover for Santa's Ride details!)*

President's Letter

"Kindness is like snow—It beautifies everything it covers." Khalil Gibran

Dear neighbors,

During this season of thankfulness and as families prepare to celebrate Christmas, Hannukah and other holiday traditions of winter, I offer heartfelt appreciation to my fellow board members, committee chairs, and ALRV volunteers who give of their time and talent throughout the year. In particular, I'd like to recognize Sue O'Neil. Sue is an original homeowner in Loch Raven Village. For many years she has worked tirelessly on behalf of Loch Raven Village with grace, good humor, and a steadfast belief in the importance of community building.

During her Board tenure she has served on many committees including the Welcome committee, block captains, and Santa's ride through LRV. Thanks for all you do, Sue! You really have made a difference!

Over the next few weeks our wonderful volunteers will decorate street signs with festive wreaths and bows. Thank you, volunteers! Our annual Winter decorating contest will begin December 21. If you are a dues paying member in 2023 you will be eligible to win a gift card (p.s. there's still time to join!) One of our most popular events is always Santa's ride through Loch Raven Village. We are delighted to share that Providence Volunteer Fire Dept., an officer representative of the BCPD, and Mr. Charlie Cole - Santa's VERY special helper - has confirmed Santa will visit LRV on Saturday December 16. They will begin at 5:30 pm and end around 7:30 pm. Please note that times are approximate. Street stops are listed elsewhere in The Crier and on the ALRV Facebook page.

As always, the Board values your input. Please consider volunteering—especially if you have suggestions. Often we hear some great ideas but do not also get the volunteers to implement them. Please

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Spring Crier Submissions
Deadline: February 15, 2024
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Information / baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/police/pc06

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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 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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reach out to me or any board member if you have questions about how to become more active in the association. Our website is also a great resource for answering questions and for contact information.

May all that you are thankful for beautify the world around you. On behalf of the Associates of Loch Raven Village Board, I wish you and your loved ones a joyful holiday season and a happy and healthy 2024!

Sincerely,
Antoinette O'Donnell
President
Associates of Loch Raven Village, Inc.

Welcome Bags are Available

The associates of Loch Raven Village has welcome bags available to new residents of the Village! If you are a new resident or notice that a new neighbor has moved in on your street, please reach out to Lori Cullinan, Block Captain Coordinator, at LRVBlockCaptain@gmail.com.

The kits consist of some handsome LRV branded items such as a note pad, key chain, chip bag clip, and an LRV sticker to help you show your LRV pride as well as a copy of the LRV Covenant Guidelines and a welcome letter from the ALRV.



Important Community Meeting

All community members are urged to attend a meeting on December 13th regarding a proposed plan to build 600 apartments on the site of Luskins Hill (currently where the PetER building the and Big Sofa/TV store are.)

The developer, Caves Valley Partners, will be giving a presentation as required by the county development regulations in order to provide information to the community. This possible development would have a major impact on our local schools and on traffic. The meeting will be held at the Towson Library at 7:00 p.m. Please try to attend and share this information so that the word gets out about this important meeting.

Crier Distribution Coordinator Needed

We are in need of a volunteer for our newsletter distribution coordinator position. This person is responsible for working with the wonderful volunteers who deliver the Crier to your doorsteps four times a year.

He/she will receive the Criers from the printer (they deliver right to your door) and will organize the distribution by counting the newsletters and bags, dividing them up among the various volunteers, and emailing the volunteers so they know when they will be available for pickup/distribution. This distribution coordinator will work with the Crier editor to ensure that the distribution dates are announced to the volunteers and that the supply of bags is kept at the appropriate level.

Please email Lois Herty at LoisHerty@msn.com to find out more and to volunteer for this task. It will be greatly appreciated!

Pleasant Plains Elementary

This beautiful Christmas tree, called The Joshua Tree, is the result of a collaborative effort to honor a beloved fifth grade PPES student who recently passed away. Under the direction of art teacher Helen Meredith, many staff members created beautiful decorations to add to the tree. The Joshua Tree was displayed at the Kennedy Kreiger Festival of Trees and was purchased by the Kiwanis Club so that it could be displayed in the PPES lobby for all to see. It is dedicated with much love to our young friend and to the hope for a cure for pediatric cancer.



Many students brought their families to school on the evening of November 8th for Reading Night. There were lots of fun activities, food, and of course – books!

The PPES PTA sponsored a fantastic Fall Harvest Festival on November 11th. Families who attended enjoyed fun games, delicious food, music, raffle prizes, and more. Thank you to our amazing PTA officers for organizing such a fun event for our community!




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Fall Decorating Winners

Congratulations to our decorating contest winners for fall/Halloween. The two winners are: 1605 Cottage Lane and 1942 Edgewood Rd. Thank you for adding autumnal beauty and spooky fun to the neighborhood!



Happy Hanukkah

This year the festival of lights begins on the evening of December 7th and continues until the evening of December 15th. Warmest wishes for a happy Hanukkah.

A Service of Lessons and Carols at Babcock Church

All are welcome on Christmas Eve at 3:00, as we enjoy a traditional service of Nine Lessons and Carols in the style of King's College Cambridge. Babcock's Minister of Music, Ms. Joyanne Amani will be leading the carols.

This event will benefit Babcock's Food Bank which distributes over 1000 pounds of food per month. Donations of non-perishable food items are greatly appreciated.



Holiday decorating contest

Our neighborhood always looks beautiful during the holiday season. With so many displays of lights and greenery it is a pleasure to walk or ride through the area both day and night. If you haven't already decorated for the season and you're on the fence about doing it, here is some encouragement.

The annual ALRV decorating contest will be happening soon! So, maybe a trip up to the attic or down to that basement closet will be worth it – and it will definitely be appreciated! However you choose to decorate, it will help bring some light and beauty into this darkest time of the year.

Our judges will be circulating throughout LRV starting December 21 to make decisions on which households should receive one of our prizes! Good luck to all decorators. Shine bright LRV!



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!

Events Calendar — December

ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

January 10

February 14

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.

LOCH RAVEN LIBRARY EVENTS

Family & 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. Wednesdays 2-2:30 pm

1000 Books Holiday Ball

Preschool, Toddler, Infant Ages.

Celebrate all of your hard work reading this year at our holiday ball! Come dressed in your best to walk or crawl the red carpet and enjoy a fun dance party!! If you haven't signed up for this Kindergarten Readiness program, we can sign you up during the festivities. December 23, 10:30-11:30 am

Bilingual Book Club: Arletis, Abuelo, and the Message in a Bottle/Club de Lectura Bilingüe: Arletis, Abuelo y el Mensaje en la Botella

All Ages/Todas las Edades. Discuss a bilingual picture book and practice your English and Spanish skills. All ages and fluency levels welcome. This month, we read Arletis, Abuelo, and the Message in a Bottle. Acompáñanos para discutir un libro ilustrado bilingüe y practicar sus habilidades en inglés y español. Todas las edades y niveles de fluidez son bienvenidos. Este mes leeremos Arletis, Abuelo y el Mensaje en la Botella December 11, 6:30-7:30 pm

Teen Time

Teens. Hang out and make a craft, try a new board game, or play our Nintendo Switch. Snacks provided. December 14/28, January 4/18, February 1/15/29, 4-4:45 pm.

CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

Holiday Centerpieces – Ages 13+. The fresh greens in your arrangement will bring the scent and beauty of the outdoors to your table. Please bring garden gloves if your hands are sensitive to the sap and prickles of the pines. \$7 members per centerpiece /\$10 non-members per centerpiece. BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

December 16 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

How Do Animals Stay Warm? – Ages 4+. Join a Naturalist to discover the ways reptiles, mammals, birds, fish, and frogs avoid the cold. \$2 members /\$4 non-members. BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

December 17 at 1:00 p.m. -- 2:30 p.m.

Audubon's 124th Christmas Bird Count – Ages 12+. Come join a Naturalist in this 100+ year tradition of tracking the health and populations of our local birds.

We will hike the Park's various habitats and count birds as we go. Bring binoculars, if you have them. Dress for the weather. FREE! BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

December 31 at 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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>
Goucher College -- <https://events.goucher.edu/>
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>



Your Voice Matters!



Survey for Community Members

Please take a few minutes to complete the Pleasant Plains Elementary 2023-2024 Needs Assessment Survey even if you do not have children attending the school. As community members, your stakeholder voices are very valuable! You can access it at SY23-24 Needs Assessment Surveys (google.com) or via this QR code.

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\$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.



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Santa's Ride

SANTA SAYS "CHECK THIS OUT!"

Santa will be visiting Loch Raven Village with the help of Providence Volunteer Fire Company, and he will be stopping to say hello to neighborhood children! The exciting event will happen on Saturday, December 16th starting around 5:30 p.m. Have your coats, hats, and cameras at the ready and listen for the sirens of the fire truck and the "Ho, Ho Ho!" of jolly St. Nick! You can also track the progress of Santa through the neighborhood by going to Providence's Facebook page (they usually have a Santa "tracker" up and running). Go to Facebook and search for Providence Volunteer Fire Company of Towson, Maryland.

- Stop One - Drumwood & Dellsway
- Stop Two - Cottage Lane (1500 block)
- Stop Three - Pleasant Plains Elem. School
- Stop Four - Myamby Road
- Stop Five - Feldbrook & Kirkwall Ct.
- Stop Six - Loch Raven Elem. School
- Stop Seven - Kennoway near Edgewood Rd.
- Stop Eight - Glen Ridge & Loch Shiel

Special thanks to the Providence Volunteer Fire Company, the Baltimore County Police, and Santa's special helper Mr. Charlie Cole. Your annual dues to the ALRV make this event possible.

