



ALRV ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 10th

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President's Letter

"To improve is to change; to be perfect is to change often."

Winston Churchill

Dear neighbors,
The ALRV is always working to improve how it serves the community, and while perfection may not be within reach, striving to improve certainly is. Change is not always comfortable but it is often necessary. At the ALRV February meeting the board made the decision to discontinue the print edition of *The Village Crier*. Don't worry - *The Village Crier* will still continue in its online presence. The

board believes this online format offers flexibility in keeping neighbors updated on important and relevant LRV news. We are grateful to our Ad sponsors and community contributors and hope this new format only increases their success in our community.

This current Spring edition of *The Village Crier* will be the last print edition.

The Village Crier has been an iconic part of Loch Raven Village history for over 70 years and the board did not make this decision lightly. Times have changed and how residents receive their Village news has changed too. The cost of printing has risen dramatically in recent years, and annual memberships do not support this use of association funds. Over the last several years, ALRV has moved to incorporate a stronger online presence. We have revamped the LochRavenVillage.com website and grew our Facebook page to update residents on upcoming meetings and events more often. This change to the delivery method of *The Village Crier* is a natural next step. I would like to thank some of the hardworking community members who have helped *The Village Crier* remain an important part of our community identity for so long. Several years ago, Kate Walkinshaw gave her time and talent to redesign *The Village Crier* to what we know today.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This edition of *The Village Crier* will be the last printed edition of the newsletter. Starting with the summer edition, the Crier will be digital-only. Don't worry -- accessing the digital version will be easy and we will continue to bring you the latest LRV news and events in a timely manner! For more details about this change, see the Letter from the President on page 1.



Spring officially starts on March 19th and with the sighting of daffodils blooming in gardens across the area. Before we move on to the joys of springtime, let's look back at the beauty of freshly fallen snow in Loch Raven Village.
Photo by Yuan Lu.

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Summer Crier Submissions
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Sixth Precinct Significant Event

Information / baltimorecountymd.

gov/Agencies/police/pc06

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410-887-2000

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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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Her vision created a timeless, classic LRV branding-from Crier to banners-that has helped shape our community identity in print and product. Lois Herty coordinated Crier delivery for each issue. And our dedicated block captains and delivery volunteers made sure it got into the homes of almost 1,500 residents every time. Of course, The Crier could not come together without the hardwork and dedication of its editor, Mary Noy. Mary took on the challenge of editor with the commitment worthy of a national publication and strives for every issue to be filled with information that is both interesting and relevant.

It is with much thanks and appreciation that I ask you to join me in recognizing these dedicated volunteers. Please look for upcoming issues of *The Village Crier* online, on our website, and linked through the ALRV Facebook page.

ALRV continues to work to address zoning and development issues. Currently, there are several proposed developments, including one proposed 400 apartment development, a proposed 600 apartment development and a redevelopment of the old Days Inn property. All of these property redevelopments will have a significant and serious impact on the schools, roads, and infrastructure in and around Loch Raven Village. These issues need consistent and dedicated attention. ALRV needs residents to become involved, attend ALRV board meetings and speak at community input meetings. Your voice is important. Your voice is necessary. Please get involved to make sure the needs of all community stakeholders are being addressed, not just those of the developer.

The annual ALRV membership campaign is underway. Please do your part and send your \$30 or \$40 membership today-every membership counts. Consider volunteering. People often have ideas

for what can be done, however, residents need to be willing to step up to do them. Board members cannot do it alone. Volunteers are needed to help with community events, with membership, and in other areas. Attend a meeting and find out more. A reminder to please include your street address and email address in the "notes" section when submitting membership payment online. Paypal, in particular, does not automatically generate this information and we will not know which home to apply membership to without it.

Lastly, the annual, general meeting of the ALRV is April 10. Please plan to attend this important community meeting. Police and government representatives will be in attendance. This is a format to address community concerns so often spoken of without resolution on social media.

There are almost 1,500 households in Loch Raven Village.... Please be one of those households that attend this meeting.

"To improve is to change."

Let's find ways to improve together.

Respectfully,

Antoinette O'Donnell

Associates of Loch Raven Village

Annual General Meeting Details

The annual general meeting of the ALRV will take place at the Loch Raven Center on Glen Keith Blvd. at 7:00 p.m. on April 12th. Councilman Mike Ertel and Delegate Carl Jackson will be in attendance. Check the Loch Raven Village Facebook page for any last-minute updates.

Please join us for this informative meeting and bring any questions you might have for our guests or the ALRV board members. See you there!

Pleasant Plains Elementary School



Students at Pleasant Plains were surprised with a visit from Ms. Frizzle and Waldo on “Do Something Booky Day.” Each young reader was able to pick two treats from the trolley – pencils and bookmarks of course! Thanks so much to Shamara Murphy (PTA President) and Anthony Murphy (PTA Treasurer) for going all out to bring a smile to the children.

Calvert Hall

Calvert Hall Theatre Presents: Jekyll & Hyde - The Musical on March 15, 16, 22, & 23 at 7:00 p.m. as well as 2:00 p.m. matinees on March 17 and 24. Learn more and purchase your tickets at calverthall.com/theatre.

Free Parenting Workshops!

Would you like to have a better connection with your children?

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I offer free parenting workshops to parenting groups.

If you are interested in scheduling a workshop or want individual coaching, please contact me for a free consultation at eileen@finnessefamilycoaching.com

I offer a 10% discount on individual sessions for Loch Raven Village residents.

Check out my website at <https://www.finnessefamilycoaching.com/>



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Holiday Decorating Winners

Congratulations to the following homes who won our annual holiday decorating contest! Thank you to everyone who added beautiful lights and greenery to their homes and yards to make LRV look so lovely in December.

1622 Feldbrook Rd.
8439 Pleasant Plains Rd.



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!



Easter Egg Hunt in LRV!

Presented by:

Babcock Church and the ALRV

Come join us (ages 3-10) for an Easter egg hunt on the grounds of Babcock Church:

Saturday
March 30th, 10am
Ages 3-10

(Rain or shine / No rain date)



All Are Welcome!

ANNUAL SPRING FAIR

Saturday • May 4th • 10-1

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Lutheran Preschool

HolyCrossPreschoolTowson.org

Events Calendar — March-April

ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

March 13, April 10, May 8, June 12, July 10 (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 ALRVPresdident@gmail.com for information.

ALRV EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt – March 30 at Babcock Presbyterian Church 10:00 a.m., ages 3-10. co-sponsored with Babcock Church. Rain or shine.

Community Yard Sale, Annual Garden Tour– More information to come. Check the ALRV Facebook page for updates and info!

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. Infant/Toddler/Preschooler Every Wednesday, 2-2:30 pm

Bilingual Book Club/Club de Lectura Bilingüe

All Ages/Todas las Edades. Discuss a bilingual picture book and practice your English and Spanish skills. All ages and fluency levels welcome. Acompañanos para discutir un libro ilustrado bilingüe y practicar sus habilidades en inglés y español. Todas las edades y niveles de fluidez son bienvenidos. All ages Monday, March 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Solar Eclipse 2024: Discovering the Magic in the Sky!

Learn about the total solar eclipse that will cross the United States on April 8. Explore shadows, model Earth's rotation and make an eclipse craft. Participants receive a pair of solar eclipse glasses. Space is limited. Elementary/Tween Tuesday, March 26, 2-3 p.m.

Yoga for Beginners

Learn basic yoga techniques and breathing exercises to increase fitness,

focus and overall wellness. This program can be modified for those wanting to use a chair. Yoga mat optional.

Adults

1st Thursdays of the month, 2-3 p.m.

Summer Reading Challenge

Children of all ages can log their reading for the Summer Reading Challenge online at bcpl.beanstack.org or visit any branch to pick up a game board. After logging 10 hours of reading, participants can visit any branch to pick up a completion prize and enter end-of-summer prize drawings. Saturday, June 1 - Saturday, August 31

CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

Natural Dyes – Ages 5+. Before commercial dyes, bright hues were derived from plants, animals, and minerals found in nature. Bring a dozen hard boiled eggs and learn to make your own natural dyes. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. REGISTRATION REQUIRED March 30 at 1 – 3:00 p.m.

Water, water, everywhere! – Ages 5+. Join a Naturalist as we learn about our many streams at the Park. Wear boots/shoes that can get wet. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. REGISTRATION REQUIRED Saturday, April 13 at 1 – 3:00 p.m.

Fox Tails – All Ages. The Red Fox is an intelligent and adaptive canid that lives in our park, and likely your neighborhood too! We'll hike to a fox den and learn about what it's like to be a fox. \$2 members/\$4 non-members. REGISTRATION REQUIRED April 28 at 1:00 – 2:23 p.m.

VISIT THESE SITES FOR MORE INFORMATION

Loch Raven Library – www.bcplonline.org
Cromwell Valley Park -- https://cromwellvalleypark.org/event_calendar
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>



What is 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 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.

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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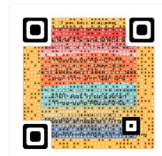
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FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO:

www.VendorMembersGroup.com

Dear Neighbors,

The annual membership drive for the Associates of Loch Raven Village (ALRV) has begun. If you haven't sent in your association membership, now is the time! Memberships run from January 1st through December 31st each year. The cost is \$40 per household (\$30 for seniors). Join or renew your membership on our website, www.LochRavenVillage.com or use the coupon below to mail in a check. We appreciate your support of Loch Raven Village - a great place to call home!



← Scan this code to pay via our website!

Memberships run from January 1st through December 31st of each year.

2024 Dues Now Due

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Years as resident? _____

Comments, questions or suggestions for LRV or ALRV? _____

Please complete this form and mail it along with your \$40 payment (\$30 for seniors) to:

**Associates of Loch Raven Village
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All information collected will be held in the strictest confidentiality, and will be used for the sole purpose of serving the Association's membership and community of Loch Raven Village.

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