



SANTA RIDES AGAIN IN LRV! (See page 12 for details.)

President's Letter



Dear neighbors,

By the time you read this newsletter the holiday season will have truly begun. We will have already celebrated Thanksgiving. And the seasons of Christmas and Hanukkah and other family traditions will be anticipated with great excitement. During this season of thankfulness I'd like to offer my gratitude and 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 acknowledge and

recognize Gretchen Sarkin. Gretchen has been a longtime resident and board member. During her tenure she has served as an officer on the board, including as president. She was instrumental in organizing Santa's ride through LRV for many years. She has also worked on many committees including the Gardens, Planning & Development, and Events committee. We offer our sincere thanks to Gretchen for her commitment and support of our community and we wish her well as she moves on to her next chapter. Thank you, Gretchen! Our other volunteers also deserve our thanks and recognition. They attend meetings, advocate and represent our community in hearings, plan community events, decorate our streets, produce and deliver our newsletter, cultivate our gardens and so much more. Because of these hard working Village volunteers we are a richer and more vibrant community.



It was a gorgeous day for the 1st annual Kids & Pets Costume Parade in LRV on October 29th! One of our winners shows off her prize bag of goodies and seems quite pleased. For more photos see page 5.

Thank you, volunteers!

During the next few weeks our street signs will be decorated with festive wreaths and bows. Hopefully, you'll notice they have a little extra sparkle and shine as I'm excited to share that we were able to allocate almost \$400 toward purchasing twenty new wreaths and accessories thanks to membership contributions. A special shout-out to the block captains who volunteer each year for this!

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Spring Crier Submissions
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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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We hope you enjoyed the children's parade and the first annual pet costume parade we hosted this Halloween. Our annual Christmas decorating contest will begin the weekend of December 17. New this year - you must be a 2022 dues paying member of ALRV to win a giftcard (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., Ofc. Tillghman of the BCPD, and Mr. Charlie Cole - Santa's VERY special helper - has confirmed Santa will visit LRV on Saturday December 17. They will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 8:00 pm. Please note that times are approximate and street stops are listed elsewhere in The Crier and on the ALRV Facebook page.

The board continues to meet and work on behalf of Village residents. We have been in regular contact with county code enforcement and other departments in regards to resident concerns. We also continue to advocate on behalf of LRV regarding proposed development projects for our area including around the strategic "gateway corridors" into our community along Joppa Road and Loch Raven Boulevard.

As you know, Loch Raven Village is currently split into two councilmanic districts - D5 & D6. As of next year we will all be represented under one newly reconfigured council district 6. We congratulate and welcome our newly elected council representative, Mike Ertel. Mr. Ertel has already attended our November meeting and we look forward to working with him on issues concerning LRV. We offer our congratulations to Councilwoman Bevins who will be retiring from public service and to Councilman Marks who will be representing the newly formed D5. They each have represented Loch Raven Village in the 5th and 6th districts for many years.

We wish them well as they move on and we thank them for their service and support of our community.

As always, we value your input and ask you to volunteer. In particular, we need committee members for the Covenant/Code and Planning and Development committees. If you have any experience or interest in these areas, please contact me. We cannot do it alone.

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 2023!

Sincerely,

Antoinette O'Donnell
President

Associates of Loch Raven Village, inc.,

Blue Water Tree Program Update

Thank you to ALRV Board member Nick Linehan for agreeing to spearhead next year's Blue Water Baltimore discounted tree program in LRV. Nick is looking for some residents who can help him get the word out about the program and to help the community understand the benefit of planting more trees. Currently there are many large gaps in the tree canopy throughout our neighborhood. By planting more trees in these areas, we will increase shade during the intensely hot summer months and provide for runoff and erosion protection as well.

These changes are not only important for our ecosystem, but also will increase property values as curb-appeal is improved with stately trees growing along our streets in the years ahead. If you are excited about the potential for this program, please contact Nick Linehan at lochravenvillagegreen@gmail.com. Thank you in advance!

Pleasant Plains Elementary

Spirit Nights are a great way to support our PTA! PTA earns a percentage of sales from each Spirit Night and those funds are used for field trips, teacher appreciation, family activities like our Outdoor Movie Night, and more. You **MUST** mention the PPES PTA Spirit Night for your participation to be included. Our upcoming Spirit Nights are: Cheezy's Pizza (all day) - 12/5/22, Noodles & Co. 1/19/23, Chuck E Cheese 2/23/23, and Ledo's Pizza March TBD.

Our meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the school library. You can also join virtually using your child's device with the Google Meet code PPESPTA. These meetings are a great way to see how PTA is supporting PPES. Our upcoming meetings are: December - 12/14/22, January - 1/11/23, February - 2/8/23, March - 3/8/23, and April - 4/12/23.

A big **THANK YOU** to all of our families who participated in our Gertrude Hawk Chocolates fundraiser. We expect delivery the first week of December. Keep an eye out for pick up information once we have an exact delivery date from Gertrude Hawk. In the spring we will hold our second annual plant sale, so keep us in mind when planning your garden!

Did you know you can easily support PPES every time you shop at Amazon? It's true! It's also super easy. In your Amazon app, navigate to the charity and gifting tab, tap AmazonSmile, and choose Pleasant Plains Elementary PTA Inc. as your designated charity. We receive quarterly direct deposits from Amazon, and with holiday shopping fast approaching, it's an easy way to support your neighborhood elementary school.

PTA always welcomes new members! Neighbors are invited to join as community members. Membership dues \$7 cash for one adult or \$12 cash for a household. Contact Colleen Carr, Alysha Currie, or Patrick Carr for pick up/drop off of membership dues. PayPal is also accepted, and dues are \$8 for one adult or \$13 for a household and can be sent to pparentteacherassociation@gmail.com.

Thank you LRV for your support of our neighborhood school!

Calvert Hall Santa at The Hall

Bring the kids to come see Santa at Calvert Hall on Sunday, December 11 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. There will be games and goodies for children of all ages. The Parents' Club will also be hosting their annual Holiday Bazaar beginning at noon to help you with all of your shopping needs.

Home of Champions

The Calvert Hall Competition Marching Band finished their season #1 in the state, #1 in the region, and #4 in the nation! The F/S, JV, and Varsity soccer teams finished the season undefeated in the MIAA capturing the league title at each respective level. The JV water polo team, JV cross country team, and Varsity cross-country team also won the team title. Cam Davis '24 repeated his reign as the best cross-country runner in the league by winning his second consecutive individual MIAA Varsity title.

National Recognition Awardees

Charles Phan '23 and John Geldmacher '23 have been named semifinalists in the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Competition. Less than 1% of high school seniors across the country receive this distinction. Luke Dragonette '23, Conor

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Smith '23, Jake Berman '23, Ryan Botek '23, and Samuel Heseltine '23 were named 2023 National Merit Commended Scholars. Christian Stecco '23, Danyal Jenkins '23, and John Smithberger '23 were recognized by the College Board for their PSAT and/or AP Exam performances. Danyal is honored as a National African American Recognition Awardee while Christian and John are honored as National Hispanic Recognition Awardees.

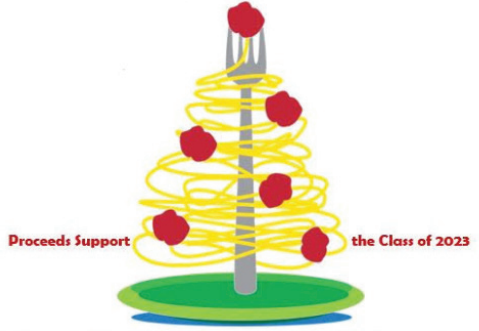
Calvert Hall is the Best in Baltimore

Calvert Hall was voted the BEST Catholic High School according to The Daily Record Reader Rankings, Best Private School by Baltimore Style, and one of the TOP private schools by The Baltimore Sun readers' choice award. Principal Chuck Stember was recognized as one of the best principals in the area.



A costume contest winner compares prize bags with our winner of the pet costume contest, Belle (owners are Dave and Teresa Hammer) on October 29th.

Belle strikes a pose as Cookie Monster.



Loch Raven High School Annual Spaghetti Dinner

December 15 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Help raise funds for the class of '23 and enjoy a delicious meal! \$14.00 for the pasta meal with rolls, cookie, and bottle of water. \$18.00 includes meatballs.

Order must be done via Sign Up Genius by December 8th! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0e4faeaa2fa6f58-spaghetti>. No orders will be taken at the door.



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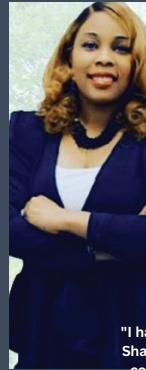
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Wintertime Fire Safety Tips

Thank you to the Baltimore County Fire Department and the Providence Volunteer Fire Company for providing these important reminders about staying safe this season.

Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home cooking fires. Reduce the risk of a cooking fire in your home this winter by keeping a close eye on what you're cooking.

Make sure your gas fireplace has a safety screen or safety gate.

Keep fireplace remote controls out of kids' reach and sight.

Keep children away from fireplaces. (Third-degree burns can happen in less than one second when a child touches the glass on a gas fireplace.)

Heating pads and electric blankets cause around 500 fires each year. Almost all of these involve electric blankets that are more than 10 years old. Heating pads should never be left unattended or used while sleeping. Do not plug them into extension cords or power strips as they could overheat. Never fold an electric blanket when in use and do not let anything rest on top of the blanket either as the blanket could overheat. Heating pads, designed to be placed on top of the mattress, should not be interchanged with electric blankets or used at the same time.

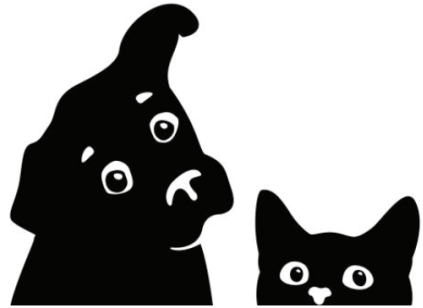
Carbon monoxide detectors and smoke alarms save lives. Consider giving the gift of fire safety- the gift that keeps on giving. And check on your home's smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they are working. Replace any that are not working properly and stay safe in 2023!

Village VIP

The Village VIP for this issue of The Village Crier is Kennoway Rd. resident Diane Pigott. Diane spends much of her free time collecting items such as blankets, towels, and food for the local animal shelters including the Baltimore County Animal Shelter, the Baltimore Humane Society, and others.

She frequently organizes and collects items for fundraisers and silent auctions that benefit these important animal rescue organizations. You will often see her requests for shelter donations on the neighborhood Facebook page and The Village Crier.

Congratulations and thank you, Diane!



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!

Catch Us on Insta!

The Associates of Loch Raven Village can now be found on Instagram. Our official Instagram page is @Loch.ravenvillage. We are currently in the process of capturing the beauty of our village during this holiday season. If you would like to participate on Insta, please use the #LRVlights. Follow us on Instagram for lots of fun content and photos of our wonderful neighborhood!

We also have an official page on Facebook called Loch Raven Village. Follow this page for updates throughout the year on issues and events that affect our neighborhood and for information brought to you by the Associates of Loch Raven Village. If you would like to connect to other LRV residents directly you can join the Loch Raven Village Residents page on Facebook. There is also a Loch Raven Village Buy & Sell page on Facebook to help you easily and quickly make transactions with other LRV residents.



ALRV dues run from January to December which means it's the time of year to set up a reminder to get that done in January! Dues can be paid by check made out to the Associates of Loch Raven Village (\$40 per household or \$30 for seniors) or via PayPal (visit our website at LochRavenVillage.com). Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 9721, Loch Raven, MD 21284-9721. Paying your dues early will save the Association money since a mailed reminder won't have to be sent to you later in the year.

The ALRV dues help to accomplish SO many things throughout the year including Santa's ride through the Village, maintenance and new plants for the community gardens on Putty Hill Ave., neighborhood signage and banners, maintaining the LRV website, sponsoring Dumpster Day, garden tour days, The Village Crier, and the list goes on! LRV is a great place to live. Let's all do our part to keep it that way – it takes a Village!



LOCH RAVEN VILLAGE
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If you want to be happy in a million ways, for the holidays, you can't beat home, sweet home.



Happy Hanukkah

This year the Festival of Lights begins on December 18th and ends on December 26th. Happy Hanukkah to those celebrating!



Lessons and Carols Service at Babcock

Babcock Presbyterian Church would like to announce a special "Lessons and Carols" Christmas Service on Sunday December 18th at 10:00 a.m. The service will benefit the Babcock Food Pantry. If you are able, please bring a non-perishable food item to donate. The service will contain scripture readings centered on the nativity, and lots of singing! A brief social time will follow the service with drinks and snacks.

Events Calendar – Winter

ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

December 14

January 11

February 8

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.

CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

How Do Animals Stay Warm? – Ages 4+. Join a Naturalist to discover the ways reptiles, mammals, birds, and frogs avoid the cold. \$2 members /\$4 non-members. BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. December 11 at 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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. Dress for the weather! \$7 members per centerpiece /\$10 non-members per centerpiece. BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. December 17 at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

GOUCHER COLLEGE

Women's Basketball Home Games

December 7 against Salisbury at 5:30 p.m.

January 10 against Catholic at 7:00 p.m.

January 13 against Drew, time TBA

Men's Basketball Home Games

December 7 against Gallaudet at 7:30 p.m.

December 10 against Washington at 4:00 p.m.

For more information and a complete schedule visit events.goucher.edu.

TOWSON UNIVERSITY

49th Annual Holiday Pottery and Art Sale

Art + Design students, faculty, and staff sell their one-of-a-kind ceramics, prints, photography, jewelry and more. Proceeds benefit the TU Foundation and participating artists.

Friday, December 9 at 3:00pm to 9:00pm

Saturday, December 10 at 9:00am to 5:00pm

Center for the Arts, Ceramics Studio, CA 3012

BALTIMORE COUNTY AG CENTER

Farm Friends Story Time –

Tuesdays, Dec. through Feb.

Join us each week for stories, crafts, and fun on the farm! Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Participants must register for the entire session. Ages 3-5. Cost is \$50.

10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. sessions available

Farm Kitchen: Milk & Cookies

Learn where ingredients for mild and cookies come from and make some of your own! All ages. FREE.

December 10 10:00 a.m.

See below for Ag Center website.

LOCH RAVEN LIBRARY EVENTS

Family Fun & Games: Winter Craft

Enjoy a fun-filled time with family and friends as we create frame-worthy works of art inspired by the beauty of nature.

Indulge your sweet tooth with hot cocoa and cookies while you work. All materials provided. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult.

December 10 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Writing Group

Whether you're an indie author, a sometime poet, or a budding novelist, participate in this workshop for monthly discussion and practice. Bring out your best work to share in a supportive setting. For adults and teens.

December 15 6:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.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>

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>



Holiday Decorating Contest

The annual ALRV decorating contest for the holidays is coming soon! If you haven't already done your decorating, there is still some time before judges come around the neighborhood and narrow down the wonderfully decorated homes to two winners on December 17th.

Prizes will be delivered a bit later in the month. It is always such a pleasure to see LRV decked out with lights and greenery. Thank you to those who add sparkle to the holiday season with outdoor decorations to add to our cheer! (Only dues paying members of the ALRV will be considered for prizes. There is still time to pay dues! See our website at LochRavenVillage.com for details.) Your annual dues to the ALRV make this event possible.



Block Captain Update

Thanks to Thea Mussman of Kirkwall Ct. for volunteering to be the new Kirkwall Ct. block captain! To see a list of block captains and a description of how block captains help our neighborhood, visit our website at LochRavenVillage.com and click on the Contacts heading.

If you wish to contact our block captains coordinator, email Lori Cullinan at LRVblockcaptain@gmail.com. We are currently seeking block captains for the following streets: Doxbury, Greenway, Loch Ness, Loch Raven (west), and Putty Hill (west).

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*He's makin'
a list and
checkin' it twice...
but he's also
making time to come visit the folks in LRV!*

Welcome Santa to the neighborhood on the evening of December 17th! The Providence Volunteer Fire Company will escort our jolly friend on a ride throughout the neighborhood, stopping along the way to greet neighbors, friends, children, and pets. Bring your cameras and smiles and watch for Santa at the following locations!

- 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, Officer Tilghman of the Baltimore County Police, and Santa's special helper Mr. Charlie Cole. Your annual dues to the ALRV make this event possible.