



# The VILLAGE CRIER



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## CONFUSED ABOUT COVENANTS?

*See pages 4-5 for helpful information!*

### President's Letter

*Advice from a Pumpkin:*

*Be well-rounded*

*Get plenty of sunshine*

*Give thanks for life's bounty*

*Have a thick skin*

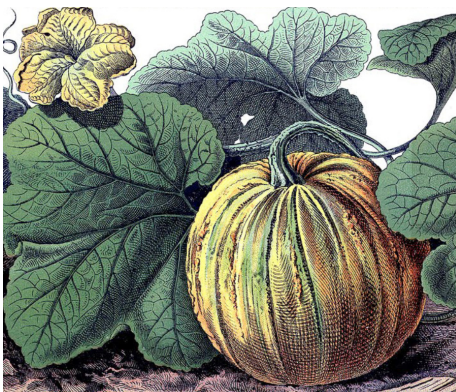
*Keep growing*

*Be outstanding in your field*

*Think big!*

*~ Ilan Shamir*

While searching for a beautiful autumnal verse for this issue of The Crier, I stumbled across "Advice from a Pumpkin". It gave me a chuckle and then it gave me pause. Sometimes, inspiration comes from unexpected places.



*Happy fall to one and all!*

What does it take for a community to thrive? How can we as residents and homeowners in the Village grow, give thanks and find the "sunshine"? Do our homes reflect a welcoming, well-tended "patch" in the community? Can we be a ray of sunshine for a neighbor who needs help or offer a nod of understanding for someone who maybe parked in "your space" after a long day at work?

Are you outstanding? - literally out - on the street. Helping with a community clean-up, or Crier Deliveries, or volunteering as a block captain? If not, are you giving thanks for those that do?

There are reasons aplenty for people to decide otherwise. But imagine a neighborhood where, just like the pumpkin, we chose the sunshine and the thick skin, we kept growing. And we gave thanks for life's bounty.

With gratitude to everyone who contributes in ways big and small, LRV really can be "outstanding in our field" as a wonderful community to call home.

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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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## SCHOOL NEWS

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### Pleasant Plains Elementary School

PPES has received a new designation as a Baltimore County Community School. This initiative involves the creation of a new position among school staff called the Community School Facilitator. PPES is fortunate to have Ms. Lisa Norton in this new position. Ms. Norton has been a staff member at the school in past years and is excited to be back with the school and community to work with this innovative program. Per Ms. Norton, "The Community Schools Initiative exists to ensure equitable resources and supports which create the conditions for success for students, families, communities, and staff, alike. This is achieved through shared vision and leadership, diverse partnerships and a collaborative approach. Pleasant Plains Elementary will serve as a hub that brings families, communities, and partners together to support the whole child and remove barriers to learning."

There are currently 56 Community Schools in Baltimore County. The

program's goals and commitments include equity and inclusion, safe and supportive learning environments, family and community engagement, health and social supports, and college and career readiness education. If you are interested in learning more about Community Schools, visit the Coalition for Community Schools at <https://www.communityschools.org/>. You can also reach out directly to Lisa Norton at [LNorton@bcps.org](mailto:LNorton@bcps.org).



### Annual Event

The Student Support Network invites you to their annual fundraising event A Night for the Network – Library Edition on Friday, October 20th. It will be a fun evening of dining, drinks, and celebration at the Grand Lodge of Maryland in Cockeysville starting at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds from this event will get basic necessities (including books) into the hands of Baltimore County Public School students, where and when they need them.

The Student Support Network currently comprises 20 schools, with many schools on the waiting list. In each member school, we operate a Room of Support, which contains school supplies, clean clothing and Phys. Ed. uniforms, winter outerwear, backpacks, non-perishable food and fresh produce, personal care products, and more. Rooms of Support are operated by volunteers who stock and organize the room for students, and partner with school counselors, social workers, teachers, and administrators to identify and fulfill student needs. All of this great work and assistance requires funding from generous community members. For information about how to donate or buy tickets for the Night for the Network, visit their website at [StudentSupportNetwork.org](http://StudentSupportNetwork.org).



## HOLY CROSS Lutheran Preschool

**NOW ENROLLING for 2023/24**  
**2s • 3s • 4s**  
**and Toddler Playgroup**

[HolyCrossPreschoolTowson.org](http://HolyCrossPreschoolTowson.org)  
[director@holycrosstowson.org](mailto:director@holycrosstowson.org)

**SCHEDULE A TOUR 410.825.7905**

# LRV HOMES - Beauty In

**ALRV encourages investment in our LRV homes!** Just remember that exterior updates must be in accordance with the conformity and harmony of the original architectural plans, and that COVENANTS govern exterior updates.

**LOOKIN' GOOD!**



**OOPS - COVENANT PROBLEMS:**

(SEE CLUES ON THE RIGHT)



# In Uniformity.

**BE IN THE KNOW before you invest.** Guidelines booklets are available (paper and digital) in our SHOP at [LochRavenVillage.com](http://LochRavenVillage.com) - order or view online.



**CHECK OUT** these Covenant clues matched to the “Don’ts” illustration on the bottom of the page.

**A) Six on top, six on the bottom.**

If your replacement windows are missing the “grids”, snap-ins should be added.

**B) Don’t confuse Santa!** Black or dark gray roofing is the way to go to stay “on top” of covenant requirements.

**C) Put it on the back.** While satellite dishes are allowed - it’s best to place it to the back of the house to maintain curb-appeal.

**D) Color us impressed!** White or black is preferred, however ALRV also has several approved colors to choose from. Each door should be one, solid color.

**E) “Lean on” the original design** when it comes to railings. Black iron or black aluminum in the original design and thicknesses are required.

**F) For a flawless entrance,** concrete is the only material of choice for LRV front porches and steps.

**G) Of all the colors and styles,** black louvered is the only choice for LRV shutters.

**H) If you need more room to roam,** create plans to add onto the back. Adding off the front or side is not allowed within our covenants.

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# Events Calendar October — November

## ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

**October 11**  
**November 8**

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 p.m.

**Women in Engineering Panel** - Adult & Teen. Join us as we speak with five professional women engineers in a panel discussion. The panel will highlight discussions on engineering, including culture and job requirements, and will include topics related to the future of engineering, and ways in which we can increase the number of female engineers in the field. This panel will take place at Loch Raven Technical Academy: 8101 LaSalle Road, Towson MD 21286.  
Oct 11, 4:30 p.m.

**The Floor Is Lava STEM Challenge** - Elementary. The floor is lava! Using the materials provided, kids will work together to create structures to save small toys from the lava.  
Oct 20, 2:00 p.m.

### Lawyers in the Library Adult.

Maryland Legal Aid lawyers are on hand to offer free legal advice for eligible individuals. Please bring all relevant documents. Assistance is offered on a first-come, first-served basis to those eligible. For more information about Maryland Legal Aid and eligibility requirements, visit [mldab.org](http://mldab.org).  
Oct 25, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Indie Author Day:** Using Family History in Your Writing  
Adult. Baltimore author and poet Carole Boston Weatherford explores mining your family history to tell stories that are unique to your experience. Join the author for a presentation on writing techniques for any intended audience. Books sales and signings to follow the presentation.  
Nov 13, 6:30 p.m.

Baltimore Museum of Industry Presents:  
**Design It – Balls and Tracks**  
Elementary. Young engineers work together to build and test model roller coasters as they learn the basics of experimentation, observation and design. Space is limited; first come, first served.  
Nov 25, 2:00 p.m.

## CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

**Colorful Trees Hike** -- Ages 5+. Reds, yellows, and oranges ~ the colors of autumn! Join us for a hike to learn about your favorite leaves then make a leaf earth window craft with the prettiest leaves you can find!  
\$2 members/\$4 non-members  
Sunday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

**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!  
Registration required.  
Willow Grove Farm Gravel Parking Lot.  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT.  
Wednesdays, Starting September 6, 13, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25 at 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

**Polliwogs!** – Ages 2 to 5 with Adult. In this class, you and your little one will explore the natural world through hands-on activities, nature play, stories and crafts. Non-mobile siblings only, parent/guardian must be an active participant. This program will be held outdoors! Dress for the weather. \$60 members /\$80 non-members for 6 sessions. Register for ONE series only.  
Registration for this program is available ONLY through our on-line system. PARENTS MUST ATTEND PROGRAM WITH THEIR CHILD, BUT DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER.  
Wednesdays, September 13 to October 18 at 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

## VISIT THESE SITES FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT LOCAL EVENTS.

Loch Raven Library – [www.bcplonline.org](http://www.bcplonline.org)  
Cromwell Valley Park -- [https://cromwellvalleypark.org/event\\_calendar](https://cromwellvalleypark.org/event_calendar)  
Hampton Mansion National Historic Site -- <https://www.nps.gov/hamp/index.htm>



## Over The Fence

Marcia Smith of Pleasant Plains Rd. has birthday wishes to share: Happy birthday to friends and neighbors Renee Brown of Pleasant Plains Road on October 11th and her son Zach on October 7th. Also, happy birthday to my husband Gary Smith on November 5th and remembering our son James who would have turned 32 on November 11th.

## Holiday Decorating Contest

The ALRV reminds you to start planning for our annual Holiday Decorating Contest in December. Get those lights untangled and reindeer out of the attic! It's always fun to see the neighborhood lit up and festive. Thanks in advance for all you do to make LRV shine!

♥ TO SHOP? SHOPPING ♥ YOU!

**Multiple 2023 CRAFT SHOWS**  
HOMEMADE FOOD & UNIQUE BRANDS  
AND WE WANT TO MEET YOU!

IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
**VENDOR MEMBERS GROUP**  
**CRAFTS GALORE! Events**



**9AM-2PM**  
**OCT 21st**  
**NOV 11th**  
**DEC 2nd**

**FREE PUBLIC ADMISSION - OR -**  
**YOU CAN BRING A NON-PERISHABLE GOOD**  
**FOR THE FOOD BANK**

**2300 POT SPRING ROAD**  
**TIMONIUM, MARYLAND 21093**  
(NORTH OF TIMONIUM ROAD)

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"We used Tim Hodgkin's Guarantee Program to sell our home & he sold it. The level of attention and service was so high, we felt like we were his only client." - The Damareck Family



"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.



## ADVERTISE WITH US!

**Purchase your ad space**  
on the NEW LRV website:  
LochRavenVillage.com > SHOP > Village  
Crier Ad Space > Choose your ad type >  
Pay with Credit Card or PayPal

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seasonally) once paid and received by  
the editor. If your ad is time-sensitive,  
please contact the Crier editor for  
more information.



**Roger Smith** grew up in Loch Raven Village and was recently back in the area on a visit from his home in Oklahoma. He has been doing research on the history of the Loch Raven Village area and came to the ALRV room in the Loch Raven Center to peruse the old articles and newspaper clippings in our unofficial archives. It turned out to be quite a trip down memory lane since Mr. Smith had been a first-grade pupil in the same room when the building was Loch Raven Elementary School. Mr. Smith smiled and said, “I learned to read in this very corner.”

Among the interesting bits of information he shared was the fact that much of the property near the site of Pleasant Plains Elementary School was a farm called Pleasant Plains. There was a small lake on the property in the area of the school which the owners would utilize in the winter for cutting blocks of ice.

## Closing Cost Program

Did you know that Baltimore County can assist with the costs of purchasing a home?

The Settlement Expense Loan Program (SELP) provides assistance to low and moderate income, first-time homebuyers. The County can lend up to \$10,000 to income-eligible purchasers to help pay closing costs required in the purchase of an existing home within the designated Community Conservation Areas of Baltimore County.

Assistance from SELP is in the form of a deferred loan that is forgivable if the homeowner occupies the property as their principal residence during the period of affordability as required by the HOME Investment Partnerships Act regulations. The period of affordability is 15 years.

For more information about the SELP program visit <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/departments/housing/housing-opportunities/>.

## Please Note...

There will be no open ALRV meeting in December. We look forward to seeing you at the following meeting on January 10th!



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!