



MORE TREES FOR LRV!

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President's Letter

Dear neighbors,

The hazy, lazy days of summer are indeed upon us. However, this does not mean the work of your community association has slowed down. At the April general meeting we welcomed guest speakers Delegate Carl Jackson, Delegate Nick Allen, County Councilman Mike Ertel, and Lieutenant Steigen of the Towson Precinct of the Baltimore County Police Dept.

Our guests discussed many topics, including the recent general assembly



Flowers waiting to be planted in the Pleasant Plains Elementary garden which has undergone a major renovation. More photos on pages 4-6!

and county council sessions, juvenile crime, and speeding and traffic safety. Of note, county police will be increasing enforcement efforts to address traffic safety and Councilman Ertel announced that Dellsway, Drumwood, and Doxbury roads would be scheduled for repaving by this fall. A Q&A session with residents followed the presentations. Rodent abatement and code violations were notable areas of concern. Councilman Ertel, as requested by residents, will implement a community sweep this summer. ALRV does not have advanced notice of when this starts.

In addition, the board presented the annual budget and updates on some of the ongoing projects that ALRV is involved in – e.g., zoning and development along the Joppa Rd, Loch Raven Blvd. corridor and the Chick-Fil-A and Luskens Hill projects. As always, ALRV's goal is to represent the interests of and protect home values and quality of life for Village residents. ALRV does this by addressing development use and design, landscaping, lighting, traffic and school capacity impact, and adherence to county standards and principals. Residents should note that without ALRV representation there would be no voices speaking on behalf of Loch Raven Village with our community interests as a primary focus. Unfortunately, it is

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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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also necessary to reiterate that board members and committee chairs volunteer their time and regularly take on more than they would like simply because there are not enough people to spread the load. For anyone concerned that it is otherwise, I simply invite you to join a committee and see for yourself. If you have ideas, please attend a meeting and be prepared to volunteer your time along with us. Currently, there are eight board members and a handful of committee volunteers out of almost 1,500 homes.

Subsequent to the April meeting, ALRV met with two members of the Baltimore County department of transportation. ALRV presented a detailed map and discussed resident concerns with traffic safety and speeding around many areas of LRV. ALRV hopes this will be a first step in working with Baltimore County to develop a comprehensive and holistic solution to these concerns.

As per Del. Jackson's announcement at the April meeting, a community input meeting regarding the redevelopment of the Loch Raven Center was scheduled for later in the month. Thanks to all the residents who attended that initial presentation. This was a first step in the process of redeveloping the amazing resource that we have in our community.

In early June, ALRV and village residents joined with Councilman Ertel and Delegates Jackson and Allen for a community cleanup focusing on a couple of the alleyways. What a difference a few hours made! Thanks volunteers - it looked great!

The ALRV greening committee loves trees! ALRV is working with Baltimore County's tree planting program to increase the tree canopy around Loch Raven Village in the fall. A vibrant tree canopy both enhances the beauty of its

surroundings and helps keep it feeling cool! A valuable resource especially during these hot summer days. More details appear later in this newsletter.

Reminder that ALRV event updates are posted on the ALRV Facebook page. facebook.com/LochRavenVillage.

Wishing you a safe and happy summer,

Antoinette O'Donnell

President

Associates of Loch Raven Village, Inc.,



It's Time for Fireworks!

July 4th is upon us and that means a great fireworks display at the fields of Loch Raven Technical Academy. Grab a blanket and chair, your sparklers, some bug spray, and your family and head over to the field at dusk. The show starts at full dark. Make sure to send a donation to support next year's fireworks display! The show is totally funded by donations from citizens and area corporations, so every little bit helps. Go to www.towsonfireworks.com to donate. Enjoy the show!

Pleasant Plains Elementary School

PPES is a Green School, and as such, the Green School Committee has reinvigorated efforts to maintain the garden behind the school. Through the efforts of Committee Chair Veronica Dougherty and her many volunteers of staff, students, and community members, the garden has made an amazing transformation in the past few months! In the spring there were several gatherings of volunteers to clear weeds and debris and lay the groundwork for the grand plans of summer.

On June 21st, 25 volunteers from PPES and LRV, Rod McMillion from the BCPS Board of Education, and employees from Home Depot helped install 3 new pressure treated raised beds and planted three new fruit trees and several berry and grape bushes. Home Depot has provided a grant of \$3,700 for materials to keep the garden serving the community. The Holy Cross Lutheran Church teens group will be assisting with the garden starting in late July. The garden is open daily this summer from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Compost is accepted, however no sticks, wood, or animal products, please. Come visit the PPES garden and see how things are growing!



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Tree Program Coming Soon to LRV!

The County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability is preparing a comprehensive street tree planting plan that will affect the Loch Raven Village and Knettishall communities. We have lost many of the trees that were planted when the neighborhood was built, and our tree canopy is somewhat “bald.”

Trees play a vital role in cooling the neighborhood in the summer months and add curb appeal to our homes. It is imperative to increase the number of trees in the neighborhood. To that end, within the next several weeks, county staff will be surveying the neighborhoods to plot the locations for tree plantings in the verge (the green strip between the curb and the sidewalk).

They will consider the locations of water, sewer, county streetlights, power poles, and traffic signs as well as existing trees to determine new tree planting locations. Root barriers will be placed underground along the edge of the sidewalk to prevent roots from raising the sidewalk slabs. There is no cost to the owner for the street tree planting and the county will

be responsible for maintenance of the trees.

Trees will only be planted on county property (that is the public right of way) within the verge.

Trees will be spaced according to their growth habits and to accommodate the existing conditions.

The County does not require an entry agreement from residents because all planting will be on county property. Residents do not need to sign up or complete an application for tree plantings. However, if someone specifically wants a tree in front of their house along the street, they can contact Nick Linehan at lochravenvillagegreen@gmail.com. The County will present a preliminary plan to the ALRV board when it is ready, and residents will be notified a few weeks before planting begins.

Information about the program is available on the County Website <https://baltco-forestmanagement-bc-gis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/street-tree-replacement>.



Social Host Ordinance Reminder

The Social Host Ordinance covers rental properties in Towson. Landlords can be fined for disruptive behavior by tenants. If you are dealing with this problem, call 9-1-1 to report it. If the disruptive tenants are Towson University students, call 9-1-1 first to make a report and then call the Towson University LifeLine to report it to student life representatives at 410-704-5433.

Events Calendar — July-August

ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

July 10

(no meeting in August)

September 11

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

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

Summer Reading Challenge

Explore the wonderful world of books with this year's Summer Reading Challenge, "Adventure Begins at Your Library."

Children of all ages can join the challenge and log their reading on Beanstack or a paper game board. Read for 10 hours to pick up a completion prize and enter in prize drawings!

Saturday, June 1 - Saturday, August 31

Special Summer Programs @ Loch Raven

Go on an adventure this summer at the library by attending one of our many exciting programs where you can connect with others through science, art, culture, music and dance. Special programs include:

Danny Joe's Tree House

Monday, July 8, 2 - 3 pm

STEM Adventure with the Science Guys

Saturday, July 20, 2 - 3 pm

Animals and Their Habitats with

Cromwell Valley Park

Tuesday, July 30, 2 - 3 pm

Summer Lunches @ Loch Raven

Provided by Baltimore County Public Schools and USDA Summer Food Service Program, meals are available Monday through Friday for youth ages 18 and under and must be eaten in the branch. Monday - Friday, 12:30 - 1:30 pm, June 20 - August 16

Towson's Feet on the Street

Allegheny Ave from 6:30-9:30pm

Summer concert series by local bands happening the first Friday of the month - features a bar with a variety of beers, wines, & cocktails

July 5: Crushing Day

August 2: Weird Science

Towson Farmers' Market

Thursdays, 10:30am - 2:30pm

July: 11, 18, 25

August: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

September: 5, 12, 19, 26

Allegheny Ave. and Washington Ave.

Babcock Presbyterian Church

Tower Series Concerts

Beginnings!

September 15

Sean Brennan and Natanya Sheva Washer

Lyric soprano, Natanya Sheva Washer,

and guitarist, Sean Brennan, perform an

eclectic program of music ranging from

19th-century romanticism to modern

Brazilian jazz.

October 20

Voices Three

A selection of songs from a variety of times and styles - Renaissance to 21st century.

November 17

CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

Effective July 1, 2024, Baltimore County

Department of Recreation and Parks will

be handling registration of any programs

at Cromwell Valley Park. Please note

that these registration funds are not

automatically directed back to our

Cromwell Valley Park site but to a general

Recreation and Park fund for all Baltimore

County.

To register for an event, please go to

their CIVIC REC platform and search for

Cromwell Valley Park events. [https://](https://recandparks.baltimorecountymd.gov/MD/baltimore-co-md/catalog)

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Primitive Technology Weekend

Join us as we share knowledge and hands-

on experience in the replication of items

composed of stone, bone, wood, and natural

fibers. FREE EVENT

Saturday, October 12th - 10 am - 4 pm

Sunday, October 13th - 10 am - 1 pm

CAMPING: LIMITED camping is available

Friday, 10/11 and Saturday 10/12 ONLY.

Camping is \$5.00 per person. If you are

camping, please arrive by 8 pm.

All children under 18 must be accompanied

by an ADULT. Everyone must register for

camping online on Cromwell Valley Park's

registration site:

[https://cromwellvalleypark.](https://cromwellvalleypark.campbrainregistration.com/)

[campbrainregistration.com/](https://cromwellvalleypark.campbrainregistration.com/)

You will need to create an account and sign

the electronic waivers in order to camp.



Cleanup Day

June 1st was a “clean up day” in Loch Raven Village which resulted in major improvements to two alleys in the neighborhood. Pictured are the before and after photos of the alley behind Glen Ridge Road. Also “tidied up” was the alley between the last house on Pleasant Plains and the Giant Food property. This hot and sweaty work was done by volunteers from the ALRV, Councilman Mike Ertel, Delegates Carl Jackson and Nick Allen, staff members from the County Executive’s office and the Councilman’s office, and other LRV volunteers. Thank you all for giving up part of your Saturday to help make LRV look great!

Maintenance

Did you know that residents are responsible for cleaning leaves and debris out of the gutters in front of their homes where the curb meets the street? The county will sweep the gutters only once per year. Leaves and debris in the gutters can lead to backed up storm drains. When that happens water will back up into our homes!

Residents should also keep in mind that parking in the alleys is illegal. Residents can stop or stand a vehicle in the alley for a maximum of two hours for loading/unloading, washing, or making repairs. It is imperative that we park our cars only on the street so that emergency vehicles and sanitation trucks can get through the alleys. Also of vital importance is the speed with which we drive through the alleys. Children often play in the alley and there are numerous blind corners to encounter as we drive through. Let’s all drive like our children are playing there!



Before



After

Loch Raven Center Renovation

On April 29, Baltimore County Rec & Parks along with Delegate Jackson, discussed proposed upgrades to the Loch Raven Recreation Center.

Some of the changes include:

- New roof
- Upgraded lighting
- Resurfacing/restriping of basketball, tennis, & pickleball courts
- Improved football, softball/baseball fields
- Three new elevators and one handicap lift
- New program spaces to serve the surrounding community
- New commercial kitchen for community services
- ADA compliance

There are more ideas being considered by the county including possible new parking areas and landscaping. The redevelopment plan is in its early stages, and nothing has been set in stone yet. It is also important to note that given the building's status on the Baltimore County Landmark Preservation list, the improvement plan will retain the important historical features of the building's exterior Art Modern style. Please keep your eyes open for more meetings regarding this plan. The Loch Raven Center renovation will have impacts on the area and we all can give input into what we would like to see there.



Babcock Presbyterian Church Food Distribution

In February, Babcock began a food distribution program for those in need. Food is distributed the second and fourth Saturdays of the month, 10:00 a.m. --12:00 p.m., from the lower level of the Chapel. Every family receives a pre-packed set of food (2 grocery bags full), with larger families eligible to receive 2 sets. The bags are packed with a variety of non-perishable foods such as canned meat, vegetables, fruits, cereal, soups, rice, peanut butter and jelly, pasta and sauce, etc. When the program began, church volunteers were giving food to only 2 or 3 families, but as word has spread via Facebook, a banner in front of the church, and signs near the street on food distribution days, they have served an increasing number of families.

At the two distributions in June, food was given to 32 families! Most of the food is purchased from the Maryland Food Bank, but the church also relies on contributions from the congregation.

Donations from the community are always greatly appreciated, and if you are interested in making a contribution, please contact Jean Blair at jeanellen315@gmail.com. Babcock is grateful to be able to provide for neighbors in need!

Shopping Carts

If you see a shopping cart from a nearby store in the neighborhood, report it directly to Councilman Mike Ertel's office. Councilman Ertel's Field Coordinator will retrieve the cart and return it to the owner. Please note the exact address and type/color of the cart. You can email council6@baltimorecountymd.gov or call 410-887-3388. The Councilman is aware of the nuisance of finding a shopping cart on your property or in the alley. He is working with local shopping centers to try to deter this kind of theft.