

**CODE ENFORCEMENT COMING TO LRV!
ARE YOU READY? (See page 3 for details.)**

Holiday Decorating Winners

Thank you to all residents who decorated their homes for the holidays making the long, dark evenings of December bright and festive! It was very hard to choose winners - as always. Here are this year's standouts - as always. Here are this year's standouts. Each household will receive a gift card from the ALRV.

- 8522 Pleasant Plains Rd.
- 1567 Cottage Lane
- 1725 Glen Keith Rd.
- 1526 Glen Keith
- 1531 Doxbury
- 1605 Cottage
- 1708-1710 Kennoway (tandem)
- 8111 Clyde Bank
- 8200 Pleasant Plains Road
- 8533 Drumwood



Lovely lights and decorations brightened up this corner of Pleasant Plains Rd. and Dellsway Rd.



Santa, is that you? The rain delayed his visit, but Santa did indeed visit the neighborhood on December 19th. For more photos of his visit see page 4.

We wish all of our Loch Raven Village neighbors a healthy, happy, and fulfilling new year.



Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.

-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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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.”

Code Enforcement Sweep Coming Soon!!!

In an effort to help the older communities in Baltimore County to thrive and maintain their livability, Baltimore County Code Enforcement occasionally takes a more proactive approach to enforcing County regulations. Code Enforcement inspects properties for compliance with the zoning regulations, livability code, investment property maintenance regulations, rental housing, rat program and other laws relating to the use of existing property.

The ALRV has been informed that sometime after the first of the year, Loch Raven Village will see sweeps where code enforcement inspectors will visit and look for code violations. What do they look for? You can visit the Baltimore County Code Enforcement web site (<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeenforcement/index.html>) for a full explanation and Q&A but some of the violations they look for are livability code violations, such as:

- unsanitary or unsafe conditions
- rubbish/garbage not stored in trash receptacles, trash cans without lids
- unsound structural exterior
- defective roof, steps, chimney, windows, doors and fences

It may be a good time to check your property and take care of those little things that may have gotten away from you or escaped your attention.

Filing Code Enforcement Complaints

Are you tired of looking at neighboring homes with overgrown grass and shrubbery? Or a home with overflowing trash cans without lids? Or one with

piles of dog poop out back? Or another with junkyard conditions in their yard? Are you tired of the impact that illegal overcrowded, boarding-house type rentals—registered or unregistered—are having on your quality of life when the landlords don't seem to have to abide by any rules—such as no more than two unrelated individuals in a rental property?

Our Village board members are often contacted about these types of neighborhood conditions which should be reported to Baltimore County Code Enforcement. Since we do not have first-hand knowledge of the code violations, how the situation got to be that way, and any extenuating circumstances a code inspector should be aware of, it is important for residents to take the responsibility of reporting code violations themselves when at all possible.

Contact the Code Enforcement (CE) office at 410-887-3351. The CE officer you speak with may encourage you to file your complaint on-line (<https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Agencies/permits/codeenforcement/codecomplaint.html>.) Unfortunately, the most recent version of the on-line complaint website seems to be a drop-down menu that only allows a choice of one type of code violation per complaint, when there may be multiple issues you would prefer to address in one complaint. You do have the right to file a complaint via a phone call or, by email to paienforce@baltimorecountymd.gov. If you feel that your complaint is not being acted upon, contact Lionel van Dammelen, the Chief of Code Enforcement, at 410-887-3351 or contact your County Councilperson noted on the second page of this Crier. Take photos of the conditions listed in your complaint—time stamped if possible--in order to provide a record of what you are reporting.



Breakfast with Santa

The annual pancake breakfast with Santa sponsored by Babcock Presbyterian Church and the ALRV took place on December 1st. Many thanks to the volunteers from Babcock and the ALRV for providing a delicious, free breakfast and fun crafts for the neighborhood children to enjoy. Thanks also to Santa and Rudolph for attending the breakfast and visiting with the children!

Santa's Ride

Thank you to the folks at Providence Volunteer Fire Company for helping Santa tour LRV on December 19th. Santa took the time to talk to many neighborhood children who posed for photos in his beautiful sleigh. See you next year, Santa!



Pleasant Plains Elementary Calvert Hall

On December 18, representatives of the PTA, parents, and faculty members attended the BCPS Board of Education meeting to bring forward concerns regarding the overcrowding at the school. Seven out of the nine speakers at the meeting were there to discuss PPES. Among the items discussed was data such as this: The school was built in 1958 and had a small expansion in 1974. It has a state-rated capacity of 509 students but currently educates over 700 children (a 138% state-rated capacity increase). It is the third largest Title I elementary school in the county with a sizeable homeless and English-language-learner population. There are five portable classrooms on the property, and the current staffing model is not adequate to the demands of the increased enrollment that has occurred over the years.

Along with requesting more staff (including an additional assistant principal, an additional behavior interventionist, additional counselors/social workers, and additional clerical/office staff) to help meet the needs of the students, the PTA representatives also requested that the board take a renewed interest in the 2008 study which determined that PPES was one of the easiest schools to renovate and/or expand.

Just before the winter break began, we received news that the school will be receiving an additional behavior interventionist, now called a Social Emotional Learning Support (SEL) teacher and a part-time administrator. We will continue to provide updates on the situation at the school over the coming months. If you have questions about these issues please come to the next PTA meeting on February 12. (PTA meetings are on the second Tuesday of every month.)

The Calvert Hall Parents' Club will be hosting their annual Winter Bingo on Saturday, February 23 on Calvert Hall's campus. For more information and to purchase tickets visit, www.calverthall.com/parentsclub.

Calvert Hall's Competition Marching Band was named the 2018 USBands National Champions for the 3rd straight year! They also won caption awards for the best color guard, best music and best overall effect.

Calvert Hall won big at the Centennial Model UN Conference! John Moses '19, Brennan Kelly '19, & Thomas Poddle '20 won Best Delegate (1st place); Aidan Scible '20 & Joe Masterman '20 came in 2nd place; and Ryan Callahan '19 came in 3rd place.



The Pleasant Plains Elementary Kindness Tree was "blooming" with snowmen in the month of December. Each snowman represents an act of kindness by a student that has been noticed by another student or staff member. Each month the Kindness Club designs and cuts new shapes for the tree and leaves them in a basket nearby for all to use. Thank you Kindness Club!

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Missing Pets

by Leslea Knauff

BEFORE you lose your pet, get them microchipped. Most vets can do that and Baltimore County has a low cost (\$10) lifetime microchip service. It's available at the animal shelter at 13800 Manor Road, Baldwin MD 21013 Monday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. and on weekend days from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. You may be required to get a license at the same time and show proof of rabies vaccination—also available there. Altered pets licenses are \$7 and unaltered pets are \$17 (if owners are under 60) and \$11 (if owners are over 60 years of age.) Call 410-887-PAWS for details and to make an appointment.

TAKE PHOTOS! Take photos of your pets—front and side angles—so you have good likenesses of them to print on flyers and post on-line. Retake them periodically as your pets age. If your dog requires grooming, take similar photos showing the groomed and ungroomed likenesses of your dog—which can be dramatically different! There is also a new service, Finding Rover, that is designed to help find missing dogs and cats through virtual “facial” recognition. It's in its early stages and is currently being used by BARCS in Baltimore City.

Stray holds before an animal is available for adoption at various shelters may be heartbreakingly short, so be sure to call and visit them as quickly as possible to see if your pet is there. Take flyers with you; leave several; and ask staff to display them. Call back or visit every several days to make sure your pet did not get described incorrectly and not matched with the photos you have left.

If you have reason to believe that your pet was stolen, contact the police.

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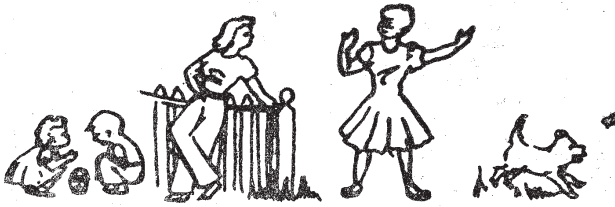
***NEW FRAMES**

***NEW FABRIC COVERS**

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OVER THE FENCE



Share your news with the Village Crier – welcome a new neighbor, wish someone a happy birthday, announce the birth of a child! Over the Fence is your opportunity to tell others what is going on in your part of the Village. Email lvrcriereditor@gmail.com.

On December 3 **Gary Herwig** of Loch Shiel Rd. was sworn into the Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. Congratulations Gary!

On Sunday, December 23, long time Loch Raven Village resident **Don Bindok** passed away. Don was an active community volunteer who coached girls softball back in the 1980's and was a supporter of ALRV and its projects. He was a regular COP driver and was often seen in his red Prius with dome lights flashing as he patrolled the neighborhood. Don was an avid Orioles and Ravens fan. He was a friendly, cheerful neighbor who always had time to stop and chat or say hello. As one neighbor said, "Don possessed an even, friendly personality and was always a pleasure to talk with. One was fortunate to have known Don." Rest In Peace, Mr. Bindok

Congratulations to **Joseph Baker** of Edgewood Rd. who has been named one of The Daily Record's 2018 Icon Honors. Winners were selected for long-standing commitment to the Maryland business community and significant professional accomplishments through innovation and leadership. Mr. Baker is a long-time faculty member of Calvert Hall and currently serves as the Chief Administrative Officer/Director of Advancement/Mathematics Faculty. He was honored at the Icon Honors award show in December 2018.

Neighbors and friends on Cottage Lane, Glen Keith and Pleasant Plains would like to express heartfelt condolences to the **Brune** family. Although George passed on November 26th, he will forever be a part of our alley family.



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OF THE VILLAGE CRIER
ON MARCH 9TH**



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COP News

According to the 6th Precinct Blotter Report, there have been reports of street robberies along Loch Raven Blvd. in late 2018. Mostly, they involve threats to victims and taking cell phones and wallets.

Street criminals look for an easy mark. Not necessarily the oldest or weakest, but the easiest. People who look preoccupied are at a greater risk of becoming a victim. No one consciously invites a robbery, but victims send signals that tell the assailant "I'm an easy target."

Walking with a fixed up or down gaze implies preoccupation. Acting distracted is one of the reasons why people are often victimized. Stand tall and walk confidently. Show you're alert by looking from side to side and scanning the area around you.

Using a cell phone or using an iPod while walking can be distracting and also tells a would-be robber that you have something of value! Many street robberies result in the theft of cell phones.

If someone threatens you with a weapon, give up your purse, wallet, or vehicle without hesitation. Your personal safety is far more important than your possessions.

Partial Source: Baltimore County Police Department

If you SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING, call 9-1-1 promptly!

Coming in April

A presentation on COP in Loch Raven Village by Officer Amanda Halley which will include a Q/A period. Look for an announcement in the March/April Crier!

Can You Give Us a Hand?

The ALRV is still looking for a volunteer to deliver The Village Crier to houses on Feldbrook Rd. There are 29 houses on the street. (You do not have to live on the street to volunteer!) Please contact Lois Herty at LoisHerty@msn.com if you need more information or want to offer to help. It's a great way to give to your community that doesn't take a lot of time (delivery is six times a year). Thank you for considering this volunteer opportunity!



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Events Calendar January— February

The Events Calendar provides a snapshot of upcoming activities in and around our community. For a complete list of activities at Loch Raven Library, visit: bcpnline.org/events/datelines-loch-raven. For more information on events at Cromwell Park visit info@cromwellvalleypark.org.

ALRV Board Meetings

January 9

February 13

March 13

7:00 p.m., Loch Raven Center

Contact: Nick Linehan

lochravenvillagegreen@gmail.com

Please note that the board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month.

LOCH RAVEN LIBRARY EVENTS

Preschool Story Time

Fridays 9:30 a.m.

Baby Story Time

Fridays 11:00 a.m.

Camp Library:

Guacamole by the Book

(under 8 with an adult)

Campers learn how to read a cookbook and nutrition labels and how to prepare a simple and healthy guacamole recipe.

January 15 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

True Treats: African American Confections

A candy historian from True Treats Historic Candy discusses the African American contribution to American confections from 1770-1900. Learn about the varied artistry of sweet creations as well as heroic tales of enslaved chefs. Participants receive a tasting bag of candy. This program is limited to 25 participants; registration required.

Registration begins on 1/25/2019 at 4:00 p.m.

February 1 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Amped Up – (under 8 with an adult)
CAPE Science presents a thrilling show about electricity and magnetism which includes activities for you!
Registration required.

Registration for this event begins on 2/9/2019 at 1:00 p.m.

February 16 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

Edible Greens & Pizza in Winter - All ages. Yes, there are edible plants found in the winter. Head out with a Naturalist to find them and use them for toppings on your pizza! Dress for the weather! \$4 members/\$6 non-members. Willow Grove Nature Center

January 19 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Visit our Nature Center Day! - All ages. Visit the Nature Center, enjoy the exhibits, visit with our animals, and have a cup of hot chocolate or coffee on us! Reservations **NOT** required. FREE! Willow Grove Nature Center

February 3 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Maple Sugaring Weekend – All ages.

Native people made sugar from the sap of our native maples. Join a Naturalist for this ongoing program to tap a tree, boil some sap and make a pancake. FREE! Reservations **NOT** required. Willow Grove Nature Center

February 23-24 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Loch Raven Campus Life

Middle School -- Mondays 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

High School – Tuesdays 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Babcock Presbyterian Church

Loch Raven Village Book Club

January 17

February 21

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Recycle Those Lights!

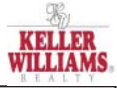
If, like many people, you are still working on dismantling your Christmas light displays, please keep in mind that strings of lights that no longer work can be recycled! Mom's Organic Market in Timonium (just off of York Rd. and Ridgely Rd.) will take them! They have a large bin inside their front doors where you can deposit broken strings of lights. They will be sent to a facility that crushes them and reuses the material. Mom's Organic Market will accept broken lights until January 31. So if you're heading out to Lutherville or Timonium in the next couple of weeks, drop off your broken Christmas lights instead of sending them to a landfill.



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