



## LOCH RAVEN CENTER NEWS

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### New Trees for LRV and PPES!

By Nick Linehan and Daniel South

On a cold and rainy morning in early May, over 50 volunteers attended a tree planting event at the Pleasant Plains Elementary School grounds. Thirty trees funded by a grant obtained by Blue Water Baltimore were planted along the perimeter of the athletic fields at Putty Hill Avenue and the upper ballfield. The attendees included groups from PPES, friends and family in memory of Guy Holliday, a Baltimore environmentalist who recently passed away, Curio Wellness and a boy scout troop.

Daniel South, a Loch Raven Village resident, and proud parent of two PPES students, approached Blue Water Baltimore in the Fall of 2019 to begin the discussion about a tree planting at PPES to beautify the school grounds, improve wildlife habitat, reduce runoff, and add shade to the playgrounds.

Darin Crew, BWB Senior Manager of Operations, began working with Daniel and PPES teacher Megan McFadden of the PPES "Go Green Club" to decide where to plant trees. Darin worked with the school and the County and received approval to plant trees along the perimeter of the fields. The tree planting was initially planned for spring 2020 but was delayed for a year due to COVID.

To top off this special event, Pikesville High School freshman Max Suchi presented PPES with three bird houses constructed with a 3D printer as part of his Hope 3D project ([www.hope3d.org](http://www.hope3d.org)). The birdhouses will be hung on the PPES grounds by Ms. McFadden and her students.

The tree planting at PPES consisted of trees native to Maryland forests. Native trees are often more adaptable to the local environment than exotic plants and better replicate the native habitat for local wildlife. Typical Maryland forests consist of large canopy trees like, Black Gum, Swamp White Oaks, Willow Oaks and Northern Red Oaks, Common Hackberries and smaller understory trees like American Hornbeams, Eastern Redbuds, and Green Hawthorns. All these plant species plus Virginia Pines make up the PPES planting and are great choices for tree plantings on LRV properties and streets.

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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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Another LRV tree planting success is underway with plantings planned along several Loch Raven Village streets that will further improve the community curb appeal and enhance the environment. Thirty Loch Raven Village residents took advantage of the Baltimore County Community Tree Planting program that was advertised this past winter in the Village Crier and LRV Facebook Page. This program is implemented by the Department of Environmental Sustainability and Protection. The county will plant shade trees in the curb-side green strips in front of the homes of participating residents, free of charge. This planting will also include different varieties of large native trees such as Oaks, Sugar Maples, Hackberry, Princeton Elms and Black Gums.

Planting 60 big trees this spring may sound like a lot of trees, but with a neighborhood of approximately 1,500 houses, Loch Raven Village has the capacity to do much more work to increase the community forest canopy to help benefit our lives and our community. Fortunately, over the past ten years there have been several Blue Water Baltimore Planting projects in Loch Raven Village. While some streets are well planted, others are not. If you walk or jog the neighborhood sidewalks this summer, you may discover large stretches without shade. Those uncomfortable hot spots contribute to the urban heat sink. The higher temperatures increase toxic ozone and increase health risks. However, tree shade can cool temperatures as much as 25 degrees F. With continued strides by volunteers and homeowners, planting trees will fill in the gaps, creating a consistent tree canopy that everyone in LRV can enjoy.

The benefits that these large canopy trees provide to our community are tremendous. For example, if we set a goal to plant three big canopy trees per building group of 6 houses, that would be 750 trees for the Village. That may sound like a lofty goal,

but there are neighborhoods in Towson that are planted at that density. When these trees grow to 12 inches in trunk diameter (less than half their mature size) they will reduce atmospheric carbon by 273,000 pounds. That is equivalent to one person driving 12,000 miles a year for 24 years. The same 750 trees will intercept 1,490,000 gallons of stormwater runoff, increasing rainwater infiltration and storage and reducing runoff and erosion. These are just a few examples how planting trees in Loch Raven Village can improve the environmental quality of the Chesapeake Bay and benefit the ecosystem worldwide. Planting trees is an affordable, low tech way to reduce your carbon footprint, beautify your property and increase your enjoyment of the outdoors.

We thank and congratulate all those who volunteered this spring for the school planting event and who enrolled in the Community Tree Planting Program. The local accomplishments we make by planting trees and picking up trash from our streets and stream banks has far-reaching benefits. Please consider joining your neighbors in these positive endeavors. If you would like to get involved, please contact the Associates of Loch Raven Village at [lochravenvillagegreen@gmail.com](mailto:lochravenvillagegreen@gmail.com).

Please also think about donating time or money to Blue Water Baltimore, a wonderful local non-profit whose mission is to support clean water and build strong communities through tree plantings. Please visit them at <https://bluewaterbaltimore.org>.

You can also contact the Baltimore County Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability for ongoing programs and grants.

For more information on the benefits of trees, please visit:  
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[www.isa-arbor.com](http://www.isa-arbor.com)

## President's Message

The ALRV Annual Meeting on April 14 was a great kick-off for the spring and summer months. We had a record number of residents in attendance by Zoom. Our guests, Councilpersons Cathy Bevins (6th District) and David Marks (5th District) briefed us on some of their recent accomplishments and listened to LRV concerns. Also in attendance was Stephen Lafferty, newly appointed Director of Planning and Community Conservation who is focused on the Department's number one priority, developing the 2030 Master Plan. Mr. Lafferty encourages interested residents to get involved in the planning process. A great place to start is to visit the County's Master Plan 2030 website, <https://masterplan2030-bc-gis.hub.arcgis.com>.

Some positive outcomes from the meeting were the inclusion into this year's County Budget by Councilperson Cathy Bevins for paving of Barksdale Rd., scheduled for this year's paving season (July 2021 through June 2022), and the addition of \$400,000 for building upgrades to the Loch Raven Center (former Loch Raven Elementary School). Councilperson Marks indicated that the LRV roads in his district are on the DPW list for paving work, schedule yet to be determined. ALRV will continue to advocate for the prioritization of Drummwood, Dellsway, Doxbury, Danway and Myamby Roads. However, hearing from the 300 plus property owners on these streets would bring the quickest results. Mr. Marks can be reached at [council5@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:council5@baltimorecountymd.gov).

A momentum of volunteerism was generated from the meeting that resulted in five new members joining the ALRV Board. We welcome and congratulate Tom Malstrom, Susan Fancher, Diane Davenport, Nicole (Cole) Bailey and Richard Brown. We look forward to the wonderful contributions they will make to the Village.

We want to thank Susan Redpath, board member for many years who will be leaving the Village for Florida. Susan organized special events like the Santa Breakfast, Halloween and Christmas

Decoration contests, and covered many secretarial and treasurer responsibilities. We will certainly miss her hard work and great contributions, but mostly her friendship.

There are redevelopment plans underway for the East Joppa Road properties. A car wash is proposed at the vacant Hooters, the Pizza Hut will be converted to an Arby's and a Chick Fil-A is proposed to replace the Bob Evans. The ALRV welcome your comments regarding these proposals and can be contacted at [lochravenvillagegreen@gmail.com](mailto:lochravenvillagegreen@gmail.com).

Have a fun and safe summer and remember to be kind to your neighbors.

Nick Linehan

## Towson Circulator to Start in Fall

The Towson Circulator will be a localized transit service, which will provide public transportation to Towson's core destinations and main attractions. The Towson Circulator will complement existing MTA service by providing more frequent stops and will better connect residents with surrounding major anchors, including Greater Baltimore Medical Center, Goucher College, Sheppard Pratt Health Systems, St. Joseph Medical Center, Towson University, and retail destinations. The Towson Circulator pilot will be free for all riders and is expected to begin in the fall of 2021.

According to Councilman David Marks, the Towson Circulator is fully funded in the Fiscal Year 2022 Baltimore County budget, and the County Council is expected to approve funding in July to Dillon's Bus Service for operations. Stops will also be announced in July; there has been considerable interest in a stop near Towson Place.

Baltimore County has already purchased 12 vehicles with a capacity of 25 passengers each.

The Circulator would operate between 7 a.m. and 10 p.m. on weekdays, and between 10 a.m. and 10 p.m. on Saturdays, with no Sunday service. During the ongoing planning process, including consideration of community input, proposed hours may be adjusted.

### Loch Raven Academy

LRTA is so proud to have made national headlines in early May when what started as a project in the Law and Finance Magnet program became a sweeping announcement by Governor Hogan that he was issuing posthumous pardons for thirty-four Black men and boys lynched in Maryland between 1854 and 1933. As explained by Michelle St. Pierre, Magnet Coordinator and Social Studies Department Chairperson, the project for her students began after a discussion with Jennifer Liles, a public historian who works with the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project, who realized that Howard Cooper, a lynching victim, was a juvenile at the time of his murder. Cooper was a 15-year-old boy who in 1885 was dragged from the Baltimore County jail and hanged while his criminal case was pending before the U.S. Supreme Court. Ms. Liles presented her information to the 8th graders

studying juvenile justice. From there, students made plans for a historical marker and a request for a posthumous pardon for Mr. Cooper after researching the idea of due process and violations of it. There were many steps along the way – interrupted by the pandemic – but the students felt compelled to civic action. In the beginning of this year, Ms. St. Pierre collaborated with the Maryland Lynching Memorial Project to draft a letter to the Governor to encourage a pardon. The students also came up with their own petition and acquired signatures. This led Governor Hogan to review all the cases of lynchings in the state during that time period. How heartening it must have been for the students to have been active participants in a historical decision. In the words of Principal Stacey Johnson, “It was wonderful for them to see that their voices were heard, and that action took place based upon their efforts.”

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*Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan, far right, Baltimore County Executive John Olszewski and Maryland House Speaker Adrienne Jones stand next to a new historic marker in Towson that memorializes Howard Cooper.*



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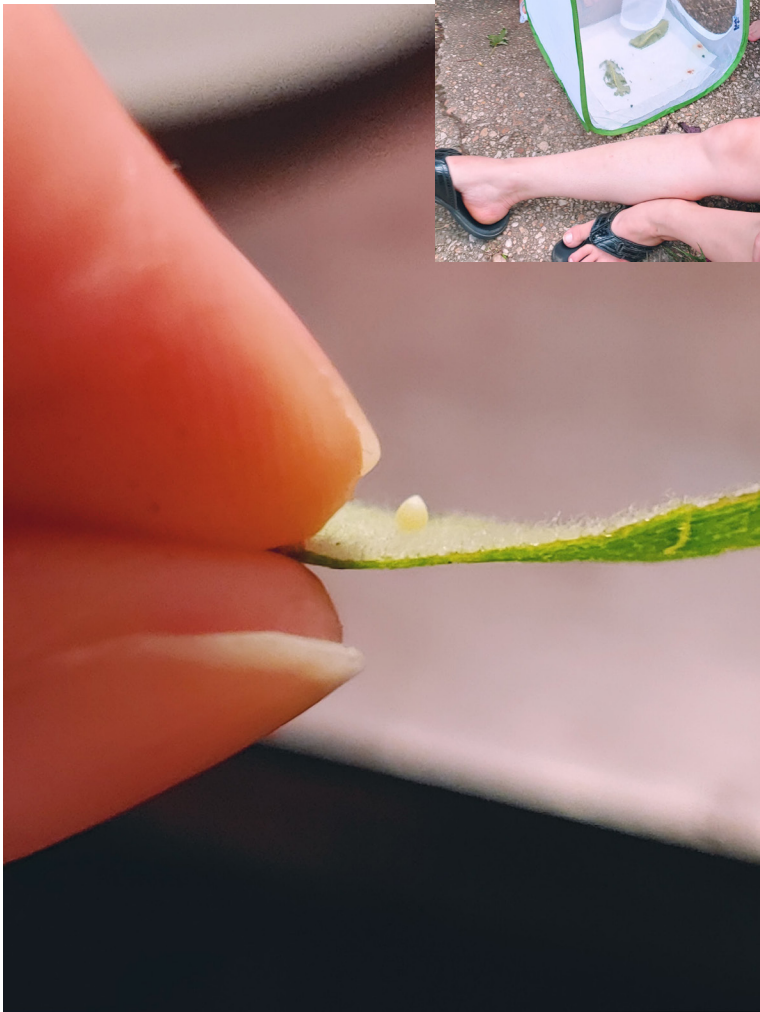
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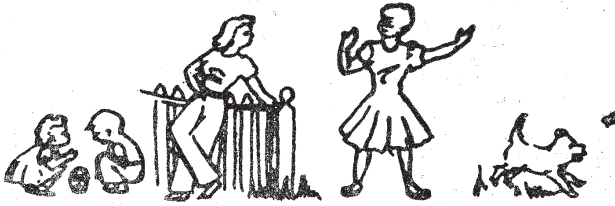
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## OVER THE FENCE



*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 [lrvcrieditor@gmail.com](mailto:lrvcrieditor@gmail.com).*

It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to longtime resident **John C. Kelly**, who passed away on June 6. Many will remember John as the chair of our Citizens on Patrol group. He often rode his bike (in his yellow vest!) and patrolled our community, waving to folks, saying hello, and generally spreading good cheer along the way. John and his wife Carol raised their family here in LRV. After retirement, he could often be seen walking his beloved dog, Minnie the Daschund and more recently, a French Bulldog. Our deepest condolences to his wife Carol and all their family. Rest in peace, John, and thank you for all that you did for our community.

Congratulations to **Kris Mussman** of Kirkwall Ct, on graduating from Loch Raven High! Kris will spend next year as an exchange student in Helsinki, Finland. Congrats, too, to Kris's parents who will finally have no children in the BCPS system after 22 years! It's been a good run.

Adam and Maddy Moore of Barksdale Road are excited to announce the birth of their daughter, **Atessa Agnes Moore**, who made her arrival on May 18th. So far, Atessa's favorite thing is going for walks through LRV!

Congratulations to **Michael Guntzel** of Clyde Bank Rd. for completing his 10th grade year at Dulaney High School. Keep up the great work, Michael!

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## Crier Delivery Volunteers Needed!

We are in need of two volunteers to take over a couple of The Village Crier delivery routes. One person is needed to deliver to Clyde Bank Road (43 houses) and another volunteer is needed for Drumwood Road (70 houses). This is a great way to help out your neighborhood without a big expenditure of time. You can even do it while walking the dog! Please contact Lois Herty at [LoisHerty@msn.com](mailto:LoisHerty@msn.com). Thank you!



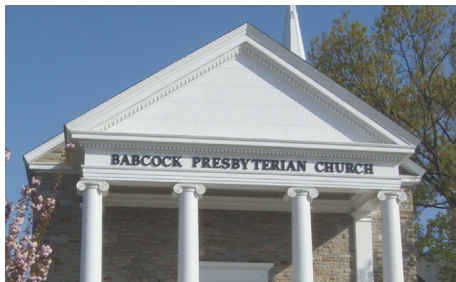


## News from Babcock Church

Babcock Church welcomes our new pastor, Rev. Dr. Glen C. Misick. Rev. Misick received his Master of Divinity from Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, NJ, in 1979 and his Doctor of Ministry from Drew University, Madison, NJ, in 1995. He has served many churches in New York and New Jersey, with people from diverse ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds. We are thrilled to have Dr. Misick bring his 40 years of pastoral ministry, community outreach and leadership development to Loch Raven Village.



We welcome you on Sunday mornings, 10:00 am, to worship and to get to know Rev. Misick. For now, we continue to worship remotely, via Zoom, at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4108253314?pwd=eIVqUVBMBDFLM1V3a2RMOSTvSDhGdz09>. For questions or to get a code for the zoom church meetings please call the office at 410-821-3314.



## No fireworks at LRTA

Sadly, due to the pandemic, there will be no fireworks at Loch Raven Academy this July 4th. For the past few years, the fireworks have been sponsored by the Towson Communities Alliance. This year the TCA found too many roadblocks and regretfully announced that they cannot sponsor the event. This fun and long-standing tradition is a complex event to plan and requires a commitment in March by the sponsoring entity to sign a contract with the fireworks company. In this case, the TCA could not be sure that the county would issue a gathering permit and if the school system would grant use of the property. There were also uncertainties that the insurance would be available for the event this year given the unusual circumstances. Hopefully, next year we will celebrate Independence Day with a wonderful fireworks display. Stay tuned throughout the year for ways to donate and help.

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*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: [bcplonline.org/events/datelines-loch-raven](http://bcplonline.org/events/datelines-loch-raven). For more information on events at Cromwell Park visit [info@cromwellvalleypark.org](mailto:info@cromwellvalleypark.org).*

## ALRV BOARD MEETINGS

At this time board meetings are being held virtually, via Zoom. They are held the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. Residents are encouraged to attend. Please email Gary Herwig at [garysherwig@hotmail.com](mailto:garysherwig@hotmail.com) prior to 3:00 p.m. with your name and street address so that he knows you wish to be let into the meeting and he can give you the access codes.

July 14

August 11

September 8

## BALT. COUNTY LIBRARY EVENTS

Baltimore County Public Library will open for limited, in-person browsing. Eighteen branches will open to the public and the library's popular curbside service option will remain in place indefinitely. Extended loan fees will continue to be waived indefinitely. All visitors are encouraged, but not required, to wear masks. New public browsing hours will be Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Books and Conversation

Join us for an engaging conversation! Share thoughts and ideas about what you've been reading lately and learn about new books from our librarians. Registration closes one hour before the start of the program. A valid email address is needed at registration to send a Zoom link to the program 30 minutes before scheduled start.

June 23 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Save Sight Word Sam

Take turns guessing the secret word with librarian Meghan in this fun game to practice sight word knowledge. You'll be a sight word superhero in no time. Registration closes one hour before the start of the program. A valid email address is needed at registration to send a Zoom link to the program 30 minutes before scheduled start.

June 23 & 30 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

## Recess: Show & Tell

Elem. Age (6-11). Join other kids for free play, free time, free talk and an opportunity to socialize and have fun. This week, we have a show and tell and invite you to share too! Registration closes one hour before the start of the program. A valid email address is needed at registration to send a Zoom link to the program 30 minutes before scheduled start.

Wednesdays and Fridays

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

## CROMWELL PARK EVENTS

All events require registration unless otherwise noted. Visit [cromwellvalleypark.org](http://cromwellvalleypark.org) to register and to see many more events!

## Animal Adaptations for Summer --

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July 3 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

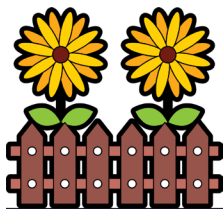
**Berry-Licious -- Ages 5+.** Wild berries are ripe for the picking! Join a Naturalist as we forage for berries to make berry shortcakes in our Earth Oven. BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. \$5

July 10 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Owl Prowl -- Ages 8+.** Learn about these nighttime birds of prey and hike with a Naturalist to hopefully hear their nocturnal calls. Wear dark clothing and sturdy shoes. BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN MUST REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT. \$4

August 27 8:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.





## Good Fences Make Good Neighbors

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If you are planning to build any of these structures, please send your plans, and building proposals to [lochravenvillagecovenants@gmail.com](mailto:lochravenvillagecovenants@gmail.com). An application form can be downloaded from the LRV website, [lochravenvillage.com](http://lochravenvillage.com). Typical application information for fences includes a location plan showing the fence location and dimensions from the property lines and house walls, a drawing or photograph of fence style, materials, stain or paint color, and height. Fences may not exceed six (6) feet in height and are not permitted in the front of any home in Loch Raven Village. Refer to the website for more details.

In addition to the LRV Covenant Review, the homeowner is responsible

for obtaining building permits from the Baltimore County Department of Permits for fences, decks, sunrooms, building additions, garages, and sheds over 120 square feet in size. Regarding fences, the County requires a permit for any fence over 42 inches high.

According to Baltimore County Zoning Code: on a corner lot, no fence or other obstruction to vision is permitted higher than three feet within 25 feet of the corner of the two streets, 15 feet of a street and alley, and 10 feet of two alleys. A residential fence in a side or rear yard which adjoins a residential front yard cannot exceed 42 inches if it is setback zero to 10 feet, 48 inches if setback 10 to 20 feet, 60 inches if setback 20 to 30 feet, and if setback over 30 feet, there is no height limit. Required pool fences and houses more than 200 feet apart are exceptions. Applications for fences can be applied for in person in the County Office Building, Room 111, 111 West Chesapeake Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204. Additional information can be accessed by visiting or calling Zoning Review at 410-887-3391.

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