



# THE LRIA NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the LOCH RAVEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

FALL EDITION 2020

## Community Association Meetings

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic, our regularly scheduled community meetings have been temporarily disrupted.

### Next Meeting:

Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
7pm

Please check our website

[www.LRIA.org](http://www.LRIA.org)

regularly for updates regarding virtual and/or in-person meetings.

All Residents Welcome

## 2020-2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE CONTINUES

Even in the midst of the current, global Covid-19 pandemic, civic engagement and community investment is still a responsibility of every citizen and a key to strong neighborhoods. And while many people take living in a great community for granted, it actually takes dedicated residents to keep a neighborhood strong and stable.

The Loch Raven Improvement Association extends a sincere "Thank You" to all residents who continue to support our efforts to maintain and improve the quality of life in our community. But we are asking for more residents to get involved!

While the LRIA continues its mission to preserve property values, promote high residential standards, and maintain an extraordinary living space, we are still a self-sustaining, non-profit organization that relies on membership dues as a primary method to generate funds.

If you haven't already, please take a moment to complete the attached membership form and forward, along with your **\$20.00 annual membership dues**, to the LRIA.

**YOU MAY NOW ALSO USE OUR ONLINE DONATION FORM at:**

[www.LRIA.org/DuesPayment](http://www.LRIA.org/DuesPayment)

All funds are fully reinvested back into the community.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

In Loving Memory of

**MALIK MOSLEY**

LRIA President 2003-2020



17 years of dedicated and unwavering sacrifice and commitment to the Loch Raven neighborhood.

To a stalwart community leader and gentleman of deepest compassion and humility,  
**WE THANK YOU, MALIK!**

Business and correspondence to:

**LRIA**

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Baltimore, MD 21239

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ASSOCIATION@hotmail.com

[www.LRIA.org](http://www.LRIA.org)

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

As we transition away from the hand-delivered distribution of our newsletter, we invite all residents to sign-up for digital newsletter editions, slated to launch early 2021. Please visit [www.LRIA.org/ContactUs](http://www.LRIA.org/ContactUs) to provide your email address, and to stay current with activities and matters that affect our community.

### CONVERSATION WITH PARK RAVEN APARTMENTS

The LRIA Executive Board has established ongoing dialogue with Park Raven Apts, regarding issues of on-site illegal dumping and uncollected bulk trash, abandoned vehicles, negligent pet ownership, distribution and use of narcotics, and illegal use of grills and fireworks. For issues detrimental to our community, residents are urged to use the 911 and 311 call networks to establish a record of calls-for-service. Please use "Park Raven Apartments" in all communications.

### NEW BUSINESS VENTURE: TRU LUV MANAGEMENT, LC

Tru Luv Management, LC, a residential, low-intensity behavioral health provider, has received licensure to establish a business entity in the 1600 block Sherwood Avenue, for the purposes of providing services for substance use disorder. With concerted oversight from the Behavioral Health System and the Maryland Department of Health, we expect full regulatory compliance at all levels, in order that our neighbors remain minimally impacted by these services. **THE LRIA WILL BE MONITORING!**

### 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

Governor Hogan has declared that Maryland will have an in-person election in November and you must request a mail-in ballot if you don't want to go the polls. Need information on voter registration? Where to vote? Want to become an Election Judge?

**NEED A MAIL-IN BALLOT?** Go to [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov)

**GOING TO THE POLLS?** (Remember – your regular polling place may be CLOSED)  
Check locations before you go!

•Early Voting - Monday, October 26, 2020 - Monday, November 2, 2020, 7am - 8pm

•Election Day – Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 7am - 8pm.

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## LRIA MEMBERSHIP FORM

\* Please submit this form with your **\$20.00** membership payment at the LRIA General Meeting or forward by U.S. Mail to:

**LRIA, P.O. Box 66226, Baltimore, MD 21239**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Renewal? Y N or First-time Membership? Y N

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone / Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS**

If you are interested in joining our **LRIA EXECUTIVE BOARD** or any one of our **ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES**, please drop us a line on our website "Committees" page.

If you are community-oriented and have a passion for "getting involved" for a better neighborhood, we would love to hear from you

**DONATIONS GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED**

Immanuel Lutheran Church Compassion Center 5701 Loch Raven Blvd. continues to collect non-perishable food items, gently used clothing, and household items for the underserved.

Donations can be delivered directly to the Compassion Center on Saturdays between the hours of 10am and 2pm.

**OPERATION CRIMEWATCH**



Residents are encouraged to apply for a confidential CrimeWatch / BlockWatch number that can be used to report crime anonymously.

When calling the 911 operator, you simply provide an ID number instead of your name, thus protecting your personal identity.

Forms and instructions are available for download by visiting our website, under our Public Safety tab.

**MAYOR YOUNG ISSUES CALL TO ACTION FOR RESIDENTS TO COMPLETE THE 2020 CENSUS**

On August 3, 2020, the U.S. Census announced they would reduce their previously expanded response timeline due to pressure from the White House. All follow up efforts will conclude by September 30<sup>th</sup> instead of October 31<sup>st</sup>. Since April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, only 53% of Baltimore households have completed their Census questionnaire.

Historically, Baltimore is undercounted, which leads to underrepresentation and reduced federal funding. Responses to the Census will inform how more than \$675 billion in public funding flows into community services, health clinics, etc. and also impacts representation in Congress, the Maryland General Assembly, and City Council.

The Census count is critical to Baltimore's future. Do your part in completing the Census.

Residents may complete the census questionnaire online at: <https://my2020census.gov>

**BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SLOW STREETS PROGRAM**

In May 2020, the Baltimore City Council passed a bill to mandate a minimum of 25-miles of Slow Streets in Baltimore City. The program is intended to support safe, essential physical activity by creating more space for social distancing in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Slow Streets will implement temporary "Road Closed: Local Traffic Only" soft closure barriers, so that people can more comfortably use these low-traffic streets for physically distant walking, wheelchair rolling, jogging, and biking across the city.

Even though Sherwood Avenue, from Loch Raven Blvd. to Hillen Road, was identified as a potential Slow Street closure, the LRIA respectfully opposed this recommendation, as we felt the planned activities were not conducive to closing a major roadway in our neighborhood.

**COMMUNITY REMINDERS!!**



- **CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION.** Please take this health crisis seriously and stay safe. During these unprecedented times, always wear an appropriate face covering, wash your hands, practice social distancing, and avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - **TRASH & DEBRIS.** Please pick up trash and debris where you live and maintain your property in a clean and sanitary manner at all times. This includes your portion of the alley and the curb in front of your residence. Please place all garbage IN trash cans.
- If you require bulk trash removal during this period of service disruptions, please take all items to Baltimore's Eastside Sanitation/Recycling Yard at 6101 Bowleys Lane. Be advised, Baltimore City Code Enforcement continues to issue citations for non-compliance.
- **RETRIEVAL OF TRASH CANS.** It is each resident's responsibility to remove your trash can(s) from the alley or public right-of-way within 24 hours after trash collection. If your cans are *not* removed from the alleyway, property owners can receive a citation for negligence.
  - **ILLEGAL PARKING.** Please call 311 to report all illegally parked vehicles. This includes vehicles blocking the alley, parked against the flow of traffic, parked on dirt or grass, parked over 48 hours without moving, and commercial vehicles parked in a residential area. And now with more and more individuals double-parking, and parking more than twelve inches from the curb to impede traffic, reporting these violations has increased importance.
  - **ANIMAL CONTROL.** If you are a pet owner, **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG!** Also, if you routinely walk your dog, you are required to leash your animal while in public. Please also ensure that your dog does not bark continuously to disturb the peace. Residents should report all non-compliant pet owners to Animal Control by **calling 311**.
  - **CAR THEFT.** Be aware of car thieves and an increase in reported car larcenies in our area. Always lock your vehicle and remove valuables, **AND NEVER LEAVE YOUR VEHICLE RUNNING UNATTENDED!** Be observant... If you see individuals pulling on car door handles, or systematically looking into vehicles, please **CALL 911 immediately**. We **MUST** look out for one another!

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**LRIA MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**THANK YOU**

I am also interested in joining the following committees: (check all that apply)

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| Membership  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Restoration        | <input type="checkbox"/> | Newsletter           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> | Neighborhood Watch | <input type="checkbox"/> | Housing & Sanitation | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**THANK YOU**

Please include contact information on reverse side and submit with your dues payment to:  
Loch Raven Improvement Association, Inc.

Also visit us at [www.LRIA.org](http://www.LRIA.org) for online payments and committee registration