



# THE LRIA NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the LOCH RAVEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.

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## Community Association Meetings

The Loch Raven Improvement Association meets the third Tuesday of every month, with the exception of August and December.

### Upcoming Meetings:

**March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

**May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Good Samaritan Hospital  
5601 Loch Raven Boulevard  
Parker Conference  
Rooms 3 and 4  
7:00pm

MARCH SPECIAL GUEST:

**Code Enforcement**

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES NOW BEING ACCEPTED**

The Loch Raven Improvement Association, Inc. (LRIA) is a self-sustaining, non-profit community organization that works extremely hard to keep our neighborhood safe, clean, and strong. We are calling on all residents to show support for your community by forwarding your **\$20 membership dues** today!

Maintaining a membership in the LRIA is one easy way to express your proactive commitment, that you are supporting an effort to preserve and stimulate property values, promote superior standards of sanitation and neighborhood health, and support legislation that combats crime and nuisance behavior. The more we grow our membership base, the more we're able to have a positive impact on our community.

Annual membership dues are only **\$20 per household**, and your contribution is directly reinvested back into the community. Restoration projects, neighborhood events, distribution of a community newsletter, and maintaining a telephone hotline and postal lockbox, are just a few of the many endeavors in which we are currently engaged.

**Residents are encouraged to help keep our neighborhood strong!**

Please show your support by forwarding your \$20 payment to the LRIA business office or by making payment at any Community Association Meeting.

**THANK YOU AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Are You Registered to Vote?



### Important Dates to Remember

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**

Last day to register for Primary Election, by 5pm

**April 16<sup>th</sup> – April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Early Voting  
10am to 8pm

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Primary Election Day  
7am to 8pm

For additional voter information, please call:  
**410-396-5550.**

Business and correspondence to:

**LRIA**  
P.O. Box 66226  
Baltimore, MD 21239  
410-435-5577  
www.LRIA.org

THELOCHRAVENIMPROVEMENT  
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## In The Community...



### 4<sup>th</sup> DISTRICT CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES DEBATE

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Immanuel Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall, 5701 Loch Raven Blvd., 7pm-9pm.** All residents are invited to attend this forum, as candidates for the 4<sup>th</sup> District City Council seat, square-off on topics of interest and receive questions from the audience. Event sponsored by The League of Women Voters of Baltimore City and the Northeast Community Organization.

### LRIA WEBSITE

The LRIA.org website has been temporarily disabled while we seek permanent solutions to a technical glitch. We hope to have the site restored as quickly as possible, in order to bring you all of the latest news and developments within our community.

### COMMUNITY-WIDE HOUSING INSPECTIONS COMING SOON!

*Is your residence inspection ready?* Please be advised that all 1200 homes in our catchment area will be surveyed soon, with the appropriate enforcement actions being initiated for issues relating to trash, litter and debris on your property, bulk trash items, derelict vehicles, broken walkways and dilapidated structures, overgrown grass and weeds, and encroachment of trees and bushes in the public right-of-way. Citations may also be issued for non-compliance of retrieving your trash cans from the alley, and failure to erect an address marker at the rear of your property.

### IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Immanuel Lutheran Church Front Lawn, 5701 Loch Raven Blvd, 11am.** Come one, come all... and bring the kids to this annual Easter event. Candy-filled plastic eggs will be hidden on the front lawn, and then let the hunt begin! Collection baskets will be available.

### MAYOR'S 2020 SPRING CLEAN-UP EVENT

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:30am. Volunteers Needed!** Grab your work gloves and join us for our annual participation in the Mayor's Spring Clean-up. We will be laying mulch and cleaning the areas around our three community signs. Please meetup at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 5701 Loch Raven Blvd., upper parking lot. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

### SAFETY ADVISORY

Car larcenies and property crimes usually increase during warmer months. We are counting on you to be the eyes and ears of our neighborhood.

Always lock your vehicle, and remove valuables!

Always watch out for your neighbors!

If you observe criminal activity in any part of our neighborhood, **call 911.**

### FREE TAX PREPARATION

If you made \$56,000 or less last year, you may qualify for FREE tax preparation.

The **CASH Campaign of Maryland** offers IRS-trained and certified volunteers who are also available to assist with questions about the Earned Income Tax Credit (federal and state).

To schedule an appointment, please call 410-234-8008, or visit [cashmd.org](http://cashmd.org) for more information.

### RECYCLING NEWS!

#### DO NOT USE PLASTIC BAGS FOR RECYCLING



Plastic bags jam the machines at the recycling processing plant.

If you use plastic bags to collect recyclables, please be sure to empty the contents into a bin or paper bag before setting it out for collection.

## SPRING REMINDERS!!



- **NOISE NUISANCES / DISTURBING THE PEACE.** While the LRIA respects everyone's right to personal enjoyment, we do NOT condone activities that disturb the peace. Please be considerate of your neighbors and **DON'T BLAST YOUR MUSIC!** With everyone's help, we all can enjoy the great outdoors without offending others or being offended. If noise nuisances are in fact a problem, residents have an absolute right to call 911.
- **PARKING ENFORCEMENT.** Situations involving vehicles that are double-parked, parked against the flow of traffic, blocking the alley, parked in "No Parking" or "No Stopping" zones, parked or stored on the street for over 48-hours, abandoned or parked without tags or expired tags, and/or commercial vehicles parked in a residential neighborhood, can all be addressed by calling 311.
- **ILLEGAL DIRT BIKES.** Dirt bikes and similar type vehicles are ILLEGAL in Baltimore City. If you have information on the illegal use and/or storage of dirt bikes in our community, please call 911 or text a tip, picture, or leave a voicemail at 443-902-4474. You can also email that same information to [dirtbiketips@baltimorepolice.org](mailto:dirtbiketips@baltimorepolice.org).
- **PORTABLE BASKETBALL RIMS.** These devices should NOT be placed or used in any public right-of-way, including alleyways. Residents are encouraged to find alternative recreational venues for this type of activity. Call 911 to report the misuse of these rims.
- **ANIMAL CONTROL.** Pet owners... please ensure that you clean up after your pet(s), that your pet is properly restrained in your yard *and* in public, and that your pet does not bark continuously to disturb the peace. Call Animal Control, at 311, to report animal concerns.
- **ILLEGAL DUMPING.** Illegal dumping is the most disrespectful sanitation violations to any community. If you observe illegal dumping, please call 911 immediately and provide as much vehicle and/or occupant information as you can. You may remain anonymous.
- **ILLEGAL SIGN POSTINGS.** Signs, such as "We Buy Houses", and erected onto light poles and other city fixtures, are illegal and punishable by a \$500 environmental citation. We encourage residents NOT to post illegal signs in our neighborhood and to report all illegal sign postings to the City's One Call Center at 311.
- **NEIGHBORHOOD DRUG ACTIVITY.** BE FULLY ADVISED! If you are engaged in the sale, use, distribution, storage, or transport of illegal substances, the LRIA will report all such activity to the Baltimore City Police Drug Unit for investigation. We strongly encourage ALL residents to do the same. **CALL 911...You may remain anonymous!**

## Community Health & Wellness

### Stress is the body's physical, mental, or emotional response to stimuli.

Stress is a normal part of life that could be a response to changes in one's life or environment. Some short term stress can be life-saving (i.e. getting out of a danger), but many of us live in a near constant state of stress. Unlike short term stress which can be protective, constant or chronic stress can be harmful. Research has linked chronic stress with high blood pressure, clogged arteries, obesity, poor sleep, and brain changes linked to anxiety, depression, and addiction.

In an effort to encourage a healthy community, the Loch Raven Improvement Association will be starting a "**Stress Less**" Challenge. Participants who engage in 15+ minutes of stress lowering activities (laughing, meditating, exercise, etc.), 4+ days per week for 3+ weeks will be entered to win a prize pack!

If you are interested in participating or would like more details, please text [Dena](tel:443-267-8380) at 443-267-8380.

You can read more about stress here at:

<https://www.health.harvard.edu/staying-healthy/understanding-the-stress-response>

**HERE'S TO STRESSING LESS AND LIVING MORE!**