

# THE LRIA NEWS

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the LOCH RAVEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.  
2018

SPRING EDITION

## 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 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018

May 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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

**All Residents Welcome**

## LRIA Crime Advisory

An overwhelming majority of criminal incidents in our area, are a result of auto larcenies.

This involves individuals walking the area, pulling on door handles, and then "cashing in" on unlocked vehicles.

Always remember to lock your vehicle and remove all items of significant value.

## LRIA Get Involved!

If you observe suspicious activity or information on 410-465-3747 committing these crimes, please call 911.

THE LOCH RAVEN IMPROVEMENT  
ASSOCIATION @hotmail.com

## OUR NEW WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED!!!

That's right... our newly designed website, [www.LRIA.org](http://www.LRIA.org), now provides links to all of the information you need to orient yourself to our neighborhood and find answers to many inquiries you may have.

The Loch Raven Improvement Association neighborhood is a dynamic community that is well-positioned for the future. As we continue our mission to keep our neighborhood safe, clean and strong, the LRIA Executive Board and community members work diligently to provide residents and future generations an outstanding quality of life.

The LRIA encourages membership that is actively involved in the community by joining at least one of the committees that exists to serve and improve our lifestyle. Active participation by members of our neighborhood will continue a long tradition of community service and socially responsible practices.

**Get involved and enjoy what is the Loch Raven Improvement Association.**

Also visit our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/Loch-Raven-Improvement-Association.Inc-1593454574259898/>

## IN THE COMMUNITY ...



### 2018 – 2019 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE HAS ARRIVED!

The Loch Raven Improvement Association, Inc. (LRIA) is a self-sustaining, non-profit organization that promotes resident empowerment and quality of life for all.

If you're not already a member, joining is one easy way to state your values and remain engaged with your community. As a member, you're supporting an effort to maintain our neighborhood at the highest-possible level, inclusive of preserving property values, promoting superior standards of sanitation and neighborhood health, and combating crime and nuisance behavior. The more we grow our membership base, the more we're able to positively impact our neighborhood.

Annual membership dues are **\$20 per household**, and your contribution is directly reinvested back into the community. Restoration projects, neighborhood events, a newsletter and website, and a telephone hotline are just a few features of which we are proud to present. Please help us continue these efforts by getting, and staying, involved.

You may forward your payment to the LRIA business office or make payment at any community association meeting. We appreciate your support.

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF NEW POLICE COMMISSIONER

The LRIA congratulates the Honorable Darryl DeSousa to his appointment as Baltimore's new police commissioner. Commissioner DeSousa is a former commander of the northeast district and he has a great rapport with the Loch Raven Executive Board. We look forward to his proactive leadership style and know that he will represent us well.

### GET READY... COMMUNITY-WIDE HOUSING INSPECTIONS COMING SOON!!!

Housing inspectors are expected in our neighborhood soon. **Don't get a citation!** Inspectors will be submitting notices and citations for derelict housing conditions that include litter & debris on your property, bulk trash, overgrown grass and weeds, trash receptacles left in alleys after trash collection, and trash cans without tight-fitting lids. Please do your part in tidying up your property and keeping our neighborhood clean.

### ILLEGAL PANHANDLING

Warmer weather is a time to expect increased panhandling activities throughout our district, particularly at the intersections at Loch Raven Boulevard @ E. Northern Parkway and Perring Parkway @ E. Belvedere Avenue. Not only are these activities a community nuisance, but both locations are prone to reckless and negligent behavior by adults and children who wander into travel lanes, thus posing significant safety issues. If you observe this illegal and dangerous activity, please call 911 immediately.

**Calling All Volunteers!!!**

**Mayor's 2018  
Spring Clean-up Event**

**Date:** Sat., April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018

**Time:** 7:30am

**Location:** Community Signs along the Loch Raven Blvd. corridor (beginning at Loch Raven @ Belvedere)

Grab your work gloves and join us, as we spruce up the landscaping around our neighborhood signs with mulch and seasonal plantings.

**All residents welcome!**

*Refreshments provided*

Traffic Speed Cameras and Red Light Cameras at 5800-6100 blocks Hillen Road are now active and fully-functional.

**SLOW DOWN** and respect the traffic regulations or **PAY UP!!!**



**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.

Forms available at all LRIA community meetings or by contacting the NE Police District at 410-396-2444.



**IMMANUEL EASTER EGG HUNT**



**Immanuel Lutheran Church**

will host its annual **Easter Egg Hunt** on **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018**, after its 10am Worship Service.

Bring the kids! All community children are invited to attend.

Candy-filled plastic eggs will be hidden on the front lawn of the church. Collection baskets will also be provided.

**Cash Campaign of Maryland offers FREE Tax Preparation and other helpful financial services:** Eligibility: Individuals or families who earned \$54,000 or less qualify for free tax assistance. To schedule an appt: 410-234-8008. Location nearest you: 5225 York Road (Community Action Center). Hours are M-F, 8:30am-8:00pm

**IF YOU DO NOT HAVE WORKING SMOKE DETECTORS IN YOUR HOME, PLEASE CALL BALTIMORE'S 311 CALL CENTER TODAY:** You must call before 7pm any day of the week. Once you answer a few questions, someone from the Fire Department will come out to your house within 2 hours. Someone 18 years old or older must be home in order for the FD to come into your home to replace or install new FREE smoke detectors. Please share this important information with your neighbors! With candles, space heaters, electronic devices, etc., we all must be vigilant in preventing tragedies.

**COMMUNITY REMINDERS!!**

- **NOISE NUISANCES / DISTURBING THE PEACE.** Many individuals insist on disturbing the peace by playing their car stereos, bass woofers, and home audio systems on level 10. **NOISE NUISANCES WILL NOT BE TOLERATED IN THE LOCH RAVEN COMMUNITY.**  
Please be considerate of your neighbors and refrain from disturbing the peace. Everyone has a right to the reasonable and peaceful enjoyment of their homes and with everyone's help, we all can enjoy the great outdoors without offending or being offended. Please call 911 to report rude and discourteous individuals engaging in noise nuisances.
- **ILLEGAL DIRT BIKES.** Dirt bikes and off-road recreational 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.** Used properly, these devices can serve as great recreational vehicles for kids. However, the use of these rims can also become a major neighborhood nuisance by attracting unwanted noise, trash, and excessive congregation, particularly in the late evening hours. Please be mindful of the impact of this activity on your neighbors and know that these rims are not permitted in any alley or public right-of-way. Residents may call 911 to report nuisance violations or misuse of these rims.
- **ANIMAL CONTROL.** Pet owners... please ensure that pets are properly restrained and do not bark continuously to disturb the peace. You are also required to leash your animal while in public and **PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR ANIMAL.**
- **ILLEGAL DUMPING.** Illegal dumping is the most disrespectful sanitation violation 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.** Illegal signs, such as "We Buy Houses", are a common community eyesore, and violators are subject to \$500 Environmental Control citations. Please refrain from posting illegal signs and report all violations to 311.