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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT John Rhoads



As we continue to navigate through the COVID19 pandemic, I encourage everyone to continue to take measures to protect yourselves and others. Many community activities have been postponed or rescheduled. Our webpage (Itpoa.info) is a good source for updates and other community information.

Attention Graduating Seniors!!!

The deadline for the Gray Mott Scholarship has been extended until June 26, 2020. Scholarship requirements and application can be found at http://ltpoa.info/Gray-MottYouthScholarship.htm

Have a safe summer.











WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

The LTPOA Board of Directors would like to welcome all new residents to the community. Please check the Ramps & Credentials report on page 15 to see how you obtain stickers for cars, boats, and trailers. The Association Bylaws and community rules and regulations are on the web site **Itpoa.info**.

Anne Arundel County 311

Anne Arundel County has a 311 reporting system through an app. The system allows Anne Arundel County citizens to report **non-emergency** incidents and problems digitally through mobile devices. You can download the app through the App Store or Google Play. A simple signup process is required.

The app enables Anne Arundel County citizens to report the following service requests:

- -Lost and found pets
- -Recycling cart requests
- -Broken recycling carts
- -Missing curbside collection
- -Bulk pickup scheduling
- -Potholes
- -Drainage complaints
- -County Recreation and Park concerns
- -Unregistered vehicles
- -Building violations

If you don't have a smart phone, you can call 3-1-1 to get help.





In order to prevent disturbances to residents and damage to our property, all LTPOA property is closed from 11pm to 6am. Overnight parking and overnight habitation on boats is strictly prohibited.

Crabbing, fishing, swimming, and mooring of boats is restricted to designated areas.

On all Maryland state waters, a personal watercraft may **not** be operated at **greater than 6 knots (6.9 mph)** within 100 feet of any shore, wharf, pier, bridge structure, abutment, or persons in the water. No one under the age of 16 may operate jet skis in Maryland waters...It's the Law!



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Be Aware.....

More people are home and now that the weather is warmer, more are out in the neighborhood. This means that more people are walking, biking, skate boarding and other fun summer stuff. Please be aware of your surroundings as you are out and about. Pedestrians and cyclists - watch for cars. Drivers - watch out for pedestrians and cyclists. The first step to staying safe is to act in a safe way.

In addition, warmer weather means open windows and staying outside later. Everyone likes to have a good time, but not when the noise level is disruptive early in the morning or late at night. Sound travels further than most people realize. Please be considerate of your neighbors.



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PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

- ➤ Due to COVID-19, State of Maryland agencies are under a hiring freeze. We therefore have a very limited field staff. We are able to perform very limited laviciding activities. In June we will begin our population and disease monitoring program. Unless the hiring freeze is lifted, ULV fogging for adult mosquitoes will be limited to disease case response and exceptionally high population density of adults, to be determined on a case by case basis.
- > Your Community's assigned fog night is: Sunday
 - Your community will only ever be fogged on Sunday nights during the 2020 season, except possibly in case of disease response
- Fogging can occur anytime between 7:00 PM and 2:30 AM
 - The fog program will begin on June 3.
 - Fogging will not begin until the community has been notified and we have received the Community Notification Verification Form
 - October 6 is the estimated last day of fogging for 2020
- ➤ Residents who do not wish their property to be fogged may file an exemption. The exemption policy and form can be found on our website: https://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Documents/Exemption%202018.pdf
- > Please stay indoors while fogging operations are being conducted
- For Further information:
 - http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/pages/mosquito_control.aspx
 - mosquito.control@maryland.gov
 - 410-841-5870, mosquito.control@maryland.gov
 - For information on the products used: http://mda.maryland.gov/plants-pests/Pages/mc_product_labels_material_safety_data_sheets.aspx



GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION NEWS



By Pam Obee Sargent

The Gray/Mott Youth Scholarship was established in 1989 by the LTPOA. The scholarship is named after two very special men in our community, who dedicated their time to volunteer service in London Towne, Mr. Charles Gray and the Mr. Ralph Mott. Each year LTPOA has recognized up to two students who have demonstrated excellence in community service work. The original awards were \$250.00 each and have been increased based on fundraising efforts. The awards are non-renewable grants for the graduating high school senior who will continue his/her education at either a our-year college or university, a two-year junior or community college, or an accredited trade, technical or business school. The scholarship application date has been extended to June 26, 2020. The application can be found on the Community web page (Itpoa.info).

The Gray-Mott Scholarship Foundation is a 501-C, tax exempt foundation and depends on fundraisers and donations for support. Donations made to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent of the law

If you are an empty nester, growing family, or simply ready for a change, I can help. Let me put my 19 years in real estate to work for you.

Contact me with all your real estate related questions.

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Section News

Section One: Michael Ryan

We are living through strange times, even here in quiet London Towne. Stay inside, no schools, jobs closed, no gatherings, playgrounds closed, no boating, no, no, no. You may walk your dogs, walk for exercise, follow directional signs when you do go for food, wear a mask, participate in on-line learning and meetings done through Zoom. As eating establishments closed, we went to carryout for a change from home cooking and to help support local businesses. Another alternative was discovered—the food truck. The beach has been a popular spot for families with young children and although not spacious, the social distancing, now the norm, is being observed. Some extremely high tides though caused beach to all but disappear for a few days. Yes, strange times.

We had our first section meeting in March just before Covid-9 rules began; missed April and May meetings and look forward to resuming in June??? Meanwhile, stay safe, watch out for your neighbors and enjoy the food trucks for the duration.

Pinwheels along shoreline have been doing a good job of keeping the geese at bay. We try to keep them as close to the water as tides permit, geese don't like to go past them. Sometimes wind and tide knock down one or two so when you or your children are relaxing on the beach, feel free to right any pinwheels that may be down. Thanks.







Section News

Section 2: Kim Miller

Summer is coming! Westminister Park and the beach are beginning to get lots of use. Thank you for keeping these areas clean.

Londontowne Community Facebook group. Please join for community updates.

Section 2 meetings: See the LTPOA calendar for Section 2 meeting dates.

We have an email distribution list for more up-to-date information. If you want to receive the emails please send your email address to **kmun-dorff@gmail.com**.



Kayak rack slip rentals: See LTPOA calendar for times and dates to receive stickers (pending COVID-19 restrictions). **Kayak Master:** Kim Miller. Contact info below.

Dock Master: Contact Shaun Hamill: 202-345-5735, phone or text.

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Questions: Contact Kim Miller, 410-245-3128, phone or text or by email **kmundorff@gmail.com**.

Section 3: John Navarro

Because of the Covid19 Pandemic we have not had our last two meetings. We will tentatively plan to meet on Wednesday, June 10, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. If we can't meet, I will let you know.

Now that beach days are here, please remember that Dogs Are NOT allowed on the beach. And the flags are there to keep the geese away. Enjoy getting outdoors but please stay safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact me on 301-892-0534

Section 5: Deb Ament

The next meeting of Section 5 will be Wed, June 17th at 730pm- hopefully at the new clubhouse. If still distancing, we will send out a Zoom invite the day before our meeting.

Boating, beaches, and playgrounds are open, but we are still practicing distancing so no large gatherings are allowed at this time. And please be mindful to take your garbage with you when cans are full. Thank you to those neighbors who help us put the cans out on pick up days!

We are still seeing dogs in the fenced beach area- please note that this is not allowed, and signs are clearly visible on the gates to the beach.

Beach 5 Docks & Kayaks:

We have several boat slips available for the 2020 season in Beach 5. Contact Mike at **beach5dockmaster@gmail.com** for the docks, and

Vicky at **beach5kayaks@yahoo.com** to get on the waiting list for the kayak racks. Kayak racks are full for 2020.

Forms:

Section 5 info: http://ltpoa.info/sections.html

Boat slips: http://www.ltpoa.info/incoming/SLIPFILL2018.pdf Kayak racks: http://ltpoa.info/incoming/RACKForm2018.pdf

Stickers & Parking Passes: please email Vicky Bergmann bergmann.victoria@yahoo.com for 2020 LTPOA stickers, and Deb Ament deb.ament@gmail.com for parking passes.

Family movie nights on the beach- we are hoping these events will be up and running soon. We would also like to have a community bar-b-q on July 4, but updates will be forthcoming on whether we can allow large gatherings by that date.



Deb Ament 2020



Erosion: Deb Ament

The full Erosion Committee has not met in 2020. However, when Section issues arise, they are being handled on a case by case basis.

We have a potential project in Section one- we would like to have the Eagle Scouts take this on. We will reach out to the troops in the community to explore this option.

We also have ongoing work in trimming vines from trees throughout the community.

Our 2019 "top side erosion" projects in Section 2 are growing and flourishing.

If you have issues that need to be discussed, please call me: Deb Ament, 410-804-6968 or email me at deb.ament@gmail.com

Reminder to all community residents: all community property is maintained by LTPOA.

No neighbor should be mowing or trimming anything growing along the living shoreline in our community.





Deb Ament

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PARK PLANNING: Tom Walsh

Hi all & finally, welcome to spring & soon, summer. Please remember that LTPOA is a property owners association & and not a H O A. LTPOA owns the vast majority of the shoreline in the community & is responsible for the beaches, piers, parkland and playgrounds. We do our best to keep these properties maintained & safe for all. In some



sections, members of the LTPOA have tried various things to help keep the beaches clean and safe for our young children to enjoy. Trixie Ryan in Section 1 has been the leader by putting up flags & pinwheels. However, I walked the beach shoreline this week and someone has dropped bread on the beach to feed the geese. There was a full line of geese droppings right along the water's edge. Please do not feed the geese/ducks etc. This creates a health hazard for young children playing in the sand. We do not want our children making sand castles and picking up these droppings. When these wash into the water, this creates a health to those swimming off our beaches.

I always felt the best thing about humans is making something good out a bad situation. Since the Corona virus has upended our lives, my wife & I walk the community most days and it has been an outstanding experience. The vast majority of neighbors, who we have not met until our walks, have been very friendly. Everyone greets each other and we have become friends with neighbors who we have not met before. People walking, running, riding bikes etc. are all keeping a distance & are as cordial as they can be to each other. Those walking dogs are cleaning up after their pets & are keeping the dogs on a leash. Most cars drive slow & make sure people are safe. I want to congratulate the vast majority of LTPOA residents & say THANKS!!!

Randy Faulkner, V.P, of LTPOA has taken the responsibility of coordinating the food & beverage trucks that visit our community. This has given all of us a great opportunity to get out, keep socially distant and socialize with friends, new & former. BIG thanks to Randy for stepping up and taking on this job. The 2 Facebook pages, London Towne Community & the Beaches of London Towne have become a great way for our community to keep in touch & exchange information. Again, thanks for those responsible for setting these sites up. If you have not visited these sites on Facebook, it is worth your time.

The last item is about things we put down the toilet. I know that some wipes say they are safe to flush but that is not the case. I talk with the crews that maintain and clean the pumping stations. They assure me that anything other than human waste & toilet paper clogs the pumps and they are working overtime to keep the pumping stations operating for our safety. They made a video showing how products clog the pumping machinery. You can view this at: https://patch.com/maryland/annapolis/shortage-toilet-paper-causes-problems-sewers-coronavirus

Pet Corner Rita Robertazzi



Summer 2020 ...by now your pets should be receiving regular medication coverage for ticks & fleas, and heart worm protection. Remember to mark calendars or set up smart phone reminders to stay on monthly schedules. Always read instructions prior use as all medications and treatments for your pets are not the same and can be potentially dangerous when not used properly.

As warm weather should be upon us by now please follow community rules and keep all pets off of beaches at all times. Bag and dispose animal waste in appropriate receptacle, or carry home to dispose, year round.

Strays

The best practice for a stray animal is to contain it if at all possible while practicing safety especially in traffic areas. Never chase a stray animal. You can advertise locally on community web posts in Edgewater or on the Lost and Found Pets of Anne Arundel County web page. If you are comfortable you may also bring animal to be scanned for a microchip by an area veterinarian. If none of these options suit you please call Anne Arundel County Animal Control to rescue animal. Please never turn a blind eye to a lost animal.

Leash Law

Dogs must be under owner control when off leash. Under control does not mean running at will up to people and other dogs.

Parents keep small children under control on bicycles, scooters, or skateboards when passing a leashed dog. Teach them to keep their distance from strange animals. Sudden movement toward an owner or dog, or the loud noise of a passing skateboard or scooter could cause a dog to lunge and or bite at a perceived threat to itself or owner. I have seen some young children intentionally veering and basically teasing animals in this way and it is an accident waiting to happen.

COVID-19 Animal Etiquette

Pets are family members and approaching an animal that is not yours to pet without permission is not appropriate now more than ever.

Stay safe everyone!

Talking Trash



Unfortunately, the Mayo Road cleanup planned for April 18 had to be postponed. Keep an eye on the LTPOA web page (Itpoa.info) for information on our next cleanup. Meanwhile, if you see trash, pick it up and dispose of it properly. Thanks for helping to keep our community

clean!

Scenes from London Towne During the Stay-Home Order



The Dumpsters are Coming, The Dumpsters are Coming......

The Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works dumpsters are currently scheduled to arrive in London Towne on Friday, July 24, 2020 at 12:00 pm and depart on Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 12:00 pm. They will be located in the gravel lot at the intersection of Shore Drive and Knoxville Road. We ask that you place only acceptable materials in the dumpsters (see list of unacceptable below).

The dumpsters were scheduled prior to COVID19 and this arrangement may change. You can check the web page (**Itopa.info**) closer to the date.

Unacceptable Material:

Junk Automobiles Hazardous Waste
Trailers Boats
Gas & Propane Tanks Tires
Tree Trunks & Logs Batteries
Oil Drums or Tanks Paint

Liquids Refrigerators/Air Conditioners/Freon Items
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RAMPS and CREDENTIALS





LTPOA IDENTIFICATION STICKERS

Rules and regulations are in place to control the unauthorized use of LTPOA property which includes the boat launching ramps, boat docking facilities, fishing and crabbing piers, beaches, parks, Club House parking areas, and all LTPOA parklands and other property.

For access to, and parking on, LTPOA property, owners and bona fide tenants of London Towne are required to <u>permanently</u> display a current LTPOA sticker on all vehicles, vessels and trailers.

Until further notice, **RAMP KEYS** will be handled by request. KEY requests can be sent to candr.ltpoa@gmail.com. Include a copy of your vessel registration(s) and a mobile phone number.

Sticker (Tuesday) Nights are cancelled until further notice. For questions about stickers call 410-956-4808 (leave a message) or email ltpoainfo@gmail.com.

In order to purchase stickers ALL applicants must present valid registration for all vehicles, boats, and trailers (yes, even renewals).

Proof of ownership is also required. No exceptions.

- Owners must provide deed, property tax bill or settlement papers.
- Tenants must provide a copy of a current lease.

A property owner sticker is valid for three calendar years and the cost is \$3.00 each. Renter and dependent stickers are valid for one calendar year and the cost is \$5.00 each.

Ramp keys are issued each calendar year and the cost is currently \$40.00.

Prior-year keys must be returned to avoid additional fees.

London Towne Property Owners
Association, Inc.
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Club House Office:

410-956-4808

Boat Slip Rentals/Dock Masters:

Section 1: James Bertram	203-464-9650
Section 2: Shaun Hamill	202-345-5735
Section 3: Norm Pennington	410-956-6763
Section 4:	
Fullerton - Candy Turner	443-223-2263
Bentley - Paul Nelson	410-956-0278
Section 5: Mike Painter	301-404-1148

SCBD Administration 443-458-8449

Hall Rental 410-956-4808

Stickers?? Ramp Keys??

Ramps and Credentials meets at the Club House or designated location on regularly scheduled Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm. Check the calendar on the community website (www.ltpoa.info).

LTPOA Officers:

John Rhoads, President	443-458-8921
Randy Faulkner, Vice President	410-956-4808
Karen Porter, Treasurer	410-956-4808
Diane Depew, Secretary	410-956-4808

Section Presidents:

Michael Ryan, Section 1	410-956-6157
Kim Miller, Section 2	410-245-3128
John Navarro, Section 3	301-892-0534
John Gleeson, Section 4	410-956-5293
Deb Ament Section 5	410-804-6968

Section Meeting Times:

Section 1 - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

March-November. Meets at Sec. 1 boat docs if weather permits

Section 2 - 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

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Section 3 - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. March-October.

Section 4 - Last Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. January, March, May, June, August, September, and October.

Section 5 - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. February to October.

All meetings are at the Club House unless otherwise announced