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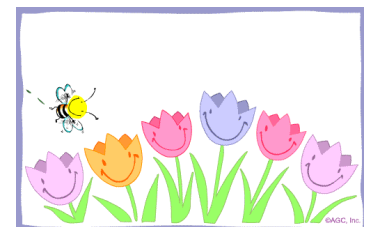
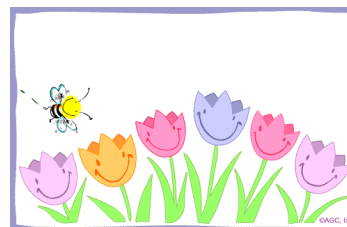
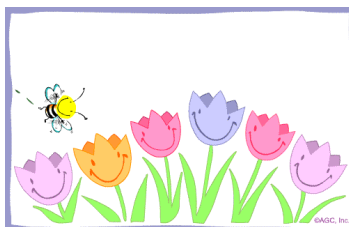
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From the President
"Tigger" Ralph T. Brady

Welcome Spring!! Now that the days are getting longer, the warm weather is just around the corner. Warmer weather means more folks out and about so please keep an eye out for walkers, bikers, and others enjoying our beaches, play grounds, boat slips, and kayak launches. Remember to check your car stickers. Out-of-Date stickers can be replaced by going to ltpoa.info and following the directions on the opening page.

As you are out and about enjoying all our community has to offer, remember that others will be doing the same. Trash cans may be found at park, playground, and picnicking areas so it is easy to clean up after yourself. Please treat these areas as you would your own yard. A special thanks to John Navarro for diligently emptying these trash cans.

The events committee has many family-friendly activities planned for the coming year. The committee has made some changes to the traditional Community Awareness Week line up, moving some activities to avoid hot summer days and jellyfish. You can read all about what they have in store starting on page 10. These events would not be possible without our volunteers. Volunteers give their time to make this community a great place to live. Why not consider joining in and helping out? Volunteering does not necessarily mean committing many hours on long-term projects. Sometimes just an hour working behind the scenes can make a big difference. Volunteers of all ages are welcome but those under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Please consider becoming a LTPOA volunteer.



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 4 to see how you obtain stickers for cars, boats, and trailers. **The Association Bylaws and community rules and regulations are on the web site ltpoa.info.**



In order to prevent disturbances to residents and damage to our property, all LTPOA property is closed from 11pm to 6am. Overnight parking for boaters is available by arrangement but 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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For electronic delivery send your name, mailing address (so we can remove it from the mailing list), and email address to ltpoainfo@gmail.com Please put Digital Conciliator in the subject field.



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- Family Struggles
- Divorce - Separation - Blending
- Personality issues
- Coping with Illness
- Career development



HELP WANTED!!

London Towne runs on volunteers and is always looking for folks to help serve the community.

Events, Park Planning, and Erosion, are just a few of the committees looking for volunteers. However, you do not have to join a committee to participate. You can volunteer for a specific event or whatever fits your schedule.

Send an email stating your interest in getting involved to ltpoainfo@gmail.com.

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RAMPS and CREDENTIALS



LTPOA IDENTIFICATION STICKERS

Vehicle/vessel/trailer credential stickers and boat ramp keys are available through online communication (see below). They are **NOT** available during community meetings.

Credential stickers are only needed to park on our LTPOA community property (ie beaches, parks, playgrounds, boat docks, etc.).

If you need a ramp key only or ramp key and stickers, please send requests for online purchase to **candr.ltpoa@gmail.com**. In the email include a picture of your registration(s), your London Towne address and cell phone number. After your information is validated, you will receive an invoice via Square (online payment system). Once the invoice is paid by credit/debit card a representative will contact you for key/sticker delivery

If you need stickers only, please send requests for online purchase to **stickers.ltpoa@gmail.com**. In the email include picture of your registration(s) along with your London Towne address and cell phone number. After your information is validated, you will receive an invoice from a STICKER representative via Square (online payment system). Once the invoice is paid by credit/debit card, stickers will be delivered.

Sticker and Ramp Key Fees

Property Owner Stickers (Valid for 3 calendar years beginning in the year issued) are \$6.00.

Stickers for Renters and Dependents of Property Owners (Valid for the 1 calendar year in which it is issued) are \$10.00.

Ramp Keys are \$50.00. The key is valid for the calendar year in which it is issued. Turn in your old ramp keys to avoid additional fees.

What Documentation Is Required to Purchase Stickers?

- Property Owners - Proof of Property Ownership (Deed, Tax Bill or Settlement papers)
- Tenants/Renters Proof of Residency A fully executed current lease with names of all parties, property address and the expiration date
- All current vehicle, vessel and/or trailer registrations. The documentation must be registered to your London Towne address if you are not a property owner
- Please see the R&C page on **ltpoa.info** for complete requirements.

Section News

Section One: Michael Ryan

Our weather is no longer as predictable as it once was, but February *is* here, can spring be far behind? I see the clouds, however not enough snow to even get out your shovels. Even with the lack of snow our beach has taken a beating with all the rain and terrific winds we've had so far this year. Thanks to one of our newest neighbors, the debris on beach was cleaned up at least once this winter. Due to many beautiful weather days, we've had more activity on beach and on the playgrounds than is usual for winter.

As March approaches, kayakers are getting ready to fill up our racks in anticipation of days on the water. Those who participated in the lottery should have received their Guidelines and Application. I've received forms and checks from a few of you so far and look forward to getting the rest soon. If you missed out and are interested in a slot, send me an email—put 2024 Kayak Rack in the subject line. If space becomes available, I'll get back to you. Before putting any vessel on our racks, they must have an LTPOA current sticker and I must have your application and fee paid. Send inquiry to tryanhc@verizon.net.

Once again we hope to put out pinwheels on the beach to keep the geese at bay. We try to put them out about sundown each evening and take them up in the morning. Thanks to all of you who assisted last season in keeping the geese away. If anyone would be willing to help either in evening or the morning, please contact Trixie at tryanhc@verizon.net.

Reminder: Dogs/pets are NEVER allowed within the fenced area of ANY of the beaches.

If you are in Section 1 and not receiving emails regarding meetings, that means we do not have a current email address for you. We do not share your address with others and do not overload with messages during the year. Send your email to our secretary, Ryan Krieger bphawk21@gmail.com and/or president Michael Ryan mryansings@verizon.net.

And finally, we end this on a sad note. One of our active members, Bob Zepp, has recently passed away. You may not recognize the name but I'm sure most of you saw him as he regularly walked the neighborhood carrying his big stick and a bag as he collected trash along his walk. Bob was also the unseen helper who put out our meeting signs. Bob will be missed.



Section News

Section Two: Michele Brady

We hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and are looking forward to spring! We are accepting donations for the porta potty that is at beach 2 Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Checks (made out to LTPOA Section 2) or cash. Please contact Kim Miller at **mundorff@gmail.com** if you would like to donate.

Thank you to everyone that has updated their LTPOA vehicle stickers. The stickers help the community ensure that the park and beach parking is available to community members.

Please remember to let me know if you would like to reserve the picnic tables at Westminister Park or Beach 2 for gatherings over 10. We do request a \$25 donation for the porta potty when making these reservations at Westminister or Beach 2.

Section 2 Meetings: Meetings are held at the Clubhouse on the 3rd Tuesday of the month (March through October) at 7:00pm.

Section 2 and Committee Meeting Calendar Dates/Times: [https:// localendar.com/ public/ LTPOA](https://localendar.com/public/LTPOA). LTPOA Board of Directors – Section 2 2023 Members: Michele Brady, Kim Miller, Melvyn Heyes, Ryan Stroschein & Kelli Blades.

Dock Master: Contact Chris Derr: 240-886-3216, **cderr11@comcast.net**

Kayak Masters: Westminister Park: Kim Miller, **kmundorff@gmail.com**; Loreley (SW): Jack Valenti, **johnmartinvalenti@gmail.com**. Rentals are \$50 per year. Please contact Kim or Jack for your reservation requests.

London Towne Community Facebook Group. Please join for community updates.

We have a Section 2 email distribution list for more up-to-date information, meeting agendas and minutes. If you want to receive the emails please send your email address to Kelli Blades, **kellibladesltown@gmail.com**.

Questions: Contact Michele Brady, 443-223-0231, phone or text or by email at **shelgw@yahoo.com**



Section News

Section Three: John Navarro

With the warm weather approaching and outdoor activities starting up, please make sure you get a sticker for your car. You can get them by going on line to LTPOA, scroll to FOR STICKERS ONLY PURCHASE. and follow the directions. Stickers are required when you park in certain areas (boat docks, playgrounds/shore drive). Next section meeting is March 13, 7:00 o'clock clubhouse. We would love to see our section three neighbors, new and old.

Section Four: Mike Hrubiak

Happy New Year to everyone! Please reach out to our Dockmaster, Rick Gammage, (contact info on the back page) for slips and space on the kayak racks. Also, please plan to attend our Section meetings which can be found on the community calendar at ltpoa.info.



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NOTICE!!

The Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (SHA) will soon begin construction of a new ADA-compliant sidewalk and stormwater improvements along MD 214 (Central Avenue) from MD 253 (Mayo Road) to MD 2 (Solomons Island Road). Work includes sidewalk construction along westbound MD 214 from MD 253 to Stepneys Lane.

Additional work includes constructing stormwater management facilities and operational upgrades to the MD 2 / MD 253 signalized intersection.

Planned work includes temporary shoulder, lane closures and detours impacting MD 214 access to Stepneys Lane and at the MD 214 / MD 253 intersection. Drivers should plan for additional travel time during the construction phase.

The safety enhancement project is scheduled for completion in Fall 2024, weather permitting. Once complete, new sidewalks and marked crosswalks will provide direct connections for area pedestrians.

Section News

Section Five: Tony Sledge

Springtime Is Here!

It's time for spring cleaning and yard sales at the clubhouse. Section 5 will be hosting the April 13th Yard sale "so gather those old treasures to pass along to a new home" please contact Vicky B. at beach5kayaks@yahoo.com or Candis at 240-882-8643 for a space. We will host our first movie night and meet and greet of 2024 in late spring. Please update your email with us to stay in the know. Let's not forget about BINGO!

Daylight saving time is March 10, 2024. Longer days.

The next meeting of section 5 will be on March 20th, 2024, held at the clubhouse. Section Five officers are: President -Anthony Sledge, Treasurer- Matt Pickering, Vice President and Secretary- Vicky Pickering. Dockmasters –Tony Sledge, Vicki Pickering. Please send emails to: dockmasterbeach5@gmail.com or Vicki Pickering cell 202-437-4932 or Tony Sledge cell 240-882-1250.

Docks & Kayaks:

Please note that the Kayak/canoe racks can be used again as of March 31, 2024. Renewal information will be sent to prior rack space holders in March 2024. If you wish to be considered for rack space in 2024, please email beach5kayaks@yahoo.com. We give priority to Section 5 members and then those who have had rack space with us the prior year. All items on the racks MUST have LTPOA stickers on them. The racks are for the benefit of those who use their kayak or canoe and are not intended for storage only and must be removed by December 1.

Welcome all new beach 5 neighbors to the community. 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 dockmasterbeach5@gmail.com.



Park Planning:

Tom Walsh

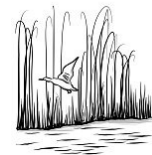


The Park & Planning Committee has had a very busy winter. With the various storms that hit the area, lots of debris was washed up on our shorelines and beaches. There were actual trees washed up on our beaches that needed to be removed. Our contractor, DMC, has been busy clearing all the shorelines and beaches of this debris.

As if that was not enough, there were several trees that either fell because of the storms or were dead and needed to be taken down. We hired a tree company who cut them down and disposed of them. These downed trees posed a great problem trying to get them over the bank or out of the water. Trust us, it is so much easier to take a tree down before it falls. All of the trees that were taken down were replaced by new trees planted in the parklands.

Spring is almost here & the committee, along with our contractor, are working very hard to make sure that our playgrounds, beaches, and parkland will be in outstanding condition for the use of all our residents throughout the spring, summer, and fall. Please enjoy our community property. We are very fortunate to live in a waterfront community & as always, THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Last, for those lucky enough to have pets, please remember to clean up after your pets. The 'droppings' do pose a health hazard if they are not cleaned up. We do provide 'doggy bags' so please use them & remind others that they need to clean up after their pets. Our children play on the parkland, so let's clean up after our pets. Also, remember, pets are never permitted on beaches, no matter the time of year. Please keep pets out of the playground areas where the playground equipment is located.



A real estate advertisement for Amanda Graf, a Realtor with Douglas Realty. The ad features a portrait of Amanda Graf on the left, her name in a blue script font, and the Douglas Realty logo on the right. The logo consists of a stylized 'D' with a house shape inside. Below the name, it says 'REALTOR®' and provides contact information: 'Direct: 610-202-6517' and 'Office: 410-255-3690'. The Douglas Realty logo also includes the tagline 'FINE HOMES & ESTATES'. There are small social media icons in the bottom left corner of the ad.



LTPOA 2024 Upcoming Events



| DATE | EVENT | TIME |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|
| Sunday February 25 | Bingo Clubhouse | 5:00 - 7:00 pm |
| Sunday March 24 | Bingo Clubhouse | 5:00 - 7:00 pm |
| Saturday April 13 | Yard Sale Hosted by Section 5 Contact VickyB. beach5kayaks@yahoo.com or Candis at 240-882-8643 for a space. | 8:00am 1:00pm |
| Sunday April 21 | Bingo Clubhouse | 5:00 - 7:00 pm |
| Saturday April 27 | Sock Burning, Cook out and Tug of War Section 3 (details pg ???) | 2:00 pm |
| Sunday May 19 | Bingo Clubhouse | 5:00 - 7:00 pm |
| Monday May 27 | Memorial Day Flag Raising | 5:30am-7:00am |
| Saturday June 22 | Children's Bike Parade Lineup - Section 5 boat ramp | 1:00 pm |
| Saturday June 22 | Rambling Raft Race Section 3 beach | 2:00 - 3:00 pm |
| Saturday July 6 | Water Parade and Beach Picnic | 11:00am- 2:00pm |
| Saturday July 6 | Comedy Night Clubhouse | 7:00pm-9:00pm |



LTPOA ANNUAL SOCK BURNING AND TUG OF WAR



SATURDAY, April 27, 2024

2:00pm to 5:00pm

Join your neighbors at the section 3 picnic area for a traditional rite of spring, sock burning. (see below for the origin of this tradition as described on Spinsheet.com)

Following the burning there will be a tug of war across the creek between the areas of sections 3 and 5. Now is the time to get your team together for a match up between the sections.

Hot dogs & hamburgers will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

BYOB and BYOS (bring your own socks)



The annual sock burning ritual began in 1978 (some say during the harsh winter of 1977, others say early 80s), when local (Annapolis) yardman and sailor Bob Turner, fed up with the year's grueling winter grabbed a Budweiser and decided to rid himself of the oppressive (and perhaps pungent?) necessities of winter in a bonfire at the spring equinox. Since then, this spontaneous gesture has been replicated by many up and down the Chesapeake Bay and beyond.

(Spinsheet.com/news/why-we-burn-socks)

Events Committee

Changes are coming to LTPOA events. We've reworked the calendar and moved some events around. This year the Children's Bike Parade and the Rambling Raft Race will be held on Sunday, June 22, 2024 and the Water Parade will be held on Saturday, July 6, 2024. Hopefully the weather will be cooler and the jelly fish will have yet to arrive. The only change is the date.

Children's Bike Parade:

Decorate your bike, trike, wagon, unicycle, stroller and join us for this fun time. Participants will line up by the section 5 pump house (younger children may start by the pumping station across from 531 Shore Dr.) and ride to the section three picnic area. Following a short activity with local police officers, prizes will be awarded. We request that all riders follow state law and wear a bike helmet.

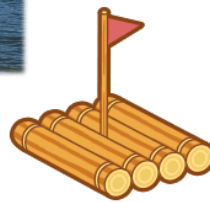


Rambling Raft Race:

The raft race will follow the bike parade at the section three beach. Beat the winter blues and start working on your raft now. This event is open to children and adults, single riders or teams. How about a little beach vs beach competition? Rules may be found on the web page (ltpoa.info) under events.

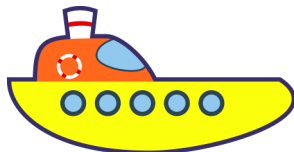


All raft riders must wear PFDs.



Water Parade:

The water parade will begin at 11:00 am on Saturday, July 6, 2024. It will begin at the section one kayak launch and end with a picnic at the section one beach. Bring your own beverages and a dish to share.



Events Committee (cont.)

The remaining events usually associated with **Community Awareness Week** will take place between **August 8, 2024 and August 18, 2024**. Here is a preview of the events that week.

Saturday, August 10, 2024 - Annual fishing and Crabbing Tournament begins. Sign up and rules at Marty's Bait and Tackle, 95 Mayo Rd, Edgewater.



LTPOA Community Yard Sale -
9:00am to 1:00pm.



Wednesday, August 14, 2024, 6:30pm to 8:30pm - Amelia Mott Volleyball Game at section 3. Get your section team together. Pizza will be provided, BYOB.

Thursday, August 15, 2024, midnight - My London Towne Photo Contest deadline. Photos may be submitted beginning Friday, August 2, 2024. Click on calendar entry (ltpoa.info) for contest rules.



Friday, August 16, 2024, 7:00pm - Pet Show at the clubhouse. All pets welcome but must be leashed or in a carrier.

Saturday, August 17, 2024 9:00am Fishing and Crabbing Tournament ends.

Sunday, August 18, 2024, 1:00pm to 5:00pm - Annual Crab Feast and Community Awards. Price for the feast will be determined closer to the event.



The events committee meets on the first Monday of the month beginning at 7:00pm at the LTPOA clubhouse. All residents are encouraged to attend a meeting and get involved in the planning and execution of LTPOA events.

Got an idea for an event? Come to a meeting and share it with us.

London Towne Property Owners Association



2024 Bingo Schedule:

Join us for LTPOA Bingo,
50/50 raffle, wine/gift raffle
& snacks and drinks

March 24, 2024

5pm-7pm

Location:

April 4, 2024

5pm-7pm

London Towne Clubhouse,
170 Mayo Road
Edgewater, MD

May 19, 2024

5pm-7pm



**Join us on
Saturday,
July 6, 2024**

**7:00 pm
LTPOA Clubhouse**

**Advanced Tickets:
Individual \$25.00
Table \$180.00
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Souljoels Comedy Show



Advertising in the LTPOA Conciliator

Consider advertising in The Conciliator, the London Towne Property Owner's Association Newsletter. Circulation for the Conciliator is approximately 2000 households and includes absentee property owners and some local businesses. In addition, the Conciliator, is posted, in color, on our web site, ltpoa.info.

Ad copy is due by the 15th of February (Spring issue), the 15th of May (Summer issue), the 15th of August (Fall issue) and the 10th of November (Winter issue).

Ad rates are listed below. We offer a 15% discount on ad rates if one full year is purchased and paid for up front.

Business Card: \$50.00 per issue, \$170.00 per year (\$200.00-15%)

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Full Page: \$160.00 per issue, \$544.00 per year (\$640.00-15%)

Insert; \$180.00 per issue, \$612.00 per year (\$720.00-15%)

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| Tony Sledge | 240-882-1250 |

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| Anthony Sledge, Vice President | 410-956-4808 |
| Karen Porter, Treasurer | 410-956-4808 |
| Diane DePew, Secretary | 410-956-4808 |

Section Presidents:

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|---------------------------|--------------|
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| Michelle Brady, Section 2 | 443-223-0231 |
| John Navarro, Section 3 | 301-892-0534 |
| Mike Hrubiak, Section 4 | 410-956-4808 |
| Anthony Sledge, Section 5 | 240-882-1250 |

Section Meeting Times:

Section 1 - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
Section 2 - 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
 March-October.
Section 3 - 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
 March-October.
Section 4 - Last Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
 February, March, May, June, August, September, and October.
Section 5 - 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
 March to October.
All meetings are at the Club House unless otherwise
announced