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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT John Rhoads



I would like to thank the residents who came out for the annual meeting of the London Towne Property Owners Association. I would also like to thank the community for the opportunity to serve the Association for another year as your President.

Much kudos to the Board of Directors and the newly elected officers - Vice President, Stephen Hult; Secretary, John Gleeson; Treasurer, Karen Porter – and to the various committees and their chairs, Devin Capizzi, Randy Faulkner, Dave Sargent, Tom Walsh and Dave Zollinhofer. The Board of Directors and I would like to commend the Executive Director, Sarah Trees, for her diligent support of the mission of the Association. Lastly, we'd like to thank the newsletter editor, Marian Creveling.

Winter is on the way, and with it comes the snow! Below you will find the appropriate county phone number to report the roadways that require a pass with the snow plows.

The Board of Directors wishes you extend to you and yours best wishes for Happy Holidays.

Important Anne Arundel County Phone Numbers:

County Snow Plowing < 4 inches * 410.222.1933

County Snow Plowing > 4 inches * 410.222.4040

DPW - Southern District Roads * 410.222.1933

DPW Utilities * 410.222.7512

Planning and Zoning *410.222.7450

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 when you can come by the clubhouse to meet your neighbors, obtain information about the community and pick up your stickers for cars, vessels and trailers. If you do not have a copy of the Association Bylaws, you can get a copy at our website **Itpoa.info.**

Prefer a digital version of The Conciliator? You can read The Conciliator, in color, on our web page at I**tpoa.info**, or it can be delivered to your inbox.

For electronic delivery send your name, mailing address (so we can remove it from the mailing list), and email address to **Itpoainfo@gmail.com**Please put Digital Conciliator in the subject field.

Talking Trash



Adopt-a-Road pickup took place on Saturday, September 24, 2016 at 9:00am. Thank you to everyone from London Towne and The Point for helping to keep Mayo Rd clean.

Our next clean up is scheduled for the Spring. Check the web page **Itpoa.info** or the March issue of the Conciliator for the exact date.



The beaches and park lands are closed from 11pm to 6am and is strictly enforced. We have experienced late night activity in the more secluded areas. This results in disturbances to nearby residents, broken glass, trash, and other paraphernalia being left behind.

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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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, clubhouse, 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.

Stickers are available for purchase from the Ramps & Credentials Committee at the Community Hall on regularly scheduled <u>TUESDAY</u> evenings 7PM – 8PM.

The 2017 schedule, the regulations and requirements – are all posted on the community calendar at www.ltpoa.info.

<u>In order to purchase stickers ALL applicants must present valid registration for</u> all vehicles, vessels, 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.

Plan ahead and complete the top of the attached form to present at your next visit to Ramps & Credentials.

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GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION NEWS

By Pam Obee Sargent

The Gray Mott Foundation is selling our 2017 calendars. The cost is \$10.00 for each calendar. The calendars feature our 2015 My Londontowne Photo contest winners. We also have assorted packs of note cards (8 cards for \$6.00) featuring the winners. In addition, we are selling packets of previous winners winter photos (10 cards for \$8.00) perfect for the holidays. The cards are blank inside. Contract me at pam.obee@Verizon.net for cards or contact the office at 410-956-4808 to make arrangements for calendars and note cards.

The Gray-Mott Scholarship Foundation is a 501-C3, tax exempt foundation that awards two scholarships to graduating high school seniors residing in London Towne. Last year, thanks to the generosity of our community, the Foundation was able to increase the scholarship to \$1500.00. Please consider making an end-of-year, tax deductible donation to the Gray-Mott Scholarship Foundation. Donation information can be found on our web page, **Itpoa.info**.

Park & Planning:

The Park & Planning committee conducted its annual LTPOA parkland & shoreline inspection on Saturday, October 15, 2016. Each Section has mostly minor items that will receive attention over the winter months.

The bulkhead in Section 1 will be addressed during F Y 2018 & the bulkhead in Section 3 is on the future list. The nettle nets in Section 2 were taken up to be cleaned but we found so many holes in the net that we had to trash it. The committee will consider replacing it this coming spring. If you have an opinion about replacing the nettle net, please attend your Section meeting and bring that and other topics of interest to your Section leadership.

As we get ready for winter, please remember that it is LTPOA policy to have no dogs on the beaches, no matter the time of the year. Please enjoy our parkland & playgrounds & see you in the spring on out beaches.

Tom Walsh



LTPOA Public Water Committee



Public Water - For those of you on the proposed route please read carefully

In August homeowners on the proposed public water route (below) should have received a letter containing a return postcard on which they could indicate whether or not they were interested in exploring the potential for public water. Some people did not respond and I want to make sure the letter was not thrown away as junk mail. If you are on the proposed route below and either did not receive a letter and return postcard or forgot to mail your postcard, please contact me or mail in your response card. **The deadline for this response is December 20.** Here is the route:

The intersection of Londontown and Mayo Road to the intersection of Mayo and Oakwood to the intersection of Oakwood Road and Shore Drive. Around Shore Drive past Webster to the intersection of 637 Shore and Bishop. The intersection of 637 Shore and Bishop to the intersection of Bishop and 700 Londontown Road.

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Boy Scouting... Time Well Spent

The Boy Scout program is a nation-wide program designed to enhance a boy's life experience through adventures in the outdoors.

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS Saturday, December 17, 2016



Do you have your holiday lights ready to go up? We're ready to run the contest and judge the lights. If you have lights up, you're in the contest! If you think yours are particularly prize-worthy, call us at 410-956-4808 and leave a message with your address.

The categories are: Best Lights of London Towne, Most Traditional Lights of London Towne, Cutest Lights of London Towne, Unique Lights of London Towne, and Best Boat of London Towne in the Water.

The judges will start at 8pm and finish at 11pm. Please keep the lights on until 11! If you would like to be a judge, or if you've seen a display you think we should see, call 410-956-4808.





PET CORNER Rita Robertazzi

With the return of Daylight Saving Time I am very happy to report a significant number of motorists have been slowing down and allowing extra passing berth when coming upon residents walking pets, children at play and on bicycles. As someone who walks our narrow roads I

wish to thank all the thoughtful motorists, your good example will help reinforce safe driving in others.

Another positive announcement is that the old water-front sidewalk by the section 3 crabbing and fishing pier has been cleared of grass and weed overgrowth in time for soggy winter walking. There is now a solid concrete path to safely walk - with or with out pets, off the roadway from the intersection of Oakwood Road and Shore Drive to the bend at Silver Run Road and Shore Drive. Thank you L.T.P.O.A. Property Association!

In mid-November I removed the flea collars from my dogs. The Seresto brand worked well again at keeping my dogs, and home, flea and tick free. I will make sure to have new ones ready to go back on them ahead of fleas by mid-March.

A reminder for parents sending children out to walk dogs, make sure to take the opportunity to demonstrate 'neighborly consideration'. Stress that a mature and responsible owner will clean up after their pets and why, including the potential for illness transmission. Check to make sure they are bringing enough waste bags and reinforce the proper disposal of them. Let's keep our beloved pets illness free and our community clean.

Happy Holidays and a Safe and Happy New Year!

Section News

Section 1:

Not much to report on as the cold weather is upon us. Mike Ryan has State Highway Administration looking to obtain a new stop sign in our beach to help with pedestrian traffic and safety. We should have a new kayak rack for our beach in 2017. See everyone in March 2017 and Happy Holidays to everyone! Butch Porter

Section 2:

New Kayak Racks:

A new kayak rack was placed on Shore drive by the kayak launch near Westminster Park, north side of Keymar Drive. Another new kayak rack will be placed in the area on south end of Loreley and installed for next year.

The racks have 8 spaces, and the cost is \$25 per year/per kayak. Locks are not provided. Please contact Shaun Hamill, Boat Slip Rentals/Dock Master, 202-345-5735, if you would like to reserve a space.



Beach at the end of Delmar Drive:

Did you like the jelly fish nets? Unfortunately, they were full of holes when removed for cleaning and thrown away.

How strongly do you feel about replacing them for next summer? Please contact Section 2 President, David Zollinhofer,410-320-3021, if you would like to see the nets replaced.



The bridge at Westminster was extended on both sides. Now we and our furry friends will have dry feet when crossing!

Questions/Comments/Suggestions?

Contact Section 2 President, Dave Zollinhofer.



Section 3: Karen Porter

Section Three's next meeting will be held in March. Meanwhile, anyone interested in assisting with the caretaking of our baby oysters, please contact us at **Itpoa.events@gmail.com**. Our continued commitment and participation helps rejuvenate oyster reefs and the overall health of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries. More information can be found at **http://oysters.maryland.gov/.**

Wishing everyone has a safe and happy holiday season.



Section 4: John Franco

As the year comes to an end, I would like to thank all the people who have volunteered to help out during the year. A special thanks goes out to Julie Carroll, for the many years of service as Dock Master at Fullerton pier. Julie is stepping down as Dock Master and turning the reins over to Candy Turner. Candy's contact information and the community boat dock information can be found on the LTPOA website. (LTPOA.info). Section Four would like to welcome all the new residents to the community and invite everyone to join us at our section meetings. Our next Section Four meeting will be **Thursday**, **January 26th at 7:30pm**.

SECTION FOUR BOAT RAMP: The ramp was scheduled to be replaced last winter but due to circumstances beyond our control it was delayed until this winter. The ramp will be closed during the construction period. The other ramps in the community will be available.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe Holiday Season.

Section 5: Will Hottle

There was a lot of use of the playground, the beach, and the picnic area all summer. It's wonderful to see our neighborhood amenities being used. Section Five meets the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Community Hall from February through October. So we wish you very happy holidays, a happy new year, and we'll see you in February!





























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Bring the family to celebrate wintertime and the holidays with us at Illuminated London Town! *More info online*.





The London Towne Police Committee serves to provide coordination, direction and oversight to our cadre of Police Officers as they work to enhance safety and security around and within the Sections, Ramps, and Parks. Several Officers from the County Police work part time for LTPOA

enforcing laws and LTPOA regulations. These Officers concentrate on protecting LTPOA property and residents but they have full police authority and will make arrests. The Officers will investigate unusual or unauthorized activities on and around LTPOA facilities and conduct traffic stops.

Thank you for your support and cooperation during the 2016 spring and summer. The Police Officers have done an outstanding job this year protecting our people and property but they could not have been successful without the help from LTPOA residents. The Police Committee plans to continue coverage during the fall and into the winter months.

As we approach the holiday season, please drive carefully and if you enjoy alcoholic beverages always designate and use a driver who has not been drinking. Please driver sober and have a safe and wonderful holiday season.

As a reminder, please check your vehicle and boat stickers. If the sticker expires at the end of December 2016; then be sure to renew your stickers in January 2017 so you avoid being ticketed because of an expired sticker.

During November County Police Officers arrested and charged a person with burglary for breaking into houses within our community here in London Towne. Additionally, two individuals were arrested stealing from automobiles in our community and were charged for theft from vehicles. We are hopeful these arrests will slow down or stop these types of activities that have been an ongoing problem.

Anne Arundel County Police (AAPD): Always report emergencies, observed illegal activities, traffic violations, or any other law enforcement issue needing immediate attention to the Anne Arundel County Police by calling 911.

For non-emergencies please call (410) 222-8610. We encourage you to call this number any time to report suspicious people or activities in our neighborhood. You do not have to have an officer come to your door; you do not have to file a formal report; and, you may give information anonymously. AACP: http://www.aacounty.org/Police.

A report can be filed online at the following link: County Police Online Reporting - CRIME REPORTING FORM.

Contact AAPD Southern District Office at 410-222-1961.



Police continued:

If you observe problems (trespassing, parking, vandalism, etc.) involving LTPOA property please send an e-mail, text message, or leave a voicemail so I can make sure the Police Committee Members and Officers stay on the lookout in the areas where violations are known to occur on LTPOA property. E-mail and text messages to the Police Committee should be sent to

Police.LTPOA@gmail.com. Please e-mail pictures of observed improper parking, vandalism, etc. to the Police Committee if possible. You can leave a voice message on (443) 333-9490.

For additional information about the LTPOA Police Committee please visit the web-page on http://www.ltpoa.info/police.html.

Dave Sargent Chairman, Police Committee





The last two events of 2016 are the Craft Show and the judging of the Holiday Lights. We would like to thank all who participated in the Craft Show and those who came to shop.

Several people have said they have events they'd like to see happen. We'll be getting in touch soon. We're running the Events Committee with a slightly different focus. We'll support anyone who wants to have a community event with our expertise and experience to help make it happen. However, we do not have a structure in place to take your idea and make it happen for you.

Just call 410-956-4808 and let us know what you'd like to sponsor. It can be anything from a regular game night to a festival and everything in between!







Trip to Haliburton Scout Reserve – August 4th – 14th 2016

In August of 2016, Troop 815 of Londontowne, Maryland joined up with 3rd Toronto Scout Group of Toronto, Canada and a Scottish contingent of Scouts and Explorers from Ross and Sutherland district of Scotland for a week at Haliburton Scout Reserve, Scouts Canada. All together we had an international gathering of four nationalities as we were also joined by a Scouter from Gilwell, England for the week. It was a wonderful ten day trip.

This was a unique opportunity for Scouts to have international fellowship. Many lasting friendships were made and since returning both the Scouts and Scouters have still been communicating through email and social media. During our recent Webelos Woods event we also connected to Scotland briefly for a video conference. The Webelos thought it was amazing to talk to Scouts from another country. The Scots have also invited to host us for the Blair Athel Jamborette in Scotland in 2018.

Below is an account from one of our Scouts. Alexander Kline:

We were all sleepy on August 4th at 6:00 AM, as we loaded our van for the 13 hour trip from Edgewater, Maryland to Camp Halliburton, three hours north of Toronto, Canada. On board were five Scouts, our Scoutmaster, and one parent. We had been planning this trip for years, and now the day had finally come, thanks to our Scoutmaster, Tim Mullady. Mr. Mullady has been good friends with the Scouts Canada leader, Scouter Dan Nelson for a long time. He visited the 3rd Toronto Scout Group in 2014 and we have been planning to do a joint venture ever since.

We had no problem getting across the border, and we soon found ourselves in a new country. Niagara Falls was our first stop. The view was beautiful from the Canadian side. We even went into the tunnels underneath the Falls. Everyone had to wear yellow raincoats to keep from being drenched.

It was at the Falls that we met up with nine Scouts, Explorers, and their two leaders from Scotland who would also be joining us at Camp Halliburton. We all walked around for a while just talking about our countries and how excited we were to finally meet after years of planning. We also talked about our uniforms and how different they were. We'd never seen Scout uniforms with kilts! That night we were exhausted, and our two troops slept in the basement of a church in the city of Toronto.

The next morning, we were so happy to finally meet the seven Canadian Scouts and four leaders of 3rd Toronto Scout Group who would also be joining us on this adventure. All three troops got to know each other as we loaded the vans and buses for the last leg of our trip north. Soon, all three troops were on their way to Camp Halliburton.

It felt like forever, but three hours later, we finally arrived at camp. We unloaded our gear onto pontoon boats and headed to our camp site. The camp is on a lake, so we were all assigned canoes to get around. Otherwise, we would have needed to hike several miles to our activities. The camp was beautiful, but we found out quickly that the temperature was noticeably colder than in the U.S. This wasn't much of a surprise considering we were in Canada, but I should have thought about that before packing a week's worth of shorts and t-shirts.

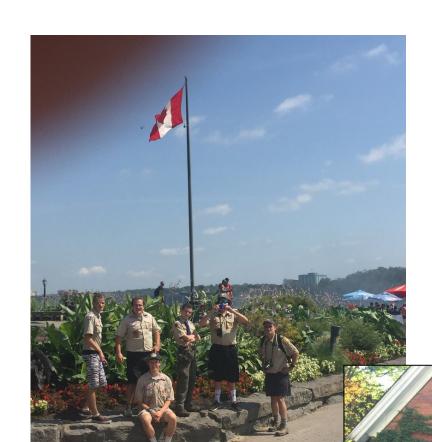
In Canada and Scotland, troops have both boys and girls, which is different than in the U.S. So each of our patrols consisted of Scots, Canadians, and Americans with boys and girls in each patrol. The patrols cooked for themselves and my favorite dish was Shepherd's pie.

Some of the activities they offered were rifle shooting, archery, sailing, snorkeling, and an interesting one called "Trapper's Cabin" which taught us what trappers did and how they lived out in the forest. We learned about animal pelts and bones. One night, the staff took us on pontoon boats to star gaze. With no light pollution, we could see all of the constellations and even a shooting star now and then.

Badge trading was another highlight of the trip. Some of our Scouts traded Maryland badges for some really old and rare badges from Canada and Scotland. Speaking of trading, I brought two Maryland state flags and gave them to the Canadian and Scotlish Scouts to keep.

As with all great adventures, this amazing week had to come to an end, so we packed our gear and prepared for the long drive home. As we drove away from the camp site, I thought back on everything we did. We accomplished so much that week, and although the mosquitoes were terrible, I would go back in a heartbeat. We made friends from two other countries who I look forward to seeing again. This trip has changed my definition of Scouting, and I will never forget the fun and the great Scouts we met.

Alexander Kline First Class Scout Troop 815 – Londontowne, Maryland







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Stickers?? Ramp Keys??

Ramps and Credentials meets at the Community Hall on regularly scheduled Mondays from 7pm to 8pm. Check the calendar on the community website (www.ltpoa.info).

LTPOA Officers:

John Rhoads, President	410-956-4808
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Karen Porter, Treasurer	410-956-4808
John Gleeson, Secretary	410-956-4808

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Michael Ryan, Section 1	410-956-6157
Dave Zollinhofer, Section 2	410-320-3021
Karen Porter, Section 3	410-956-4808
John Franco, Section 4	410-956-4808
Will Hottle, Section 5	410-956-1594

Section Meeting Times:

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

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

Section 2 - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. March-November.

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

Section 4 - Last Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. January, March, May-October.

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

All meetings are at the Community Hall unless otherwise announced