

# The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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From the President  
"Tigger" Ralph T. Brady



## LTPOA ANNUAL MEETING



**Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 7:30pm to 8:30 pm**

Please join your neighbors at the Clubhouse (170 Mayo Rd, Edgewater) for the LTPOA Annual Meeting. Learn what has been happening in the Community, and how you can become part of the volunteer force that helps make things happen. Elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer will take place at the annual meeting. You must be **present and a property owner to vote**. Please bring proof of residence (utility bill, tax bill, etc..).

The slate of officers consists of the current board members: Ralph Brady, President, Tony Sledge, Vice President, Karen Porter, Treasurer, and Shawn Herron, Secretary. In addition, nominations for all positions will be accepted from the floor.

Many thanks to the Events Committee, volunteers, and all who attended our Community Week festivities. We hope you had as much fun as we did. Congratulations to the winners of the Bike Parade, Rambling Raft Race, Fishing and Crabbing Contest, and Photo Contest. Special thanks to those who shared pictures of the events. Let us know if there was a particular event that you enjoyed or if we need to tweak one to make it better. Send your comments/suggestions to **LTPOA.EVENTS@GMAIL.COM**.

Don't forget to check the community calendar for upcoming events ([ltpoa.info](mailto:ltpoa.info)community calendar).



## 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](http://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](mailto:ltpoainfo@gmail.com) Please put Digital Conciliator in the subject field.



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- 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.

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## RAMPS and CREDENTIALS



### LTPOA IDENTIFICATION STICKERS

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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

It seems that the summer season has just started and now it is coming to an end. Our beach has been wonderfully busy throughout the summer. There have been families almost every weekend as well as young people enjoying the sand and water every day. With some of the storms and higher than usual tides we've been tasked with more maintenance than in the past. Still need to fill in a few very low spots especially by the picnic table closest to water.

Kayakers have appreciated the launching areas in our section, and we have many regulars fishing from their kayaks, catching snakeheads, perch and even some bass from our area waters. Water parade and following picnic was enjoyed by all who participated. A shout out to our grill chef, Q, for his tireless efforts over the hot grill in the extremely hot weather. Thanks! This year we had the parade participants pull in on the beach for the picnic. Met many new people to the community and hoping this fun activity grows in coming years. We'd love to hear suggestions from everyone as to how to improve on this and other events during this fun community week.

All boat and kayak slips were filled, and we were pleased to see all the water activity. We live in a truly beautiful part of the state and the world; it's nice seeing it appreciated and enjoyed. For kayak rack slots, the season runs from March 1 – November 30. All slots must be emptied by 1 December. A notice will be sent out in late December to gauge who is interested in a slot for the next season. Depending on the number requesting slots, a lottery will be held at the end of January and the winners will be notified to reserve their slot. Rules for the slots will accompany the notice of interest. Kayak Coordinator: **Trixie Ryan, [tryanhc@verizon.net](mailto:tryanhc@verizon.net)**.

We have a new secretary in our section, Ryan Kreiger, so when you get an e-mail from him, you'll know it's legit. If you are not receiving notices of meetings, please send your e-mail address to either Ryan (**[bphawk21@gmail.com](mailto:bphawk21@gmail.com)**) or Michael Ryan (**[mryansings@verizon.net](mailto:mryansings@verizon.net)**) to be added to our section list. Meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, March – October. If you're not sure of your section, contact us with your address and we'll help you find your section. Check the back of your Conciliator for key LTPOA contact information. For additional help, stickers, calendar, etc., go to [LTPOA.info](http://LTPOA.info).



## Section News

### Section Two: Michele Brady:

It's almost fall! Thank you all for participating in Community Week! It was great to see new faces from Section 2.

The Port-o-potty will be removed from Section 2 beach on September 1st. Kim Miller is still accepting donations to cover the cost of the monthly rental for the summer.

Section 2 is hosting another Comedy Show to raise money to fix the Section 2 docks. Please join us on November 18, 2023 at 7pm. Advanced tickets are only \$25 or table of 8 for \$180. These events have been amazing! Tickets are available at [souljoels.com](http://souljoels.com). All the proceeds for the comedy shows will go to the Section 2 Pier Fund! Check the community calendar at [ltpoa.info](http://ltpoa.info) and the London Towne Facebook page for this and other event details.

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](mailto:cderr11@comcast.net)

Kayak Masters: Westminister Park: Kim Miller, [kmundorff@gmail.com](mailto:kmundorff@gmail.com); Loreley (SW): Jack Valenti, [johnmartinvalenti@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:kellibladesltown@gmail.com).

Questions: Contact Michele Brady, 443-223-0231, phone or text or by email at [shelgw@yahoo.com](mailto:shelgw@yahoo.com)

## Section News

### Section Three: John Navarro

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe summer. A special thanks to all the volunteers who did a great job for our community week. Also, we must not forget the members of the Events Committee who plan all the events throughout the year for our community. The next meeting for Beach 3 will be on Wednesday, September 13, at the Club House at 7:00pm.

### Section Four: Mike Hrubiak

As summer draws to a close, I want to remind community members that fall can be some of the best weather to enjoy outdoor activities and our community has wonderful amenities to get the most out of autumn. Additionally, if you are curious how things are getting done around the community, and perhaps why some projects take precedent over others, I encourage Section 4 members to come to our meetings which will give you a great opportunity to witness and better understand the process of bringing ideas to life in our community. Our meetings are always marked on the "Community Calendar" on the [ltpoa.info](http://ltpoa.info) website. If you are unsure in which Section you reside, there is an interactive map available on the website under "Sections".

Below is a message from the Section 4 representative to the Events Committee, MaryLou McCutcheon:

"We hope you enjoyed the many activities available during *Community Awareness Week* this year. Kudos to the volunteers from Section 4 who helped: Toni DeTunque, Pamela Gibson, Deborah and Lisa Long, Diane DePew and Mary-Lou McCutcheon. Come join us at our next big event *Monster Bash & Trunk r Treat*, October 20, 2023, 7 to 9 PM at the clubhouse."

I would like to reiterate the thanks to all the volunteers and include a special thank you to MaryLou for all of the hard work and dedication she has put into the Events Committee and the community in general over the years, your dedication is very much appreciated!



## Section News

### Section Five: Tony Sledge:

It's time to prepare for fall. Fall brings us football games and cozy nights. The children are back in school so please be vigilant when driving through the neighborhood.

The next meeting of section 5 will be September 20 at 7:00 pm, held at the club house.

The following are section 5 officers: Anthony Sledge, President, Matt Pickering, Treasurer, Vicky Pickering, Secretary and Vice President

**Beach 5: Docks & Kayaks:** We have limited boat slips available contact a dock master for more detailed information.

Dockmasters – Vicki Pickering & Tony Sledge [dockmasterbeach5@gmail.com](mailto:dockmasterbeach5@gmail.com) or Vicki Pickering cell 202-437-4932 or Tony Sledge cell 240-882-1250

As boating season winds down, please prepare your boat or kayak for the end of the season. Kayaks can use the rack up to Dec 1, 2023. The racks are for the benefit of those who use their kayak or canoe, they are not meant for storage only. If you wish to be considered for rack space in 2024, please email [beach5kayaks@yahoo.com](mailto:beach5kayaks@yahoo.com). We give priority to Section 5 members and then those who previously had rack space with us the prior year.

Let us welcome all new beach neighbors to the community. We have an email list for beach 5, for more up-to-date information. If you want to receive the emails, please send your email address to [dockmasterbeach5@gmail.com](mailto:dockmasterbeach5@gmail.com) Keep in the know about movie night on the beach, section 5 events, meet and greet and etc.

Friendly Reminder, dogs are not allowed on the beaches or in the playground area. Thank you to those neighbors who volunteer to keep the community beautiful! Special thanks to all the volunteers that make London Towne a special place to live, (community week, bingo, comedy night, and yard sale, etc.)





# Monster Bash

Friday, October 20, 2023  
7:00-9:00 pm

**TRUNK OR TREAT,  
COSTUME CONTEST,  
GAMES, PRIZES, SNACKS**

**CHECK CALANDER OF EVENTS AT  
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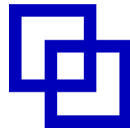


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# “Swing Your Partner”

LTPOA’s second Barn Dance, Saturday, July 29, 2023.



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**LTPOA ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023**

**10:00am to 2:00pm**

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**For information**

# London Towne Property Owners Association

## 2023 Bingo Schedule:



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

**September 17, 2023      5pm-7pm**

**October 15, 2023      5pm-7pm**

**November 19, 2023      5pm-7pm**

**December 10, 2023      5pm-7pm**

Location: London Towne  
Clubhouse, 170 Mayo  
Road Edgewater, MD



**Saturday  
November 18, 2023  
7:00 pm  
LTPOA Clubhouse**



**Advanced Tickets:  
Individual \$25.00  
Table \$180.00  
Purchase at [souljoels.com](http://souljoels.com)**

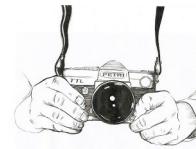
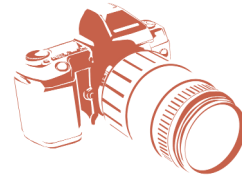
# My London Towne Photo Contest

## Youth



Heron Searching for his Dinner

Cori Walsh



## Adult Professional



A Bald Eagle Takes Flight Over in Glebe Creek

Sheldon Sensenig



Bring Home Dinner  
Sheldon Sensenig



# Adult Amateur



Walking My Dog Lesa Benson



Winter Sunrise Over Shore Drive  
Sherry Cassilly

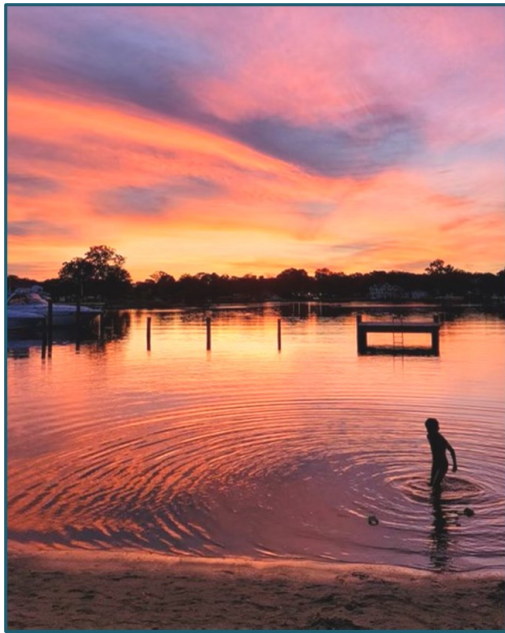


Boy Throwing Fish Net During  
Sunset a Beach 5 (1)  
Artemis Xyderis



Cloud Sailing Paul Heagen

# Adult Amateur (cont)



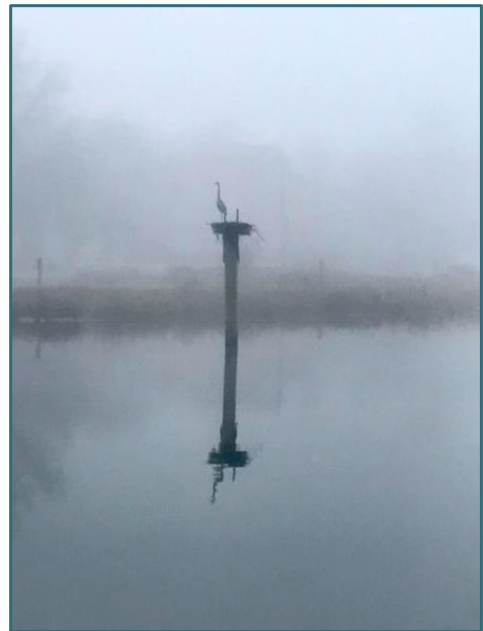
Boy Throwing Fish Net During  
Sunset a Beach 5 (2)  
Artemis Xyderis



A Foggy Day in London Towne - Beach 5  
Frank Czajka



Moonshine Over Glebe Creek  
Shirley Bomhoff



A Foggy Day in London Towne -  
Beach 5  
Frank Czajka

# Adult Amateur (cont)



Firehouse Glow (WBVFD bays on a hazy August Evening  
Aaron Paquette



Dogging Boarding  
Victoria Shellem



Dogging Boarding  
Victoria Shellem



Storm Reflect  
Aaron Paquette

## Adult Amateur (cont)



Morning Reflections at Beach 4  
Jen Birchenough



Winter Sunrise Over Shore Drive  
Sherry Cassilly



Grandkids Visiting  
Lesa Benson



Duck Days of Summer  
Laura Paulter



# LTPOA 2023 Community Awareness Week

**OPENING DAY!!**



# BIKE PARADE And SAFETY TIPS



Bike Parade Winners: 0-4 Miles Palmer, 5-8 Ruby Pautler, 9-11 Layla Abrams Mardi Gras, Family Potts-Lipscomb



Corporal Shelly Guy, AACPD Southern District reviews bicycle safety tips submitted by participants before the parade.



# RAMBLING RAFT RACE



Raft Race Winners:

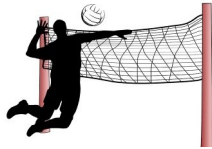
Paul Wolfe, Eden Connelly,  
Dalton Cunningham



It's not too early to start working on a design for next year's Rambling Raft Race.



# VOLLEY BALL



Congratulations to **Section 3** on winning the 2023 LTPOA Volley Ball title.

# YARD SALE



## Return of the London Towne Community Pet Show

The return of the London Towne Pet Show was a great success! We had lots of pets participate in the event and lots of spectators. The group assembled agreed that we should have the show again next year. The show was open to all types of pets. We mostly had dogs but did have two very cute guinea pigs at the show. We did have a fun little dog that dressed up like a chicken! Many thanks to the Events Committee and especially to Mary Lou McCutcheon for suggesting that we resurrect the pet show. Thanks also to Marian Creveling for making bandanas for all the participants. Special thanks go out to **Jackie Perkins** from **VCA South Arundel Animal Hospital** bringing goodie bags for all the participants. Jackie and her mom, **Carleen Sofield**, took pictures and judged the contest. Judging was based up the following:

### Dog Categories and Winners

Best Trick - Whiskey  
Most Obedient – Penny  
Cutest – Dobby  
Oldest – Toby  
Best Overall – Maggie

### Other Pet Categories and Winners

Best Trick – Paco (Paco was a dog dressed as a chicken!)  
Best Overall – Squeaker and Hush – the dynamic Guinea Pig duo

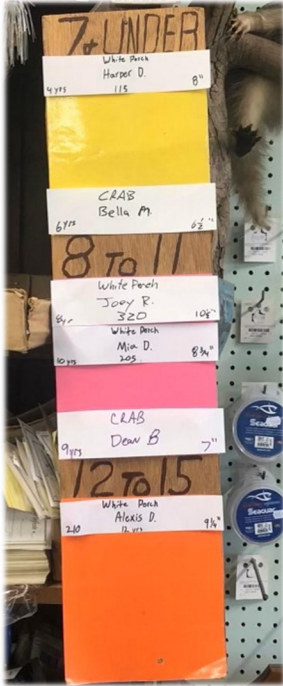


Jackie shared information with those attending about the Pet Food Pantry that was recently started at VCA and all in need are welcome. They accept donations (cash or food). You can contact Janey Ohrvall at 410-956-2932 if you have any questions about the food pantry and/or how to make a donation to the pet food pantry.

We look forward to seeing all of you next year at the London Towne Community Pet Show! Let us know if there are any categories that we should add to the show.



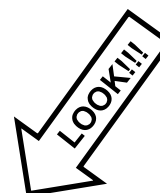
# CRAB FEAST FISHING AND CRABBING CONTEST AWARDS



# WATER PARADE



## Upcoming LTPOA Events



**Bingo** (see page 11 for dates in September, October, and November)

Our next seasonal event will be a **Monster Bash**, held on Friday, October 20, 2023 (see page 9). We are welcoming volunteers for Trunk or Treat, decorating, set up, running games, selling tickets, costume contest judging, crafting and clean up to help make this a fun and scary time. This will be a **cash only** event.

**Comedy Night** (see page 11) Saturday, November 18, 2023.

The annual **LTPOA Craft Fair** will be held Saturday, December 2, 2023 (see page 10). Come do your holiday shopping or pick up something for yourself. Crafters and volunteers are needed.

Deck the Halls for the holidays and make sure your lights are on between 5:30pm and 8:00pm for the Holiday Light Contest. Volunteers will be driving around the neighborhood taking in all that is "merry and bright".

Have an idea for an event? Want to help with one? Contact the Events Committee at **LTPOA.EVENTS@GMAIL.COM**.



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Girls in the Azalea Glade.  
Photo by Jessica Lombardi Photography



## Please, No Dumping

Raking leaves and garden cleanup is all part of getting our yards ready for the winter. However, dumping it on LTPOA property is not an acceptable practice. Adding leaves, branches, grass clippings, etc.. to an area can overwhelm the natural decomposition and disrupt the delicate balance of nature. Plant loss can result in shoreline erosion and more vegetal material in the water encourages algae growth dropping oxygen levels which can effect underwater grasses.

The Erosion and Park Planning committees have long and short-term plans for shoreline and community-owned land. They are aware of erosion and other imperfections and while they appreciate your well meaning attempts to correct these issues, they ask that you use County-provided services to discard your yard waste.





## 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**.

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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