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Corona Virus may have prevented us from doing many things in our community, but it couldn't stop

Family Week 2020.





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 11 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.



Tracie D'Angelo, the Vice President of the Southern District Police-Community Relations Council (PCRC) sent an email asking to share the following information with the community.

The PCRC is a volunteer group that brings the police department and the local communities together. The Anne Arundel County PCRC is comprised of four police districts - Eastern, Northern, Southern, and Western. PCRCs hold events, meetings and help the police department in their relations with their local communities. We educate the communities on different areas of the police department and afford private citizens opportunities to meet local officers in a friendly setting to ask questions and to get to know our law enforcement.

Check out their website – www.aacopcrc.com.





Reminder!

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.

Children's Bike Parade



Best decorated

- 0-2** - Charlotte McQuighan - Chicka Chicka Boom Boom
- 3-5** - Ruby Pautler - Rainbow
- 6-8** - Avery Hayden - ET
- 9-12** - Grace Colley - Watermelon

Fishing and Crabbing Derby

Congratulations

7 & Under

- Fishing:** 1st Michael Twigg
2nd Mia Donlin
3rd Alina Southard

- Crabbing:** 3-way tie
Mia Donlin, Anthony Sledge,
Gabriel Morette

8 - 11

- Fishing:** 1st Julia Lee
2nd Chase S.
3rd Hayden Heidenberg
- Crabbing:** Alexis Donlin

12-15

- Fishing:** 1st John Sweeney
2nd Justin Heidenberg
3rd Marissa Stallings
- Crabbing:** John Sweeney



Angler of the Year:
Julia Lee





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/their education at either a four-year college or university, a two-year junior or community college, or an accredited trade, technical or business school. The Gray-Mott Scholarship Foundation is a 501-C, tax exempt foundation and depends on fundraisers and donations for support. Gray-Mott recently benefited from the yard sale during Family Week. Thank you to the everyone who rented spaces and purchased items inside the Club House. 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: Contributed by Autumn Seay, 10th grade, creative writing PVA student

SAND RECEDING ON BEACHES

Unfortunately, the sand on our beaches has been receding into the bay. This means that the water has been washing the sand into the bay and is decreasing the amount of sand on the surface. Our community has been working on supplying more sand.

FAMILY WEEK

This year for our Londontowne community, a boat parade was held during family week. In my opinion, as well as the people who attended the event with me, the boat parade was a very relaxing event. Everyone who was present had their own kayak/paddle board. If you do not own any type of boat, I recommend renting from Sunrise SUP. This was a safe activity that did not disrupt Covid social distancing. Tigger led this successful parade. The temperatures did feel tropical, nothing the water around us couldn't fix. We have the privilege of having many small beaches near our homes along the Chesapeake bay. If you go out on a nice day on the water near section 1, I can assure you nothing about the nature that surrounds the water will disappoint. I also recommend taking your boat at night when the stars emerge. Though I did not attend the other family week activities such as volleyball, kickball, bike parade, and fishing tournaments, it all sounded like fun events to attend. If you were unable to attend this year's events, there is always next year to look forward to.

BENCHES ADDED IN SECTION 1

Have you noticed?! Near the docks and throughout section 1 benches were installed! This provides a spot to watch the sunset, read a book, or even take a break after a long walk. I suggest taking at least one visit before it gets too cold! Be sure to thank our section 1 board members for getting these installed for our seating pleasure!

A special thanks also goes out to the Hull, Sanders, Donlin, and Saunders families for staining all our picnic tables



Section News

Section One (cont.)

CHANGES I WOULD LIKE TO SEE: FROM A TEENAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

As an incoming 10th grader, I have been asked many times, "What changes would you like to see?". I already love the many beaches provided as well as the parks. (But I think we can all agree the beaches are the #1 hit). One major thing that I love about neighborhoods is sidewalks. I think they are a great addition to have especially with the safety benefits. This may encourage people to walk and kids to play more with a sidewalk involved. I don't know how costly sidewalks can be, but I'm sure we can find a way to raise money. Some streets may be too narrow to add sidewalks, but I think along Shore Dr. would be a nice place for a sidewalk.



Section 2: Kim Miller

We had a great summer at Westminister park and our beach this year! Looking forward more section fun. Social distancing, of course!. It's been good to see community members out and about.

We are still taking donations for the port-a-potty at our beach either by check (make check out to LTPOA Section 2), cash (check and cash can be dropped off to Kim Miller, 1721 Forestville Rd.) or PayPal (ltpoasection2@gmail.com). Thank you to all that have donated!!

Londontowne Community Facebook group. Please join for community updates. Not an official Facebook for LTPOA.

Section 2 meetings: See the LTPOA calendar for Section 2 meeting dates. We are meeting at the community hall with teleconference capabilities.

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 kmundorff@gmail.com.



Kayak rack slip rentals: All kayaks must be off the racks by December 1.

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

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

Section News

Section 3: John Navarro

Another summer is coming to an end and what a summer it has been. The beach probably saw more use than ever. There seems to be a lot more pride in our little community. I don't know your names, but one of our families would be on the beach early certain mornings raking the beach and cleaning it up for all to enjoy. Thank you for doing such a neighborly deed. Hopefully at some point, others will begin to understand why dogs are not allowed.

Reminder to Beach Three Families: Use of the picnic area must be coordinated through me in order to avoid multiple groups showing up. I can make sure you know the rules for using the area and provide the necessary parking passes your guests will need. My phone number - 301-892-0534

Have a great fall season and keep your fingers crossed we get a vaccine soon. Stay safe!



Section 4: John Gleeson

Section 4 meetings:

We encourage and welcome Section 4 residents to attend our meetings. Please mark your calendars to attend our Section meetings. Meeting signs will be placed around our community at the appropriate times and you can always find them on the community calendar via our website. In addition, the schedule of meetings can be found on the back cover of this newsletter. **We would love for you to join us and to hear your ideas or concerns!**

Section 4 piers:

The Section 4 piers, Bentley and Fullerton, have slips available and applications for 2021 rentals commence on January 1. All applicants must show proof of eligibility - proof of property ownership or lease agreement and current boat license and insurance. All boats using the community facilities are required to display the London Towne identification sticker at all times. Slip agreements must be completed in full each year and can be found on the LTPOA.info website under the Boat Dockage link. For slip availability and fees, please contact your Dockmaster: Bentley - Paul Nelson 443.223.2962 or Fullerton - Candy Turner 443.223.2263.

Questions/Concerns/Comments/Suggestions?

Candy Turner is our Section Secretary and is happy to receive and disseminate your questions/concerns/comments/suggestions regarding our Section for response by the appropriate individuals. Please submit them via text message to 443.223.2263.

Until the next Conciliator.....

We wish all of you a happy and healthy holiday season!



Section 5: Deb Ament

The next meeting of Section 5 will be Wed, Sept 16th at 730pm- at the new clubhouse. We will also provide a Zoom invite the day before our meeting.

Elections were held at the August meeting. The current Officers remain in place.

Deb Ament, President, Tony Sledge, VP, Matt Pickering, Treasurer, Vicky Pickering, Secy.
See the LTPOA.info website for details about our community.

Beach 5 Docks & Kayaks:

We have several boat slips available for the 2020 season in Beach 5.

Dockmasters – Vicki Pickering & Tony Sledge dockmasterbeach5@gmail.com

Vicki Pickering cell 202-437-4932 Tony Sledge cell 240-882-1250



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

We are still practicing distancing so no large gatherings at the beach 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 garbage 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.

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HEY NEIGHBORS!!!

The **LTPOA Annual Meeting** will take place on Wednesday, **October 7, 2020 at 7:30pm** at the Clubhouse. The meeting will be held for the purpose of electing LTPOA officers. We hope to see you there. Written committee reports will be available at the meeting and will be posted to the community website.

Placement of the United States Flag:

A number of rules govern the placement of the Stars and Stripes, including these:



- When it's displayed with other flags, the U.S. flag should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed *above or to the right of the U.S. flag of the United States*.
- The U.S. flag should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.
- The U.S.flag, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the flag's right (the viewer's left), and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.



An advertisement for Annapolis Dermatology Associates. It features a sunset over water in the background. At the top is a logo of three dots above the text "ANNEAPOLIS DERMATOLOGY ASSOCIATES". Below that is a section titled "Most Awards And Recognitions Of The Region's Dermatologists" with contact information: "2002 Medical Parkway, Suite 630 Annapolis, Md 21401 410.224.2260" and "1630 Main Street, Suite 109 Chester, Md 21619 410.604.2424". Below this are three headshots of the dermatologists: Lisa Renfro, M.D., Emma Lanuti, M.D., and Thomas Meskey, M.D.



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 permanently display a current LTPOA sticker on all vehicles, vessels and trailers.

Until further notice, **RAMP KEYS** and **Stickers** are sold on line. Please check the community web site (ltpoa.info) for instructions on how to purchase.

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.



Community Family Week 2020 Photo Contest Winners



1st Place Adult Professional
Nicholas Davidowski
Stormy Sunset

2nd Place Adult Professional
Nicholas Davidowski
Keeping Watch



1st Place Adult Amateur
Kyle Henn
Yellow Fall Flowers



2nd Place Adult Amateur
Victoria Bergmann
Fireworks



3rd Place Adult Amateur
Mary Steele
After the Storm



1st Place Youth Amateur
Mia Donlon
Dock 1 Snake



2nd Place Youth Amateur
Michael Davidowski
Summer Sunset at Beach 5



Peoples Choice Londontowne Community Facebook Group
Alie Kamm
Rainbow

See all the winners in full color at ltpoa.info

Pet Corner Rita Robertazzi



The Silver Lining

During the pandemic the need to socially distance has seen an unprecedented demand for companion animals. A pet to care for, to fill idle time at home, and join us outside to walk and play. Subsequently rehoming and fostering shelter animals have greatly increased. Now more than ever a household in our community is likely to include a small animal. The improved mental and physical health of human and animal species are more than ever reliant on each other. Please remember to have dogs and cats chipped for rapid identification if lost or stolen. You may contact your veterinarian or local animal shelter for low cost pet identification. Please never leave your pets unattended for even a short period of time.

Neighbors continue to keep dogs separated from other dogs when walking. It is never appropriate to pass closely or walk towards someone else with a leashed dog especially if other owner does not see you. Parents have been doing an excellent job of teaching their children to never run up to leashed dog, and to always ask before approaching, or petting, even a known dog.

Considering the need to remain close to home this year, and the increased numbers using our community shoreline there were increased numbers of beachgoers, walkers, bicyclists, water sports enthusiasts , fishermen, and picnickers.

There are people who continue to allow their dogs to run off leash on our community beaches, who insist on using their phone on speaker when in public, or in the early morning hours, bicyclists who continue to race down our streets, passing dangerously close to pedestrians without any warning. And yes, sadly, people leave trash on our beautiful beaches and shorelines. Thankfully the majority does not practice these habits and many good neighbors pick up trash discarded by others.

I like to believe the offenders are not even from our London Towne community. (With the ease of getting LTPOA car-stickers online now the out-of-area visitors will get easier and easier to identify.)

This summer we came together as a community to locate lost pets, report suspicious activity, and share household items we no longer need via community websites. We have supported each other in offering and utilizing local professional talents, skills, and food trucks. The pandemic of 2020 has been a bit different but we are taking it together in stride.

Please continue to be respectful and kind to your neighbors, all local wildlife, and community property.

You may report all strays and lost pets to:

Maryland SPCA at mdspca.org

Animals Anne Arundel County Animal Control at aacounty.org
and on Facebook **Lost and Found Pets of Anne Arundel County**

Have a great FALL!

Submerged Aquatic Vegetation - SAV -

Members of Section 5 expressed their concerns that the abundance of underwater grasses are fouling props and clogging engine water intakes so they did some research. Below is the response received from Jesse Lliff, the Riverkeeper for Arundel Rivers (South, West and Rhode):

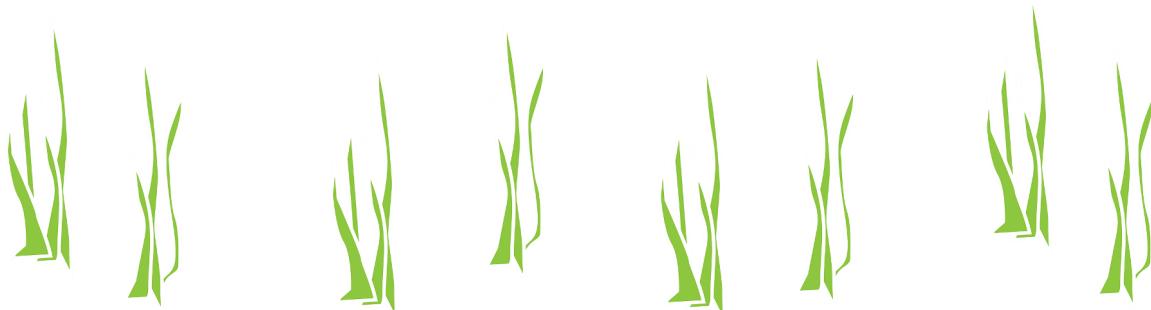
The underwater grasses should be left alone. For more on the laws that protect them, see: <https://dnr.maryland.gov/waters/bay/Pages/sav/SAV-Permits-and-Regulations.aspx>

It is almost certainly not eelgrass, as eelgrass needs more salinity than we find in this area of the Bay: <https://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/fieldguide/critter/eelgrass>.

My bet is that this is horned pond weed https://www.chesapeakebay.net/S=0/fieldguide/critter/horned_pondweed, or perhaps widgeon grass https://www.chesapeakebay.net/discover/field-guide/entry/widgeon_grass.

Raking up parts of the grasses that are not in a direct line between their pier and the navigable channel, clearing the SAV without permission from DNR is illegal and subjects them to a \$1000 fine for a first offense, \$2000 and imprisonment for a year for a second or subsequent offense

Underwater grasses are absolutely vital to the recovery of the Bay and something I take very seriously. I would report my own father for clearing the stuff.



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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

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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.ltboa.info).

LTPOA Officers:

John Rhoads, President	443-458-8921
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Diane Depew, Secretary	410-956-4808

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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.

March-November.

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.

February, 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