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**FROM OUR BOARD
PRESIDENT
John Rhoads**



LTPOA ANNUAL MEETING

Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the Association.

The London Towne Property Owner's Association will hold its annual meeting on **Wednesday, October 4 at 7:30 p.m.**

Please note that the meeting will take place at the **SOUTHERN DISTRICT POLICE STATION MEETING ROOM @ 35 Stepneys Lane**. Ample parking is available.

Board members and committee chairs will present highlights from the past year.

Immediately following the meeting, the County Executive will give a brief "State of the County" message and take questions.



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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 to meet some of your neighbors, obtain information about the community and pick up your stickers for cars, boats, and trailers. If you do not have a copy of the Association Bylaws, you can get a copy at our website ltpoa.info.

Anne Arundel County 311

Anne Arundel County has launched a new 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.



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, Community Hall, 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.

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

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

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.

10th Annual “My London Towne” Photo Contest

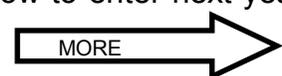
We would like to thank the judges of the Photo Contest. We had three local artists judge the photo contest this year. The artists were:

Joan Bell: A gifted painter with over 50 years experience. She works with oils, acrylics and watercolors. She also works with clay. Joan has taught portrait classes and other art classes at area community centers.

Michael Lopes: A long time Edgewater resident, is the sole owner of Photography by Mike Lopes. He has over 30 years of photography experience and is the recipient of nearly 200 peer awards on **Pixoto.com**. His specialties include: people, landscapes, wildlife and nature, classic cars, live bands, architecture, and travel. He is an active member of the Muddy Creek Artists Guild and shows his work at all their yearly shows around the county. Mike also coordinates photo displays at the Driftwood Diner in Shady Side which includes a variety of his artistic photographs. michaellopes@verizon.net

Heather Lee Marsh: While the heart of a brisk Maryland winter may seem like a strange time to begin taking photos of the Chesapeake Bay, I ended up doing just that—and I haven't looked back. For over a year, I've been capturing the sunrises along the Chesapeake Bay and sharing them online. Most people don't have the opportunity to watch the sunrise each day. It's a gift to see the colors, the seasons changing, the tides rising and falling. To hear the swans coo or the osprey yell. Sharing that experience has been one of the greatest joys of my life. I've lived in Maryland most of my life, and I never knew it could be this beautiful. There are talented artists across multiple generations of my family, but I didn't really think it applied to me until recently. But in late 2015, one of my best friends was diagnosed with an aggressive form of leukemia and immediately hospitalized for months. I felt powerless to help, but turned my morning dog walks into an opportunity to capture the beautiful outdoors for her. Daily posts quickly spiraled into a full-blown obsession with photography. It didn't take long to discover my love for portrait photography either. I adore spending time with families, kids, and pets, helping to capture special moments and memories. My goal is to capture the true essence of the family and their love. It's magic captured forever. www.heatherleemarsh.com

Joan, Michael and Heather are all members of the Muddy Creek Artist's Guild and have graciously volunteered their time to judge our photo contest. Joan has volunteered for several years. Once again, the judges were delighted with the wonderful photographs submitted by our community members. They were especially impressed with the quality of photographs by our youth participants. They have encouraged all of our young talented photographers to continue taking photos to hone their craft. The judges individually evaluated each photograph and their scores determined our first, second and third place winners for both the adult and youth divisions. Community members determined the People's Choice winners for each division at the Crab Feast this year. Each of the winners will have their photos displayed in our 2019 LTPOA Community Calendar and on note cards. The winners also win monetary prizes. We had a lot of first time participants this year. Start taking pictures now to enter next year's contest.



Below is the list of winners for the 10th annual My Londontowne Photo Contest:

Youth Division:

1. Peaceful Reflection by Breana Johnson - 1st place
 2. Squirrel by Sofia Reicherter - 2nd place
 3. Mr. Monarch by Trent Fiesler – 3rd place
- Squirrel by Sofia Reicherter – People’s Choice

Adult Division:

1. Reflection by Morgan Clementson - 1st place
 2. July Morning by Colleen Gleason - 2nd place
 3. Dudley by Debra Martin – 3rd place
- July Morning by Colleen Gleason – People’s Choice

For more information regarding the Muddy Creek Artist’s Guild, go to <http://www.muddycreekartistsguild.org>



**GRAY-MOTT
SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION NEWS**

By Pam Obee Sargent



The 2018 LTPOA Community Calendar and note cards are on sale now. The calendar and note cards feature the winners from the 2016 photo contest. You can contact me at pam.obee@verizon.net to pick up either of these items. The calendars are \$10.00 and the note cards are \$6.00 (includes 8 cards). The note cards and calendar are suitable for gift giving. This year we featured several pages of collages from the 2016 Community Family Week events. We will have the calendars and cards for sale at our Holiday Craft Show on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at the clubhouse. All proceeds from the sale of the calendars and note cards go to the Gray/Mott Scholarship Foundation

The Gray-Mott Scholarship Foundation is a 501-C, tax exempt foundation that awards two scholarships per year to graduating high school seniors residing in London Towne. Donations made to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

Community Family Week was a Blast

Community Family week kicked off with the Annual Yard Sale. The weather wasn't the best, but folks still turned out to buy and sell treasures and drop off their entries for the My Londontowne photo contest. Just down the street at Marty's, registration for the fishing and crabbing contest was underway.



The week continued with a Thursday night double header. The Children's Bike Parade and Contest took place in the Club House parking lot. Madison and Ryan Gordon, Raelynn Fegan, Avery Hayden, Nathan Riha, and Layla Abrams, and their families, waited out the rain then rode their bikes around cones and through arches while the adults looked on. Prizes were awarded and everyone received a goodie bag and an ice pop. Ryan, Madison and Nathan brought coloring pages from the June issue and received an additional prize. You'll find copies of their pages within the newsletter.



The annual Volleyball tournament followed the bike parade. The following is a report by Tom Walsh:

Volleyball was as great as ever this year. It has been a LONG time any Section repeated as Volleyball Champions, but Section # 1 did just that. Organized & dressed in blue Section # 1 shirts, by Michael & Trixie Ryan, President & Secretary of Section # 1, the Section # 1 team looked and played the part of outstanding players. Section #1 was hard pressed by Section # 3 in 3 very close games with scores of 21-18, 21-18 & 21-19. The outstanding officiating by John Rhoads. After the games, players & spectators went into the hall for refreshments. A VERY good time was had by all. We are sure that next year, all Sections will have teams & this will only make the evening better



Family Week concluded with the ever popular Crab Feast. This year the committee decided to buy local, getting the crabs from Chesapeake Seafood and the pulled pork and sides from Adam's ribs. There was a good variety of desserts provided by the organizers and if you wanted something different, you could try your luck at the Cake Wheel. Many thanks to those who generously donated baked goods for the dessert table and the cake wheel. Everyone had the opportunity to look at the photo contest entries and vote for the "People's Choice". Photo contest results can be found on page 6.



During a short lull in the Crab Feast, the winners of the Fishing and Crab Contest were announced and awards presented. In the 7 and under age group, Ian Bergendahl took first prize in the fishing category and Sienna Stover came in second. Ian also came in first in the crabbing category. In the 8-11 year old age group, Delaney Bergendahl placed first, Kalleigh Contay placed second and Blake Aisquith placed third. Kalleigh also placed first in the crabbing contest. Finally in the 12-15 year old age group, Trey Aisquith came in first, Logan Strack second and Marissa Stallings third. Jeremy Ruleman won the crabbing contest. Each year one of the winners is awarded the title of Angler of the Year. This year that award went to Delaney Bergendahl. We'd like to congratulate all of the winners and hope to see you, and many others, next year.



Finally, there was the Horse Shoe Contest. Once again Karen Porter and Gene Lilly prevailed and took first place. Other teams were made up of Devin Capizzi and Eddie Meadows, Ron and Ronnie Masgay, and Darren Capizzi and Edgewater's own, Boogie Lawson. All who stayed to watch enjoyed the friendly competition.



This year we moved some events and discontinued others based on recent participation. How did we do? Comments, questions, and ideas for new events can be directed to the Events Committee at ltpoa.events@gmail.com.

Photos courtesy of Pam Obee Sargent, Kim Miller and Marian Creveling

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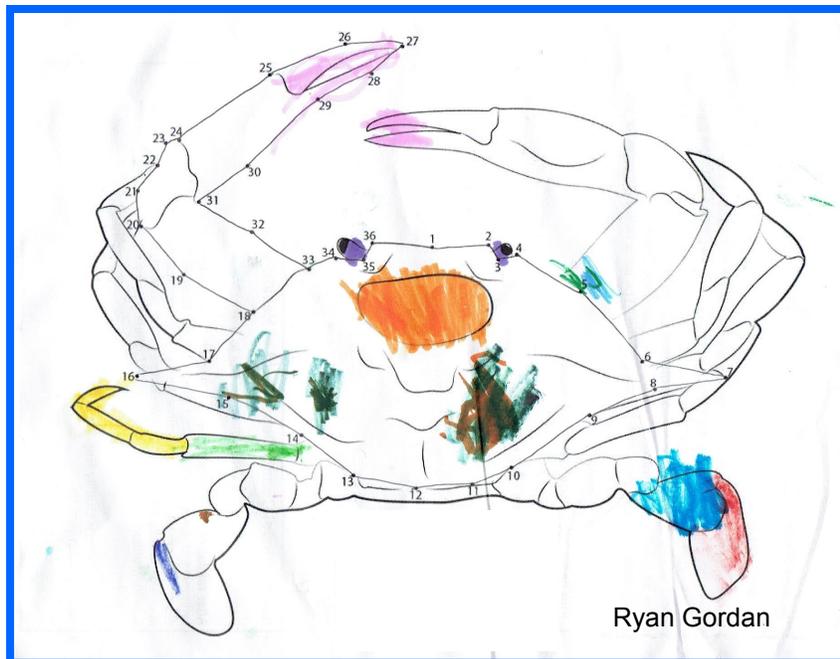
WHO: Boys 6th through 12th Grade, ages 11-18
WHERE: Londontowne Community Hall
WHEN: Wednesday nights 7:00 -8:30
CONTACT: Ron Masgay - 443-994-8837



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.

In addition to learning outdoor skills, the scout program teaches leadership and citizenship while having fun in the outdoors.





Police Committee – September 2017

The 2017 spring and summer recreational and boating seasons are winding down! Be aware that schools are open and many kids will play on the playground equipment and beaches in the evenings after school. Please adjust your driving and keep your speed down to avoid a collision that could result in an injury or death. Every LTPOA member wants to maintain a safe and enjoyable fall experience in our community and neighborhood for kids and residents.

Please check your LTPOA Stickers displayed on vehicles, boats, and boat trailers to make sure the stickers have not expired. Dates the Ramps and Credentials Committee is available for stickers can be found on the LTPOA calendar <https://localendar.com/public/LTPOA>. The Police Officers do not want to give tickets or tow any resident's vehicles and the price of a sticker to register your vehicle is an inexpensive way to avoid tickets or tows. Police patrols and hours on patrols volume will remain strong during the fall and winter seasons, so please cooperate by having valid stickers and following the parking and other LTPOA rules.

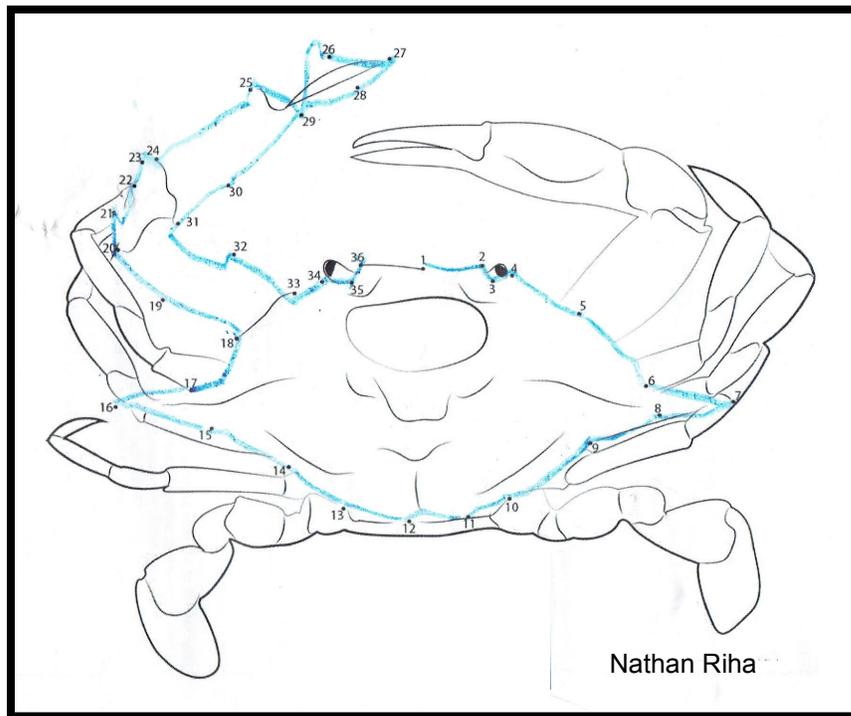
When you have guests who wish to accompany you to the beaches, parks, etc., please obtain a one day guest vehicle parking permit if their vehicle will be on LTPOA property. One day permits can be obtained for your guests at no cost from your Section President. Vehicles on LTPOA property without a permit are considered trespassing and subject to being towed at the owners expense – that could make for an unhappy picnic or cruise!

A question that comes up frequently is “How do I contact LTPOA Police Officers?” If anyone has an issue that should be dealt with by the Police then they should call 911 to report it to the Anne Arundel Police. Residents should not try to contact me or our Police Officers. When Officers are on duty for LTPOA they are considered in “Secondary Employment” status and the Officers keep the County Police advised of where and when they are working and maintain radio contact at all times. If residents call 911 or the non-emergency County Police number, the County will dispatch a Police Officer to handle the call. The Officer that is dispatched may be an on duty Officer or the Officer could be the Officer on duty to support LTPOA. Either way the County Police will dispatch an Officer to handle the call or complaint. If someone tries to call me or the Officer in secondary employment for LTPOA there will be a delay getting the problem resolved. The issue will be handled quicker and resolved directly by contacting the County Police directly and explaining your problem but do not ask the county operator to send the LTPOA duty Officer.

Police (cont.)

If there are problems (trespassing, parking, vandalism, etc.) involving LTPOA property, the Police Committee would appreciate an e-mail or other notification so we can make sure the Police Committee Members and our Officers stay on the lookout in the areas where violations are known to occur on LTPOA property. E-mail to the Police Committee should be sent to **Police.LTPOA@gmail.com**. Please e-mail or SMS pictures of observed improper parking, vandalism, etc. to the Police Committee if possible. You can leave a voice message, send SMS text messages, and send photos to the Police Committee on (443) 333-9490 and I will try to handle your request and get back to you in a timely manner.

Always report observed illegal activities, suspicious persons or actions, traffic violations, or any other law enforcement issue to the Anne Arundel County Police by calling 911.



Park & Planning: Tom Walsh



The nettle nets in Section #2 swim area have worked this summer. I have done an inspection of each beach & found nettles in the swim areas of all beaches, EXCEPT Section #2. It was the hard work and persistence of President Dave Z & Committee member John Clementson. The Committee & the entire community needs to thank both of you for encouraging the committee to finally get the nettle nets up. The Committee will give a final report when the nets are taken down, cleaned/dried and put in winter storage.

The Committee has been very busy keeping the playground, beaches and parks clean, well-trimmed & the community has responded by using LTPOA property more this summer than in past summers. Thanks to all. Finally, after 30 years, the very first erosion project has been revived. The turn in Section # 2 was the first P & P + Erosion project. Over those years, trees have grown over the shoreline & prevented the grasses from growing and holding the bank in place. The committee finally got the trees trimmed/removed and we should have grasses growing all along the shoreline by next summer.



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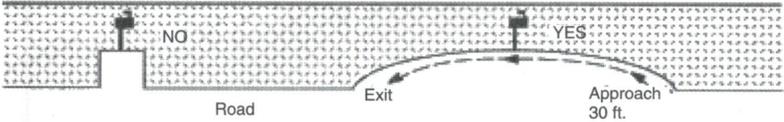
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Example: Snow Removal 



Example: Obstructions (trash cans, vehicles, etc.)



Notice 38, April 2000

There are five carriers that deliver mail in Woodland Beach. These Edgewater carriers appreciate their customers and try to accommodate their needs and serve them as best they can. They thank you for keeping your mail boxes clear of vehicles and all other obstacles between the hours of 11am and 2pm

Section News

Section 1: Butch Porter

Well, another great Summer at the beach. Family week was a success for the community again. The biggest news, of course, is we have the bragging rights this year as we prevailed in the Volleyball Tournament. A big congratulations to all who participated and thanks to Trixe for supplying the wonderful tee shirts.

Kayak racks are here and waiting installation. Beaches have been used and cleaned up from activities after a great season. Don't forget the Section meetings are the second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Marina or the Club House, depending on weather. Look for the signs the morning of the meetings. Of course, as always, school is starting again; watch the roads and crosswalks for our children. Let's keep them safe.



Section 2: Kim Miller

Section 2 Beach:

Residents are enjoying the beach, and it appears the nets are doing a good job of keeping the nettles out. Please don't climb or pull on the nets as they can come loose from the pilings. Also, access to the swim platform is from inside the netted area. Please refrain from jumping off the back side of the platform.

Questions/Comments/Suggestions/Parking passes:

Contact Section 2 President, Kim Miller, 410-245-3128 phone or text.



I am going to start an email distribution list for more up-to-date information. If you want to receive the emails please send me an email at kmundorff@gmail.com.

Boat Slip & Kayak Rack Rentals: Shaun Hamill, Section 2 Dock Master

Section 3: Karen Porter

Hope to see some new faces at the monthly meetings, which are held the second Wednesday of the month from March through October in the club house at 7:30pm. Meetings rarely last more than one hour and they provide an excellent opportunity for you to meet your neighbors and learn about what's happening in the community

Section 4: John Franco

Section Four meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are held at the Community Hall in January, March, May, June, August, September and October. The standing rules for Section Four can be found at ltpoa.info along with other resourceful community news. Check it out.



Talking Trash

The last clean up for the year was held on Saturday, August 28th. Thanks to all who showed up to help. Clean ups will resume in the Spring. Watch for the signs at the Hall or check our webpage for the date. Meeting time is 9:00 am at the club house. Closed-toe shoes, long sleeve shirt, and gloves recommended. Safety vests and trash bags will be supplied.





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London Towne Recycles

Fall is just around the corner and soon we will be raking leaves and clearing out our gardens for the Winter ahead. Remember that as of January 3, 2017 all yard waste must be in paper - not plastic - bags. Paper bags compost along with the leaves and grass clippings. Plastic has to be separated from the yard waste during the composting process.

Check out www.aacounty.org/services-and-programs/household-hazardous-waste-drop-off-days for days and locations to drop off household hazardous waste.





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Stickers?? Ramp Keys??

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

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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