

The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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From the President
“Tigger” Ralph T. Brady

As we enter springtime, we need to remember outdoor safety. More people are out walking their dogs, biking, and children are outside playing. Please slow down and be aware of your surroundings. We are all neighbors and want everyone to be safe when in the community.

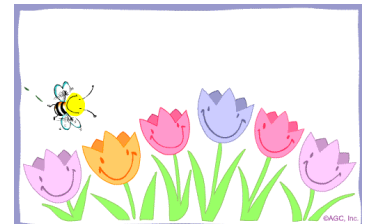
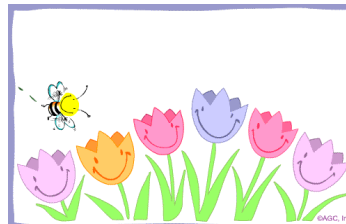
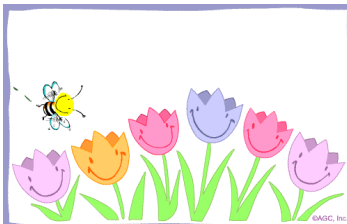
I would like to thank our volunteers for all the hard work they continue to provide. They have successfully put on Comedy Nights, Bingo, and more. This community does not run without its selfless group of volunteers. I hope you will attend one, or more of the many events planned for this year. See page 9 for the current schedule. Remember, its not too early to start building your raft for the Ramblin Raft Race or planning the decorations for your bike or watercraft.

See page 8 for upcoming Earth Day events. Join your section neighbors as we continue to fight invasive plants along our shoreline.

I would like to remind everyone that it is important to get the community stickers on your vehicles if you wish to park at the beaches and parks. Instructions on how to get stickers appears on page 4 and on the London Towne web page (ltpoa.info).

I am happy to report that we have hired on more police officers to patrol our community.

I hope everyone enjoys a happy and save spring in our community.



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



London Towne Property Owners Association



2025 Bingo Schedule:

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

Location:

London Towne Clubhouse,
170 Mayo Road
Edgewater, MD

March 23 5pm-7pm

April 13 5pm-7pm

May 18 5pm-7pm





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 needed to park on our LTPOA community property (ie beaches, parks, playgrounds, boat docks, etc.). Guest passes for vehicle parking are available from Section Presidents (listed on last page of this newsletter)

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. Ramp locks for Section 1 and 4 will be changed towards the end of March. Ramp lock for Section 5 will be changed in April.

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



Festive Cheer Fills the Neighborhood

The holiday season has truly brought our community together, filling the streets with warmth despite the chilly weather! Over the past few weeks, neighbors have gone above and beyond in decorating their homes with dazzling lights, wreaths, and festive displays. Whether taking an evening stroll or driving through, bright and creative decorations have made our neighborhood feel like a winter wonderland.

Adding to the holiday spirit, we recently hosted a special comedy night that not only brought plenty of laughs but also raised funds to support local initiatives. Thanks to the incredible turnout and generous donations, we were able to contribute to community projects that will benefit us all in the coming year. A big thank you to everyone who attended and supported the cause!

As we settle into the cold weeks ahead, let's remember that spring is just around the corner! Warmer days and blooming flowers will be here before we know it. With that in mind, neighborhood section meetings will resume soon, so stay tuned for dates and details. Plus, mark your calendars—our annual Community Awareness Week will take place this summer, offering a great opportunity to connect, learn, and give back.

For those looking ahead to outdoor activities, kayak space rentals are available. If you're interested, please contact tryanhc@verizon.net for more information.

Section Two: Michele Brady

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

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

Kayak Master: Kim Miller, kmundorff@gmail.com;

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

Please remember to let me know if you would like to reserve the picnic tables at Westminster Park or Beach 2 for gatherings over 10.

Please Note: Due to safety concerns, the pier at Westminster Park has been closed until further notice. The pier will be further evaluated this spring and a solution implemented to ensure the safety of the community.

Section News

Section Three: John Navarro

It is with great sadness that Section 3 marks the passing of longtime resident, Norm Pennington. Norm served as dockmaster for many years, was a good friend to many and dedicated volunteer. We send our best wishes to his wife, Martie, and his family. He will be deeply missed.

As we look forward to the return of warm weather, I want to remind you of a few things:

If you are interested in reserving Beach 3's picnic area, email or text me your plans to avoid conflict with someone else.

Make sure you get the parking sticker for your car. You need a sticker to park in certain areas of London Towne. NO Overnight Parking at the Section 3 Marina!

Our next meeting will be on March 12, 7:00 p.m., at the Club House. Please attend the meeting and share any suggestions you might have.

Section Five: Tony Sledge

Good weather is here, it's time to get out and enjoy a stroll around the neighborhood, take in all the beautiful flowers that are blooming around us "and consider visiting the beautiful London Town and Gardens.

Section 5 officers are:

President -Anthony Sledge , Treasurer- Matt Pickering , Vice President- Jim Hudson, Secretary- Justin Arn

Dockmaster – Anthony Sledge contact 240-882-1250

What's happening in our section:

* Section 5 next meeting is March 19th, 2025, followed by April 16th 2025

*We will host our movie night on the beach and meet and greet soon, stay on the lookout for dates.

* Please update your email address to stay in the know nolimitmoney1@gmail.com

* Kayak racks can be used April 1st 2025

Welcome all 5 beach neighbors to this great community.

Friendly reminder, No four legged furry friends are allowed on the beach or playground area at any time, morning, noon or night.

Special THANKS to all the volunteers that help make this community a great place to live.





2025 LTPOA Yard Sale Schedule

Too much stuff? Why not rent a space at one of LTPOA's yard sales? One every month from April to September. 8:00am to 1:00pm. No reservation necessary, just show up.

April 5, May 3, June 14, July 5, August 9 (Community Awareness Week), September 6.



Special Memorial Day Event - Monday, May 26, 2025

The annual Memorial Day flag raising will take place in the LTPOA Clubhouse parking lot at sunrise. Join with friends, neighbors, and family as we remember and honor those who have given their lives for their country.



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As a resident of Londontowne and a local realtor contact me with all your real estate questions! I love living in this neighborhood and enjoying all it has to offer and would love to work with you to help meet your real estate needs.

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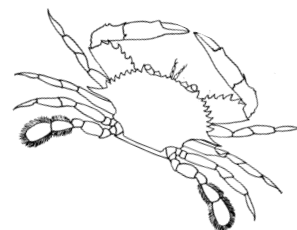


HELP WANTED!!

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.





Park Planning:

Tom Walsh

Good day to all & welcome to spring. It was a tough winter, but we made it. During a cold spell in January, both Almshouse & Glebe creeks froze. Then the South River froze. Then there were ice floats in The Chesapeake Bay. Snow [ice] mounds stayed for a long time. All of that is behind us and we are looking forward to a warmer spring & summer. During the fall of 2024 & the winter of 2025, our contractor conducted an inspection of all the Park & Planning equipment in the parks, the beaches and, most especially, the playgrounds. There was preventive maintenance performed on all the equipment, as needed. If you have any concerns about any of our Park & Planning equipment, please let your Section President know.

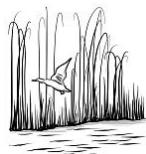
As always, the Park & Planning Committee takes care of our trees as one of our top priorities. As I drive in other areas of A. A. County, I see vines growing up trees and smothering these trees. This is not the case in London Towne!!! For the last several years, The Park & Planning Committee has sponsored a “cutting vines off our tree’s day”. This was so successful that in 2024, we set up 2 days for vine cutting, one in April and one in September.

In 2025, the first vine cutting day will be in April, to coincide with Earth Day. Our vine cutting days will be on Saturdays, April 26th and September 20th, starting at 9:00am. Each Section will set up its own work site & working with Park & planning, designate sites to have the vines cut off trees. If you are not sure where the vine cutting locations will be, please show up at your local playground & we will have Committee members directing people to the specific sites. Please remember that this activity can count toward school students’ community service requirement.

Maryland Service-Learning Graduation Requirement Maryland Public Schools

COMAR 13A.03.02.05 mandates that every public-school student in Maryland complete at least 75 hours of service-learning.

Maryland was the first state in our nation to implement a service-learning graduation requirement. It took effect in the fall of 1993, initially impacting the graduating class of 1997.





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London Towne Property Owner's Association
2025 EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	Time
	March	
3/23/2025	Bingo	5-7pm
	April	
4/5/2025	Yard Sale	8am-1pm
4/13/2025	Bingo	5-7pm
4/26/2025	Sock Burn, Cookout & Tug-O-War	2pm
	May	
5/3/2025	Yard Sale	8am-1pm
5/18/2025	Bingo	5-7pm
5/26/2025	Memorial Day Flag Raising	Sunrise
	June	
6/14/2025	Yard Sale	8am-1pm
6/21/2025	Kids Bike Parade	1pm
6/21/2025	Rambling Raft Race	2-3pm
	July	
7/5/2025	Yard Sale	8am-1pm
7/12/2025	Water Parade and BBQ Section 1	11am 12pm BBQ
7/12/2025 TBD	Comedy Show	7pm
	August	
8/9 to 17/2025	LTPOA Community Awareness Week	
8/1-14/2025	Photo Contest	
8/9-16/2025	Fishing Competition	
8/9/2025	Community Week Yard Sale	8am-1pm
8/13/2025	Volleyball	6:30pm
8/15/2025	Pet Show	7pm
8/17/2025	Crab Feast & Community Awards	1pm- 5pm
	September	
9/6/2025	Yard Sale	8am-1pm
9/13/2025 TBD	Comedy Show	7pm
9/19/2025 TBD	Bingo & Dinner (Friday)	6pm
	October	
10/17/2025	Monster Bash & Trunk or Treat	7-9pm
	December	
12/6/2025	Holiday Craft Fair	10am- 2pm
12/19/2025	Holiday Light Contest Judging	5:30-8pm



Additional details for each event can be found in future issues of the Conciliator and on the community calendar (ltpoa.info).

Interested in volunteering for one of these fun activities? Email the events committee at ltpoa.events@gmail.com. Even an hour of your time can add to the success of an event.



LTPOA ANNUAL SOCK BURNING AND TUG OF WAR SATURDAY, April 26, 2025



2:00pm

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)



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21+ Event
GARDEN RAMBLE
Wednesday, March 19
5:00pm - 7:30pm

FEATURED!

Wander through our 10-acre gardens, enjoy festive drinks, and revel in live music stations scattered throughout the grounds. Discover the beauty of our blooming camellia collection while sipping wine and/or beer (two drink tickets included). 21+ event.

- Members \$25, Non-Members \$35.



Free Admission Weekend
MARYLAND DAY WEEKEND
Friday, March 21 - Sunday, March 23
10:00am - 4:00pm

Join us for a three-day weekend to celebrate reopening the site for the season with a full roster of tours, family friendly activities, and living history programs. Whether you come to play in our beautiful spring gardens, talk with 18th-century interpreters in and around our historic buildings, or engage in hands-on learning, don't miss out on this once-in-a-year opportunity.

- Free admission, no pre-registration required.



Monthly **HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM**

Morning: 10am-11:30am
Afternoon: 1pm-2:30pm

Our program provides hands-on learning experiences in colonial history and science in the gardens. Choose from the following:

March 12 - Spring Garden
April 9 - Colonial Medicine
May 14 - Monarch Mania

- Members \$8, Non-Members \$10.50.



Monthly **COLONIAL COCKTAILS**

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Join us for a taste of tavern life of the 18th century!

Make and enjoy your own historical drinks and learn about colonial drinking culture. Choose from the following upcoming events:

March 27 - Ladies in Liquor
April 17 - Creamy Concoctions
May 15 - Seafaring Punches

- Members \$25, Non-Members \$33.



101 Workshop **PLANNING A SPRING KITCHEN GARDEN**

Saturday, March 29
11:00am - 12:30pm

Join us for a beginner friendly workshop where, step by step, we will walk through starting your own garden. You will also have early access to the Heirloom Vegetables and Herbs grown in our greenhouse before the Plant Sale (heirloom vegetables and herbs).

- Members \$20, Non-Members \$25.



Community Event! **GARDEN EGG HUNT**

Saturday, April 5*

* Rain date April 12
10:30am - 11:30am

Start a new spring tradition with London Town and join us for a Garden Egg Hunt. Search for candies and prizes in the Dell and enjoy your spoils with a spring-themed craft after the hunt.

- Suggested donation of \$5 each.



Heirloom Veggies & Herbs **PLANT SALE**

Saturday, April 19
Members: 9:30am - 1pm
Public: 10am - 1pm

Start your spring garden with colonial plants and herbs grown onsite. Proceeds benefit the development and expansion of the demonstration garden.

- No admission is required to shop at the plant sale.



Art Event **PLEIN AIR PAINTING OPEN HOUSE**

Saturday, April 19
10:00am - 4:00pm

Join artists to paint the beauty of our historic William Brown House, acres of ornamental and woodland gardens, blooming camellias, stunning overlooks, and panoramic views of the South River.

- Participating artists, free admission
- Spectators/visitors, admission rates.



Community Event! **TREE BIRTHDAY**

Saturday & Sunday,
April 26 & 27
10:00am - 3:00pm

Join us as we celebrate our oldest tree on site which has witnessed almost 250 years of United States history. Enjoy garden and tree-themed crafts, scavenger hunt, games, other exciting activities, an environmental resource fair, and, of course, birthday cake!

- Suggested donation of \$5 each.



Fundraising Event **LONDON TOWN IN BLOOM: GALA**

Friday, May 9
6:00pm - 10:00pm

Step into an enchanting evening of elegance at London Town in Bloom, the signature fundraising event for Historic London Town and Gardens! Regency attire is encouraged (think Bridgerton!), but not required.

- \$175 per ticket.
- Sponsorships are available.



More event info & to register: www.historiclondon.org/events

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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