

The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT John Rhoads

I have good news. The renovations to your clubhouse are complete. It took an extended amount of time, but I think you will be very happy with the results. MY HAT IS OFF TO THE HOUSE AND GROUNDS COMMITTEE FOR THEIR WORK ON THIS PROJECT. There will be an open house on March 15th. Come out for a visit and get information.



We are in need of new volunteers to carry on the work of the sections. Please consider JOINING THE TEAM. Plan on attending section meetings and check out our website (ltpoa.info) for additional information.



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 15 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. The Association Bylaws and community rules and regulations are on the web site ltpoa.info.

Anne Arundel County 311

Anne Arundel County has a 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.



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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Did You Know?

Recycle facts from AAC Department of Public Works:

- Plastic bags and plastic film are no longer accepted in the curbside recycling program. Return **clean and dry** bags to a local grocery store or **County Recycling Center** for recycling.
- If paper gets wet, it's okay - We can still recycle it.
- When recycling shredded paper, put in a paper bag and staple shut. Include it with your other recycling on your collection day.



London Towne
Property Owners Association



Our Clubhouse has a New Look!



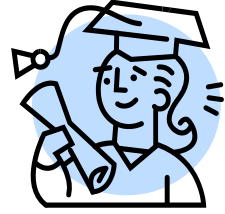
*Please join us for an
Open House
Sunday, March 15th
1pm to 3pm*

Light Refreshments will be served



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 education at either a four-year college or university, a two-year junior or community college, or an accredited trade, technical or business school. Applications for the scholarship are due **April 15th** and can be found on the Community web page (ltpoa.info).

The Gray-Mott Scholarship Foundation is a 501-C, tax exempt foundation and depends on fundraisers, such as yard sales, and donations to support the Foundation. 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: Michael Ryan

As we go to press with this edition we are enjoying a mild winter with hope that it will blend seamlessly into an early spring. Let's Hope !! Meanwhile here are some things to keep in mind for the 2020 Season in Section 1.

Our first Beach Meeting will be on March 10, the second Tuesday of the month. We'll meet each Second Tuesday at the Clubhouse until warmer weather allows us to meet at the docks. If you want to know what is going on in our section you can find out by attending our meetings.

Check the **LTPOA.info** website for information about the whole community. Parking stickers are available on a regular basis and daily parking passes are available from the section President at any time.

Officers and Committee members are all volunteers. "They" make decisions about our section and community and value your input. Please consider volunteering yourself and joining the "They" that make our community work.

We will continue our project of discouraging geese fouling our beach and we need help with this. Any Volunteers? Dogs are not allowed on our beach at any time. Be sure to read the signs posted on all the gates.

If you SEE something, SAY something. We are authorized to call 911 if there is any sign of illegal or suspicious activity. Our police have been very responsive.

Throughout the winter we have enjoyed watching the Bald Eagles fishing in our creek. Let's hope they like our community as much as we do.



Section News

Section 2: Kim Miller

Spring is coming! We've had a decent winter so far and Westminster Park is getting lots of use. Thank you for keeping the park clean.

Londontowne Community Facebook group. Please join for community updates.

Section 2 meetings: See the LTPOA calendar for Section 2 meeting dates. First meeting is March 17, 7:30-8:30pm, at the Clubhouse.

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: Kayak renewal notices will go out by the end of March. Kayaks must have current stickers in order to be placed on the racks. There will be an increase in the kayak rental fee this year. See LTPOA calendar for times and dates to receive stickers. **Kayak Master:** Kim Miller. Contact info below.



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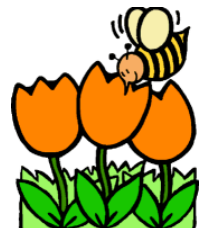


Dock Master: Contact Shaun Hamill: 202-345-5735, phone or text.

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

Section 3: John Navarro

I hope everyone had a good holiday. Our next meeting will be March 11, 2020, at 7:30 pm in the Clubhouse. One topic that will be discussed is kayak space as the LTPOA will only allow 2 racks per marina. Please make sure that your stickers are up to date. I hope to see you at the March meeting



Section 5: Deb Ament

The 1st 2020 meeting of Section 5 will be Wed, March 18 at 730pm at the new clubhouse.

Please join your neighbors for our open house to tour the new community center Sunday, March 15 from 1-3pm. Come see the new clubhouse and visit with your neighbors!

Beach 5 Docks & Kayaks:

We have several slips and a couple of kayak spots available for the 2020 season in Beach 5. Contact Mike at **beach5dockmaster@gmail.com** for the docks, and Vicky at **beach5kayaks@yahoo.com** for the kayak racks.

Please download your slip and kayak rental forms from the LTPOA website for the 2020 rentals.

Section 5 info: <http://ltpoa.info/sections.html>

Boat slips: <http://www.ltpoa.info/incoming/SLIPFILL2018.pdf>

Kayak racks: <http://ltpoa.info/incoming/RACKForm2018.pdf>

Docks: Please do not open the water spigots on the docks- the pipes have been winterized and there is no water.

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

Note: With all the wind of late, if you are walking the neighborhood and the beaches, please pick up wind-blown items/garbage you see blowing around and place them in the area trash cans.



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Historic London Town & Gardens February - April 2020 Programs

More information at www.historiclondontown.org/events

Lecture Series: LGBTQ+ History in Maryland

Saturdays in February - 10:00am

Included with general admission. Free for members.

Dining to Donate: Killarney House

Monday, February 24 - 5:00pm until Close

Killarney House

584 W Central Ave, Davidsonville, MD 21035

Only \$25 for a 3 course meal, and

40% goes to London Town!

Partying through Time:

A Happy Hour Archaeology Workshop

Friday, February 28 - 6:00pm - 8:00pm

*\$25 for London Town members & Lost Towns Project
volunteers; \$30 for non-members.*

Hearth Cooking Workshop with Rebecca Suerdieck

Saturday, March 7 OR Sunday, March 8

10:00am - 4:00pm

\$99 (with a materials fee of \$20)

Wine Talk and Tasting with Barton & Guestier

Friday, April 3 - 7:00pm - 9:00pm

\$35 for London Town members, \$45 for non-members.

Smithsonian Day: Earth Optimism

Saturday, April 4 - 10:00am - 4:30pm

Free for 2 people with pre-registration: starts February 27

Plant Sale

Saturday, April 18 - 9:00am - 2:00pm

*Members and volunteers receive a 10% discount
on plants all weekend. Free to attend.*

Program **Escape London Town: Ferguson Tavern**
Highlight: *Select Dates in April through November*
3:30 – 4:30 pm

PARK PLANNING: Tom Walsh

Hopefully, winter is OVER!!!!!! So far, we have dodged the heavy snow & we hope our luck holds up. Our beaches survived the winter with little or no damage. The playgrounds were used throughout the mild winter. As spring gets closer, all Section beaches will be cleaned and will be getting ready for full use when spring/summer & fall come. We encourage each Section to organize a work crew to help rake & clean the sand before then. Please attend your Section meeting and decide on a good time to get this work party going. This only improves each Section beach area. We have been lucky that the geese have not nested near but we are always concerned about geese droppings. We always encourage our residents to NOT FEED WILD-LIFE. This disrupts the regular feeding habits and keeps geese coming back and fouling our beaches and park lands.

LTPOA & the Park & Planning Committee want to continue our community participation by honoring EARTH DAY!!!!!! This year, Earth Day is Wednesday, 4/22/2020. Most of us work so the committee is planning an event the following **Saturday, April 25, 2020**. We have many trees that are in our parkland & along our shoreline. Many of these trees have vines growing on them &, eventually, the trees will be smothered by vines and die. Our plan is to do the following:

1. Meet at Gray's Point in Section 1. There is a lot of parking available at the beach parking lot/ the fishing and crabbing pier lot & the dock area. Mostly, to keep with the spirit of Earth Day, we encourage you to come on your bikes or just walk to Gray's Point;
 - a. We will start at 9:00 AM, Saturday April 25th & hope to finish by noon. We will be cutting vines from trees under the supervision of the P & P and the Erosion Committees plus general Maintenance;
 - b. Please wear gloves and bring sharp pruners and a bottle of water [for hydration]

Cutting vines/underbrush from LTPOA land without supervision and permission is strictly forbidden and we are making this one day exception to honor out MOTHER EARTH. See you then.



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

Holiday Lights:

London Towne was all lit up on the evening of Saturday, December 14th and the judges were out to check them out. It was a hard decision, but in the end the winners were: Cutest – 1619 Fullerton Road, Unique – 414 Fairmont Drive, Most Lights – 1506 Bishop Road, Traditional - 1619 & 1619A Millstone Drive and Best of London Towne – 318 Highland Drive. Thank you to all who participated and to those who called to make sure we saw some of the best decorations.



Pet Corner

Rita Robertazzi



Spring is on the way and the passing mild winter means an early flea and tick season. Temperatures are not consistently getting to freezing or below which means the ectoparasites, like ticks, are present. Pets need preventative treatment NOW to avoid Infestation problems later.

Many little dogs are getting out under fence lines where the ground has receded from the cold, dead ground cover, and openings from winter burrowing animals. A quick fix is to throw a few bricks in holes until you can get out and take proper care of it. Strong winds blow gates open and fences down leading to freedom for larger dogs. Please be vigilant to keep your pets safe and secure.

Never assume a loose animal will find his way home. If you can, please contain the animal. There is much you can do to help get an animal get home: place a post on Londontowne Community Facebook page and Lost and Found Pets of Anne Arundel County Maryland; take it to local veterinary hospital for scanning or to await pickup by animal control. Never chase a stray as it may push them out of the local area or towards traffic. Snapping a picture and posting it may help reunite a pet with a searching owner.

I have noticed many drivers are slowing down and passing pedestrians and dog walkers more cautiously. Thank you for your courtesy it truly is appreciated.
and Thank You for reading!



Talking Trash



The first Mayo Road clean up of 2020 is scheduled for Saturday, April 18 at 9:00 am. We will meet in the clubhouse parking lot. Long pants, long sleeve shirt, and closed toe shoes are recommended. Safety vests and trash bags will be provided



Protecting Our Neighborhood Resources:

Last fall, close to 20 volunteers helped Master Watershed Steward, Nina Brackman, install a conservation landscape around Westminster Park's existing wetland. Aside from the many volunteers present that morning, the project was made possible with grant funding from Unity Gardens, the Anne Arundel County Watershed Steward Academy, and LTPOA. Prior to this planting the area showed signs of erosion, invasive plants, and insufficient filtration of storm water runoff that occurred from roads and hillsides, resulting in frequent flooding around Westminster Park's bridge. Nina's design to alleviate these conditions included extending the bridge on both sides and adding mirrored plantings on either side of the bridge while widening the existing planting toward the roadside. She also drew up plans for a colorful, educational sign to be installed near the bridge explaining what types of plants were planted so neighbors can replicate such native landscape in their own backyards. The signage was crafted and installed by Woodgoes Signs in Edgewater, and then generously donated by the owners. Close to 200 native plants that attract pollinators were planted within just 4 hours to beautify the area around Westminster Park and to reduce storm water runoff into Glebe Creek.



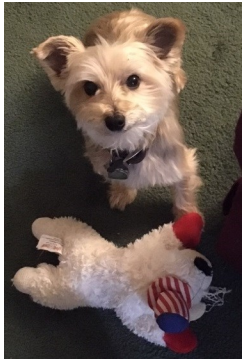
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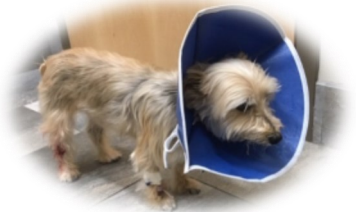


A Dog's Tale:



Hi, my name is Whiskey and I am a lucky dog. Last year when my family brought home our boat, they also brought home something that changed my life. Attached to the boat were Dark False Mussels. Some of the mussels fell to the ground and though I ignored them at first, they eventually became too tempting and I crunched on a few before I got caught and sent inside. Early the next morning I was sick and by late morning I was at the emergency vet (of course it was a Sunday). I didn't go home that day, in fact I didn't go home for 5 days! My liver enzymes were higher than the machine could register and I needed plasma to get my blood to clot. It was a very sad time for me and my family and though they were able to visit me, and everyone at the hospital was wonderful, I was very happy when they came to take me home. That was at Christmas and I am still taking medicine to heal my liver and will probably be taking it for the rest of my life. Not too bad as long as it comes wrapped in peanut butter.

Dark False Mussels are very dangerous to dogs, in fact, they can be deadly. They almost killed me. Maryland DNR warns about dogs encountering them along the shore line, boat ramps, and other areas around the water. They warn owners of dogs who love water to watch them and make sure they don't pick up rocks and sticks that may have mussels growing on them. I would like to add to be careful and aware in other areas too, I'm a little dog, I don't like the water and I ate the mussels in my own back yard. Should your dog have an encounter with the mussels, take action right away. I may not have been so sick for so long if my humans had called my doctor or the ASPCA poison line (888-426-4435) as soon as they realized what I had done. I'm happy to say that I am back to my sassy self, my most recent blood test was normal but I wish my family and I never had to experience this health emergency.



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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.

Stickers are available for purchase from the Ramps & Credentials Committee.

The date and location information for Credentials & Ramps (Stickers/Keys) is on the Community Calendar (ltpoa.info).

Boat Ramp locks will be changed this month.

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.

London Towne Property Owners
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Club House Office:

410-956-4808

Boat Slip Rentals/Dock Masters:

Section 1: James Bertram	203-464-9650
Section 2: Shaun Hamill	202-345-5735
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

Hall Rental 410-956-4808

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.ltpoa.info).

LTPOA Officers:

John Rhoads, President	443-458-8921
Randy Faulkner, Vice President	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.
January, 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