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HAPPY SPRING



Spring is just around the corner. As the days get warmer and longer our thoughts turn to fishing, boating, crabbing, swimming and all the other activities possible in this great community. Snow, rain and cold have kept us close to home but it did not keep us from celebrating the season. Inside you'll find pictures for these events. Thank you to all who made these possible and congratulations to the Holiday Light winners.



Winter Scenes in London Towne



As we mark one year of quarantine, social distancing, masks and virtual everything, we want to know **How have you been spending your time?** Send pictures, notes, etc... to ltpoa-conciliator@verizon.net and we will include them in the Summer issue.

Stay safe and stay well.



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 10 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.

Car Parade of Lights

New this year was the Car Parade of Lights. Neighbors participated with their cars, trucks, boats, and tractors for an illuminated parade through the neighborhood. Special thanks to WBVFD for leading the parade in style.





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!

Bake Sale Fund Raiser for Family Week 2021

Thank you to everyone who contributed baked good and those who bought them. We enjoyed a successful day that included Holiday Music by the South County Show Stoppers.



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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 application for the Scholarship can be found on the LTPOA web page (ltpoa.info) and is due no later than Thursday, April 15, 2021. Submit your completed application to pam.obee@verizon.net. Only complete applications will be considered so please make sure all parts are present before sending.

The Gray-Mott Scholarship Foundation is a 501-C, tax exempt foundation and depends on fundraisers and donations for support. Donations made to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent of the law.

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

Despite being in semi-lockdown this winter there have been many highlights in our community and our section.

Who will soon forget the wondrous parade of decorated cars traveling through our streets in December? And with all the homes dressed in holiday lights this past season, we are sure they were even appreciated by those aboard the Space Station. And then there were those three traveling Wisemen making their way around the sections during the 12 Days of Christmas; did they find rest in your yard?

Neighbors greeted neighbors as dog walking became a fun, multi-generational family activity. And then came the snow and the sleds came out. Our small hill next to the beach was the perfect spot for the younger set and families took turns bringing their children to enjoy. Snowball battles were also fun to watch.

With vaccine rollouts increasing and school openings on the horizon, we still must be diligent about mask wearing and handwashing to keep safe. We are not yet at the end of the tunnel, but we are closer.

Remember that our Section meetings resumed on the 2nd Tuesday of March, 7:30pm at the Clubhouse, for now. Come out, meet everyone, and bring ideas to discuss, a beach cleanup, perhaps. A reminder will be sent via our e-mail list. If you are not receiving reminders, please send your address to **tryanhc@verizon.net**. Be assured, all info from our section is sent out as a blind copy so your address is not made public.



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.

For electronic delivery send your name, mailing address (so we can remove it from the mailing list), and email address to **ltpoainfo@gmail.com**
Please put Digital Conciliator in the subject field.

Section Two: Kim Miller

Winter is in full swing! Looking forward to Spring! Stay safe and healthy!

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

Section 2 meetings: First meeting is March 16, 2021. See the LTPOA calendar for Section 2 meeting dates/times. Meetings will be held at the community hall with teleconference capabilities. Social distancing and masks!

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 rental information will be sent beginning of March. Please be sure to renew your stickers. Stickers must be on kayaks before placing on rack.

Kayak Master: Kim Miller

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

The first meeting for this year for Section 3 will be held on Wednesday, March 10, 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall. For those of you that do not wish to attend in person, the meeting will also be virtual.

We are looking for new help with some of our committees. Anyone who would like to volunteer, please come to the meeting or contact me on 301-892-0534.

DON'T FORGET to get your vehicle, boat and trailer identification stickers by going online to ltpoa.info. You will find all the information you need. Stickers are required when parking on community property and to control the use of our beaches and parks. These recreational areas are for the residents of London Towne.

Everyone stay safe and healthy and sign up for your vaccination (if eligible) and hopefully we can begin to start getting some normalcy back into our lives. See you at the meeting.

Section News

Section 4: John Gleeson

This past year has certainly been a trying one, what with the divisive political climate and the battle we've been having with the COVID-19 virus. I must say though, that I see and hear examples of our neighborhood being the great place to live it has always been. Folks are always waving at passersby and always offering to help others when needed.

Soon the weather will begin to warm and cheers to looking forward to when our thriving community will be able to once again get outside and enjoy the waterfront by boating, swimming, fishing, crabbing, walking our dogs, cooking out, exercising, etc.

And a great big thanks to our mail carriers, trash removers, and others who have helped us to sustain through these dark and cold months!

Here is a Word Search puzzle to enjoy:

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Fire Dept
Shore
Bishop
LTPOA
Osprey
Conciliator
Clubhouse
Fox
Woodland Beach
Movie Night

Glebe
Fullerton
LondonTowne
Heron
Wyne
Parade
Family Week
Kayak
Playground
Nest

Almhouse
Bentley
Crab
FoodTruck
Marina
Gray-Mott
Edgewater
PhotoContest
Ramp
Vale

Section 5: Tony Sledge

Spring is right around the corner (March 20th) and warmer days are approaching, please be mindful while driving children will be headed outside to play.

The next meeting of section 5 will be on St Patrick's Day March 17th at 7:30pm, held at the clubhouse "zoom invite will be provided the day before our meeting for all who wish to join".

The following officers are Anthony Sledge, President, Matt Pickering, Treasurer, Vicky Pickering, Secretary

Beach 5: Docks & Kayaks:

We have limited boat slips available for the 2021 season in Beach 5. For more information contact:

Dockmasters – Vicki Pickering & Tony Sledge **dockmasterbeach5@gmail.com**
Vicki Pickering cell 202-437-4932 Tony Sledge cell 240-882-1250

Let us welcome all new beach 5 neighbors to the community. We have an email distribution 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**

We are still practicing social distancing so no large gatherings are allowed at the beach 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!



Lee Sheila Mahoney Memorial Bench



Lee Sheila Mahoney passed away on February 24, 2014 from a tragic and freak accident. Many of you knew my sister, Lee, as she lived in her house on Chesapeake Drive for over 45 years. She raised her children, grandchildren and even some great grandkids there.

Shortly after her death, I purchased and dedicated a park bench at the park at the end of her street. In her memory I had the bench dedicated with a bronze memorial plaque. Unfortunately, when I visited it a few weeks ago, the plaque was gone. I've recently replaced it with the hope that this will last forever, as I thought the original bronze one would.

I'm asking anyone if they ever see the bronze plaque or know what happened to it, please contact the London Towne Property Owners Association (LTPOA) 410-956-4808.

Thanks in advance, Elaine Ritchey

LTPOA Holiday Lights and the winners are.....

BEST of LONDON TOWNE - 318 Highland Drive



Congratulations to all the winners and a
big THANK YOU to all who participated.



MOST UNIQUE - 1801 Shore Drive



TRADITIONAL - 532 Highland Drive



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 Londontowne are required to permanently display a current LTPOA sticker on all vehicles, vessels and trailers.

Vehicle/vessel/trailer credential stickers and boat ramp keys are available through online communication.

If you need a **RAMP KEY** send requests to **candr.ltpoa@gmail.com**. In the email include: a picture of your registration(s), your Londontowne address and phone number. A KEY representative will contact you with further instructions. The locks for the ramps will be changed in March.

If you need **STICKER ONLY** send requests for online credit card purchase to **stickers.ltpoa@gmail.com**. In the email include: picture of your registration(s) along with your Londontowne address and phone number. After your information is validated, you will receive an invoice from a STICKER representative. 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 Londontowne address if you are not a property owner
- Please see the R&C page on ltpoa.info for complete requirements.



PARK PLANNING

Tom Walsh

Hi everyone!!! It's almost **SPRINGTIME** and that means getting outdoors to enjoy our beautiful community. The beaches will be cleaned & open for business. The parklands will be mowed & we are always looking for community members to enjoy them. The playgrounds will be mulched & ready for all our youngsters [and some of the older set too]. As always, the members of the Park & Planning Committee want to thank all the LTPOA Association members for their continued support. This past summer, Park & Planning was able to buy new picnic tables, grills & benches for the community. Please remember you can use any of the playground & parks, not just the ones in your Section. All beaches are cleaned often to keep the sand area usable so we all can enjoy it. It seems that our property survived the winter ice storms with little damage.

All of that was the good news. Now, for the **GREAT** news. Two years ago, the committee sponsored LTPOA's first **Earth Day** activity. With the pandemic, we did not have one this past year, but we are planning another Earth Day activity this year:

What - Cutting vines off trees/cleaning up trash/general cleanup;

Where - Section # 1. Please park in the lot near the Fishing & Crabbing pier;

When - Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 9:00am-noon;

Why - To keep our trees alive & make the neighborhood better;

Who - All are invited. Bring gloves/rakes etc. Trash bags will be provided;

How - P & P committee will coordinate & assign tasks.

Hope to see you there.....one & all!

Last item is the bad news. There are still persons driving motorized vehicles on the parklands & playgrounds. This is against LTPOA rules. If you see anyone doing so, please ask them to stop or call 911. They are trespassing & breaking LTPOA posted rules. Repairing the damage to our lands is awfully expensive & that money can be better used for other projects.

Thanks!!!!!!



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Section 5: Vicki Pickering	202-437-4932
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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
Anthony Sledge, Section 5	240-882-1250

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