

The Conciliator

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LTPOA Annual Meeting

The LTPOA Annual Meeting was held on Wednesday, October 5, 2022. A larger than usual number of property owners turned out for the election of officers. This year, there were three candidates running for president. Candidates introduced themselves, giving those present an idea of their experiences and their vision for the upcoming year should they be elected. Ralph (Tigger) Brady was elected president, Anthony (Tony) Sledge vice president, Karen Porter Treasurer and Shawn Herron Secretary.

Congratulations to the all. We look forward to the upcoming year.



New board members being sworn in by former president, Maryellen Brady.



New board members at November meeting.

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 6 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.

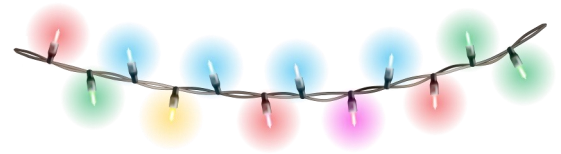
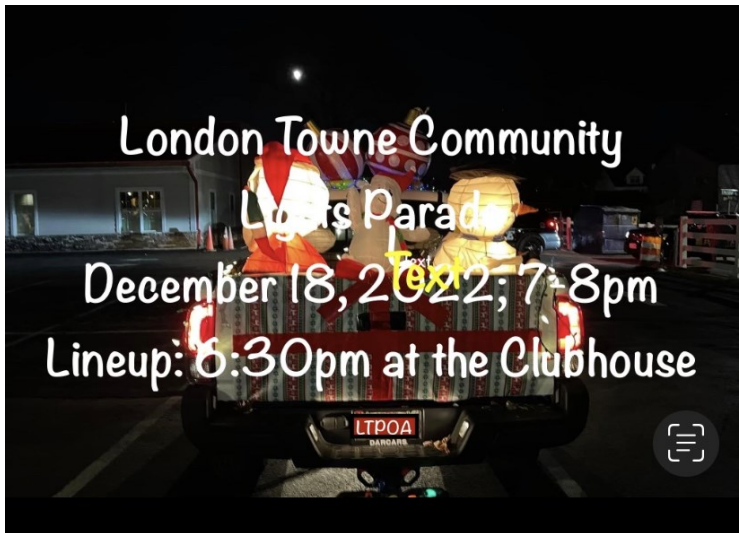
Crabbing, fishing, swimming, and mooring of boats is restricted to designated areas.

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!



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.



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.

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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 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.

Applications for next year will be due **April 15, 2023** and can be found on the LTPOA web page (**ltpoa.info**) under Gray-Mott Scholarship. Why not check it out today and become familiar with the requirements and the application.



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It Was a Monster Bash

Young and old came out on Friday, October 22 to enjoy a night of games, crafts, Trunk or Treat and good fun.



Youth Costume winner—
Brooke Toal and Garrett
Brady, Child Costume
winner



Adult Costume Winner—Crystal Wooden and
Honorable Mention Winner Jake Watson





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 only needed to park on our LTPOA community property (ie beaches, parks, playgrounds, marinas, etc.).

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

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

Well, we thought it would never come but cold weather finally seems to be here. Leaves are everywhere, jackets instead of shorts, and some of our geese are heading north. As we head indoors let's remember that activities in the neighborhood don't completely stop. Check the calendar at ltpoa.info to see what's happening during the winter months. Bingo nights, yard sales, craft shows, holiday lights contest and parade, among the offerings.

Although the section's ice cream special was not as well attended as in the past, the ones who did show up enjoyed an end of season treat. Special thank you goes out to Linda Hull for arranging this Section 1 event.

We had a successful Halloween in and around our section with so many house decorations and, despite the rain, so many trick or treaters in great costumes! Thanks to the Events committee for the Monster Mash and Trunk or Treat held at the Clubhouse.

For those who have kayaks on our racks, remember that the racks must be emptied by 1 December. If you are interested in obtaining a slot for next season, please let Trixie know before mid-January. Lottery will take place for the 16 slots at the beginning of February 2023. Send request for a space to tryanhc@verizon.net.

Our beach has been one of the cleanest thanks to the cooperation of everyone who used it during the season. Even with a record number of beach visitors, the majority cleaned up before leaving. Thank you all.

The pinwheels have been very effective in keeping our beach goose poop free. If you would like to assist with this volunteer effort, let us know.

Swimming season may be over but the **NO ANIMALS ON BEACH** rule applies all year round. Signs are posted so please read them to your pets. Thanks.

Have a wonderful winter and please check on your neighbors who may need a hand during the cold and winter weather.



Section News

Section Two: Michele Brady:

Welcome to Winter 2022 in Section 2! Thank you to everyone for such a successful year so far. The beach and the park look great thanks to all the community clean up help!

We have great community events throughout the end of the year. Section 2 is hosting several great events to raise money for pier repair. Please see the flyer for the first LTPOA Purse/Gift basket prize BINGO on December 11, 2022. All of the proceeds will go to the Section 2 Pier Fund! Section 2 is also hosting 3 additional BINGO nights: January 8, 2023, February 12, 2023, and March 5, 2023, from 5pm-7pm. The next Comedy Show is on January 21, 2023, at 7pm. Advanced tickets are only \$25 or table of 8 for \$180. These events have been amazing! Tickets are available at souljoels.com. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer with any or all of these events.

Check ltpoa.info and the London Towne Facebook page for this and other event details.

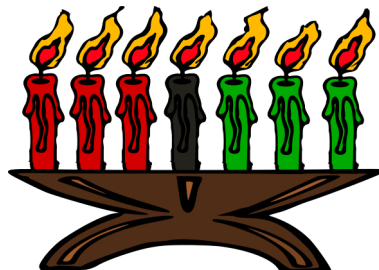
Thank you to everyone that has updated their LTPOA vehicle stickers. The stickers help the community ensure that the park and beach parking is available to community members. Please remember to let me know if you would like to reserve the picnic tables at Westminister Park or Beach 2 for gatherings over 10. This requires approval from the LTPOA Board.

Section 2 Meetings: Meetings are held at the Clubhouse the 3rd Tuesday of the month (March through October) at 7:00pm. Our Section meetings will resume on March 21, 2023.

Section 2 and Committee Meeting Calendar Dates/Times: <https://localendar.com/public/LTPOA> LTPOA Board of Directors – Section 2 2022-2023 Members: Michele Brady, Kim Miller, Ralph Brady, Melvyn Heyes, and Ryan Stroschein

Dock Master: Contact Ralph “Tigger” Brady: 443-871-3100, phone or text.

Kayak Masters: Westminister Park: Kim Miller, kmundorff@gmail.com; Loreley (SW): Jack Valenti, valenti@aol.com. Rentals are \$50 per year. Please remember to remove your kayaks by December 1, 2022.



Section News

Section Three: John Navarro

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy and healthy New Year!

Section Four: Mike Hrubiak

Wishing everyone Happy Holidays and Happy 2023. Hope to see you next year at the Section 4 meeting that will resume on February 23, 2023 at 7 PM, Clubhouse on Mayo Road.

Information about boating:

Fullerton contact Rick Gammage - 443-610-1625

Boaters when using the ramps, please remember to dim your headlights when leaving early or returning after dark. Your neighbors will appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Section Five: Tony Sledge:

Welcome all new beach 5 neighbors to the community. 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 **dockmasterbeach5@gmail.com**.

Beach 5's first community coat drive went great, thanks to all who stopped by as well as those who donated to a great cause.

If you haven't stopped by BINGO night at the clubhouse during the cold season, you're missing a great treat Vicki Pickering's hotdog special, and Vicky Bergmann's special Chili is a must have.

Please visit the community page (**ltpoa.info**) for all the upcoming dates.

The next meeting of section 5 will be on March 18, 2023 held at the clubhouse.

The following officers are President -Anthony Sledge, Treasurer- Matt Pickering, Vice President and Secretary- Vicky Pickering.



Beach 5: Docks & Kayaks:

Limited boat and kayak spaces may be available for 2023 season in section 5, so plan accordingly.

Please note that the LTPOA policy states that kayak racks need to be cleared by Dec 1st, 2022.

Section News

Section Five (cont)

The racks are for the benefit of those who use their kayaks or canoes, they are not meant for storage only. If you wish to be considered for rack space in 2023, please email **beach5kayaks@yahoo.com**. We give priority to Section 5 members and then those who previously had rack space with us the prior year.

Dockmasters –Tony Sledge, Vicki Pickering. Please send email to: **dockmaster-beach5@gmail.com** or Vicki Pickering cell 202-437-4932 or Tony Sledge cell 240-882-1250.

Reminder the beaches will not be used as often but dogs are still not allowed on the beach or playground areas. Thank you for all your help keeping our community GREAT.



Have a prosperous holiday season and enjoy the cool crisp air.



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Ring in the New Year with LTPOA

December 31, 2022 8:00pm to 1:00am

DJ 8:00pm to 12:30am

BYOB

OMELETTE BAR 10:30pm to 12:30am

CHAMPAGNE TOAST at MIDNIGHT

Tickets in advance at ltpoa.events@gmail.com
\$50.00 per person



TALKING TRASH



Making a final effort in 2022, residents of The Pointe and London Towne, came together on Saturday, November 19th to pick up trash along Mayo Rd.

Thank you to all who participated.

We will be back again in the spring. The clean up team from our community meets at the LTPOA clubhouse at 9:00 on a designated Saturday. Trash bags and safety vests are provided, long pants, closed-toe shoes and gloves are recommended. Cleanup usually takes about an hour.

Date of the next cleanup will be posted on the LTPOA website and Facebook page.



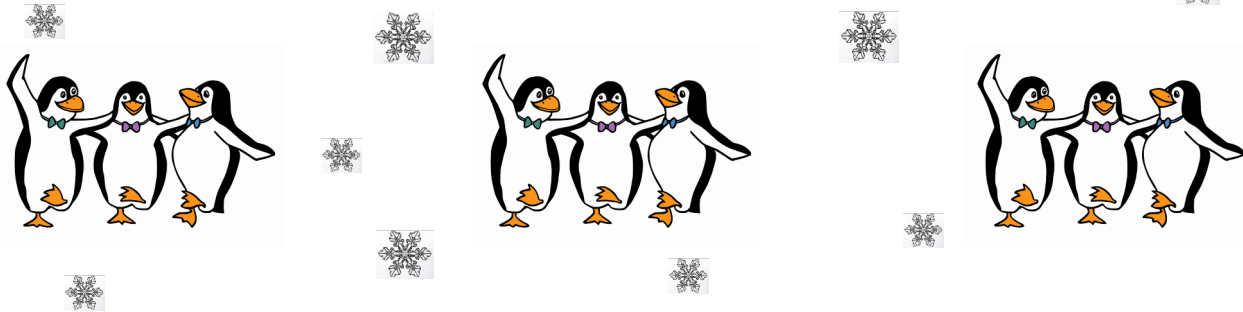
Park Planning: Tom Walsh



Good day all,

It was a marvelous summer with the parkland, playgrounds & beaches used more than ever. The Park & Planning Committee hopes everyone enjoyed our land as much as we enjoy keeping the land in top shape. We are always looking for new ideas to improve our service to the community. Please think of new ideas over the winter & bring these ideas to your section meetings in the spring.

Speaking of spring, this year, **Earth Day** will be celebrated in the LTPOA community on **Saturday, April 22, 2023**. We need volunteers to help save out trees. Every year, invasive vines grow up out trees. If not stopped, these vines will choak to death our trees. Please plan to meet at your Section playground at 9:00am on April 22. We will be cutting vines, cleaning up the playground areas & cleaning up our beaches. We are looking for a great turn out of volunteers to help improve our community.



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London Towne Property Owners Association 2022-2023 Bingo Schedule:

December 11, 2022 **Purse/Gift Basket BINGO**
(See below)

January 8, 2023	5pm-7pm
January 22, 2023	5pm-7pm
February 12, 2023	5pm-7pm
February 26, 2023	5pm-7pm
March 5, 2023	5pm-7pm
March 19, 2023	5pm-7pm

Join us for a LTPOA Bingo, 50/50 raffle, wine raffle & snacks and drinks
Location: London Towne Clubhouse, 170 Mayo Road Edgewater, MD

PURSE/GIFT Basket BINGO

December 11, 2022, 5pm-7pm
Section 2 Pier Fundraiser

Prizes include: Purses by Coach, Michael Kors, Dooney & Burke, Vera Bradley, wine and \$100's in spa & cosmetic gifts!



Join us for a LTPOA Bingo, 50/50 raffle, wine raffle & snacks and drinks
available for donation.

Location: London Towne Clubhouse, 170 Mayo Road Edgewater, MD

Questions? Please contact Michele@shelgw@yahoo.com

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COMEDY SHOW FUNDRAISER FOR SECTION 2 DOCK REPAIR



Saturday January 21, 2023
7:00 pm
LTPOA Clubhouse

Advanced Tickets:
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Purchase at souljoels.com



Update on the LTPOA Erosion Committee

Submitted by Don Creveling

Following a few years of inactivity, the Erosion Committee has been reconstituted with members from all five sections of the LTPOA. The Erosion Committee is described in the LTPOA By-laws as follows:

Erosion Committee A. The committee shall be responsible for:

1. Protecting the shoreline from erosion.
2. Making an annual onsite inspection of all shoreline areas and identifying and addressing new erosion problems.
3. Submitting an annual budget request to the Budget and Legislative Committee.

Since the 1930s, the installation of bulkheads, riprap, piers, launching ramps, and landscaping throughout London Towne has significantly changed the shoreline. Though well intentioned, some of these “improvements”, such as “sea walls” or “bulkheads” destroyed habitat for native plants and animals.

Over the past decade, the Erosion Committee sought and received several grants from various sources to correct obsolete or inappropriate erosion control. A series of stone groins and rip rap were installed in 10 areas stabilizing hundreds of feet of our shoreline. These “living shorelines” slow erosion and create habitat for birds, fish, crabs and other marine animals. These projects were very successful allowing the Erosion Committee to focus on smaller, but persistent erosion problems.

The current committee has met with representatives of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to discuss future projects and possible avenues for grants. In addition, committee members are examining our shoreline to determine if the LTPOA is complying with the Chesapeake Bay Critical Areas 100-foot buffer. Also, we are in the process of creating a relationship with South River High School to involve students who live in our community to work with us in removing invasive plant species and planting appropriate plants and trees for the Chesapeake environment.

Our shoreline is our most valuable asset, through the efforts of the Erosion Committee, and volunteers, we will continue to protect and enhance our valuable shoreline for years to come.



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Boat Slip Rentals/Dock Masters:

Section 1: James Bertram	203-464-9650
Section 2: Ralph Tigger Brady	443-871-3100
Section 3: Norm Pennington	410-533-0035
Section 4: Rick Gammage	443-610-1625
Section 5: Vicki Pickering	202-437-4932
Tony Sledge	240-882-1250

SCBD Administration 443-458-8449

Hall Rental 410-956-4808

LTPOA Officers:

Ralph Brady, President	410-956-4808
Anthony Sledge, Vice President	410-956-4808
Karen Porter, Treasurer	410-956-4808
Shawn Herron, Secretary	410-956-4808

Section Presidents:

Michael Ryan, Section 1	410-956-6157
Michelle Brady, Section 2	443-223-0231
John Navarro, Section 3	301-892-0534
Mike Hrubiak, Section 4	410-956-4808
Anthony Sledge, Section 5	240-882-1250

Section Meeting Times:

Section 1 - 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m.
March-October. Meets at Sec. 1 boat docs if weather permits

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