# The Conciliator

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Happy Holidays from LTPOA Wishing Everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.



2020-2021 LTPOA Board of Directors: (fom left to right) Karen Porter -Treasurer; Diane DePEW, Secretary; John Rhoads, President; Randy Faulkner, Vice President











# 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 9 to see how you obtain stickers for cars, boats, and trailers. The Association Bylaws and community rules and regulations are on the web site **Itpoa.info**.



**Southern District's Police Community Relations Council** would like to extend an invitation to members of your community to join us during our virtual monthly meetings. This is a great way to meet and speak with the Officers and Command Staff of Southern District. Attendees will be given time to address community and crime concerns. Attached is a brochure

with more information. I am asking your help in forwarding this email to the residents of your community. Anyone interested can email me directly and will get them the meeting information. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

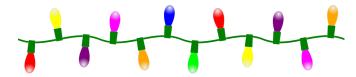




In order to prevent disturbances to residents and damage to our property, all LTPOA property is closed from 11pm to 6am. Overnight parking and overnight habitation on boats is strictly prohibited.

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

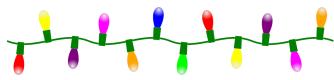
On all Maryland state waters, a personal watercraft may **not** be operated at **greater than 6 knots (6.9 mph)** within 100 feet of any shore, wharf, pier, bridge structure, abutment, or persons in the water. No one under the age of 16 may operate jet skis in Maryland waters...It's the Law!



# Deck the Halls for the Holidays!

The Annual Holiday Light Contest is back for 2020. This time with a twist. Covid is making us rethink lots of things, including how to safely judge the wonderful displays that brighten up London Towne this time of year.

Our Solution? Take a picture of your decorations and email it, with your name and address to **ltpoaconciliator@verizon.net** by December 18th. The judges will view your pictures and take a drive by before meeting on line to select the winners. Entries will be posted to the LTPOAs web page (**LTPOA.info**) and the London Towne Facebook page for the People's Choice judging. The winners will be posted to the web page, Facebook and included in the Spring Conciliator. This year's budget doesn't allow for a monetary prize, but ribbons and bragging rights will be awarded.



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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.









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# Section News

#### Section One: Michael Ryan

We welcome two new members to our Section Officers: Jackie Hull, Vice President and Sarah Featherstone, member of the Board of Directors, After four decades of service to our community. Joe O'Neil has stepped down and has been appointed Historian of Section 1.

Thanks to our walkers who pick up trash along the way.

Our police are very responsive so if you see something that doesn't look right, call 911.

The dark days of Winter are here, but the Vaccine is Coming. Stay safe and look towards Spring !

#### Section Two: Kim Miller

The leaves are down but not our community spirit! It's so nice to see kids at the park, dog walkers, joggers and people walkers. Wishing you and yours a wonderful holidav season! Stay safe and healthy!

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

Section 2 meetings: We will begin meeting again in March 2021. See the LTPOA calendar for Section 2 meeting dates. 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: All kayaks should have been taken off the racks as of December 1.

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. 5

# **Section News**

#### Section 3: John Navarro

Two thousand twenty was a very difficult year for everyone in our community. Not only has COVID-19 had an impact on us, unfortunately for some of our neighbors, the tornado decided to touch down in London Towne and many of us had property damage. As we look forward to 2021 and good things happening in the next year, I'm wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns. Stay safe and healthy.

#### Park Planning: Tom Walsh

The members of the Park & Planning Committee want to thank all of 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 clean so we all can enjoy it. With the several storms we had last summer, so much trash washed up [yep, even trees and old pilings] that keeping the beaches clean was almost a full-time job.

We know that since March, our lives have been dramatically changed. Schools closed! Places of work closed! Restaurants & pubs closed!!!!! Even places of worship limited in attendance! I remember when we saw someone go into a store wearing a mask; it was a call to 911. Now???? It is just the opposite. Is there nothing positive about this pandemic? YES!!!!! The community members have made the best of a horrible situation. Playgrounds are crowded form 11:00am to around 1:00pm. Don't you kids and parents eat lunch? Well yes, but getting a chance to go to the playground during a school break cannot be passed up.



What else did the community members do to make life tolerable during this time? I rarely look outside and not see people walking. People walk children! People walk dogs! When we went walking, there are so many people saying "Hi" either walking the other way or outside their houses. I cannot be prouder of the community members for making something good at this troubling time. It was a sad day when the library had to close & have curbside pickup only. So, what did community members do? They built a Little Free

Library. This is located next to the playground at Section 5. If you need a book, please take one. If you have books to donate, please do that too. What a great idea to help our community.

What a GREAT community in which to live!!!!!!



# **Special Section 5 News**

Our beach has its own Little Free Library!

On August 10, 2020 the library was installed by Section President Deb Ament, Will Hottle and Bill Parke.

Little Free Libraries started only 10 years ago and are now a global phenomenon. The small book exchange boxes number over 100,000 around the world in over 100 countries. There is a world map of the registered libraries which locates all of them. Our library has been registered and will be on the map!

The library's function is straightforward as the slogan of the Little Free Libraries says-

**Take a book-Share a book.** The library is stocked with books for anyone to borrow. Also, if you have books you would like to donate, please give them to Deb Ament or Vicky Bergmann.

We encourage you to use the library especially during this time of the Covid 19 when schools are not in session.

Humble Beginnings- In 2009, Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, built a model of a one room schoolhouse. It was tribute to his mother who was a schoolteacher and loved to read. He filled it with books and put it on a post in his front yard. His neighbors and friends loved it, so he built several more and gave them away.

By 2010, the name Little Free Library was established, and the purpose of these Little Free Library book exchanges became clear: to share good books and bring communities together.

The Little Free Library nonprofit organization has been honored by the Library of Congress, the National Book Foundation, and the American Library Association. Each year, nearly 10 million books are shared in Little Free Libraries.

Todd Bol, whose idea started it all served as executive director until October 2018 when he died of complications of pancreatic cancer.

To learn more about the Libraries please visit littlefreelibrary.org.











**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 <u>permanently</u> display a current LTPOA sticker on all vehicles, vessels and trailers.

**RAMP KEYS** and **Stickers** are sold on line. Please check the community web site (**Itpoa.info**) for instructions on how to purchase.

A property owner sticker is valid for three calendar years and the cost is \$4.00 each. Renter and dependent stickers are valid for one calendar year and the cost is \$7.00 each.

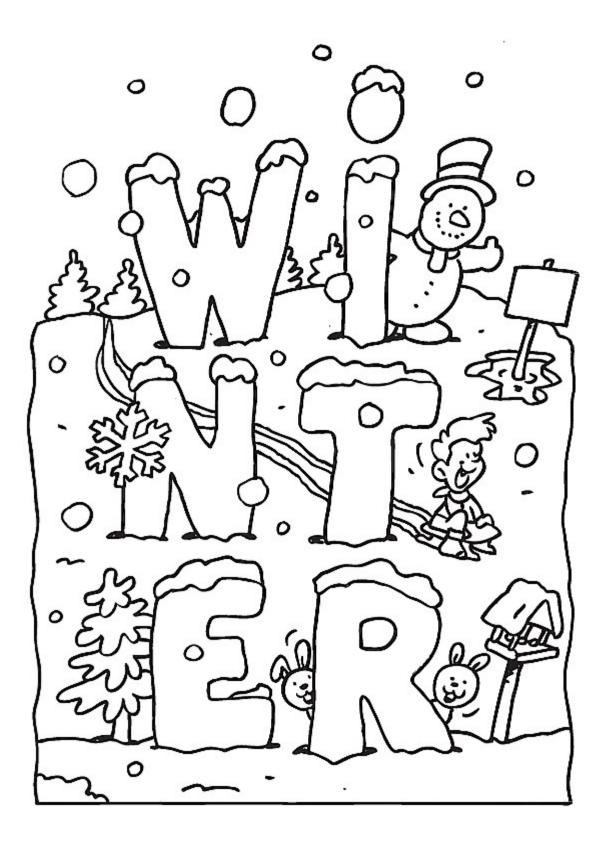
Ramp keys for 2021 will be issued early next spring.

Prior-year keys must be returned to avoid additional fees.



Prefer a digital version of The Conciliator? You can read The Conciliator, in color, on our web page at **Itpoa.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 **Itpoainfo@gmail.com** Please put Digital Conciliator in the subject field.



# Advertising in the LTPOA Conciliator

Consider advertising in The Conciliator, the London Towne Property Owner's Association Newsletter. Circulation for the Conciliator is approximately 200 households and includes absentee property owners and some local businesses. In addition, the Conciliator, is posted, in color, on our web site, **Itpoa.info**.

Ad copy is due by the 15th of February (March issue), the 15th of May (June issue), the 15th of August (September issue) and the 10th of November (December issue).

Ad rates are listed below. We offer a 15% discount on ad rates if one full year is purchased and paid for up front.

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#### 410-956-4808

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Randy Faulkner, Vice President	410-956-4808
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Diane Depew, Secretary	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. 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