

# The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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## FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT John Rhoads



The Holiday season is fast upon us. The board has once again authorized awards for our holiday lights contest, we hope that more homes will decorate this year. Feeling a bit more creative? Have more lights than your house can hold? This year the categories have been expanded to include boats!! Additional information can be found in this issue or on the LTPOA web site. As always, we look forward seeing your entries.

The Board is preparing some By law changes and I am hoping to have a Special meeting in April 2010. You will be notified by mail of the time and date. Be looking for that notice sometime in February or early March.

Inside this issue you will find updated information on public water as well as a map showing the proposed routes through the community. I would like to thank all who worked so hard on this project.

As the weather turns cold and Old Man Winter leaves behind ice and snow please be careful. Remember that the ice on the river and along our beaches may not be as thick as it looks. Be safe, stay off the ice.

The Board Of Directors would like to extend Happy Holidays to you and yours. Please consider starting the new year with a resolution to become more active in your community. Just a few hours of your time is all that is necessary to help make our community even better.

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

The LTPOA Board of Directors would like to welcome all new residents to the community. Please stop by the Community Hall on any Monday night between 7 and 8pm to meet some of your neighbors, obtain information about the community and pick up your stickers for cars, boats, and trailers. If you do not have a copy of the Association By Laws, you can get a copy at our web site [ltpoa.info](http://ltpoa.info).



The beaches and park lands are closed from 11pm to 6am and is strictly enforced. We have experienced late night activity in the more secluded areas. This results in disturbances to nearby residents, broken glass, trash, and other paraphernalia being left behind.

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

Personal watercraft use (jet skies and propel driven) is prohibited within 100 feet of the shoreline, piers, and persons. Speed is not to exceed 6 knots and wave jumping is not permitted. No one under the age of 16 may operate jet skis in Maryland waters...It's the Law!

## Section News



Not all sections hold meetings during the winter months. Please check the calendar on the LTPOA web site for further information.



Section 1  
Tom Walsh

The holiday season is upon us and all the members of Section #1 wish the entire community a restful and healthy holiday season. Please note that Section #1 has changed its meetings to the first Wednesday of each month from March to November. The beach and piers are making the yearly changes to get ready for the winter and the ice filled Glebe creek that accompanies winter. The ladder has been removed from the swim platform and the docks are being winterized. Please be safe this winter and keep off the ice. I know it looks safe but each year, someone falls through and a real disaster can be prevented by just keeping off the ice.

Section 2  
David Zollinhofer

**Section 2 meetings** are held every third Tuesday at 7:30. Please email me at [dzollinhofer@comcast.net](mailto:dzollinhofer@comcast.net) to be added to any distribution list.

**Open positions in Section 2** - We could certainly use additional volunteers for open committee seats and for Section 2 office positions as well as open Board seats. Please email me at [dzollinhofer@comcast.net](mailto:dzollinhofer@comcast.net) to volunteer or for more information.

Section 3  
Donald Creveling

Section 3 has been busy getting ready for winter. The pier looks kind of lonely when the slips are empty, but winter will pass and it will be time to hit the water again. Section 3 holds its meetings on the second Wednesday of each month, March to November. Here's hoping for a wonderful holiday and a happy New Year.

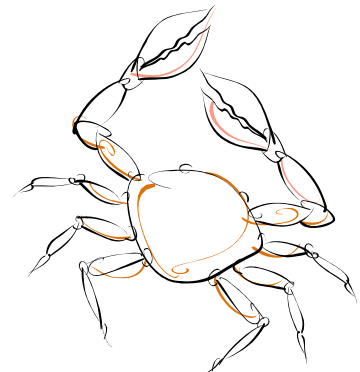
Section 4  
Tony Zavosky

No report, but Elaine George sent pictures of their picnic.



Section 5  
David Fish

Happy holidays to all in Section 5. Unfortunately, our scheduled cleanup and year-end party in October was cancelled due to weather. A few people were able to pitch in for a quick beach cleanup on November 7th. Thanks to all who helped. Sorry we weren't able to get the word out to everyone in advance. I would like to email Section 5 members of future news, upcoming events, and important business/votes (F.Y.I. Section 5 includes properties bound by Webster, Shore Drive, and London Towne Road; but any LTPOA member can join). Those of you who are interested in receiving email notifications please email me at [davidfish727@msn.com](mailto:davidfish727@msn.com). Per our Section Standing Rules, our next scheduled monthly meeting will be February



## Committee Reports

### Ways and Means

Logan Hottle

December is a big month!

By the time you read this, the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Holiday Craft, Art, and Gift show will most likely be over. It's on December 5<sup>th</sup> this year and the first Saturday of December every year. Put it on your calendar and plan to be a vendor or a customer or both!

The Holiday Lights contest will be judged on December 18, 2009. The Prize Committee will be driving around the neighborhood between 7pm and 9:30pm. Please keep your lights on. Last year we had been told about some great decorations but your lights were off when we got to your street! Every year this contest gets bigger and better and takes more time to judge.

The categories are: Best of London Towne, Most Unique, Most Lights, Cutest, Most Traditional, Good Neighbors (team up on your block and show your spirit!) and boats (new this year). We will award the winners in each of the categories cash awards.

The Community Business that wins the award will receive a free ¼ page ad in a future edition of the Conciliator.

All winners will be announced in the first edition of the 2010 Conciliator. If you have any questions about the Holiday Lights Contest, contact Logan Hottle at 410-956-4808. Remember to turn on your lights and brighten the holiday season! Happy holidays!



### London Towne Police Committee

Dave Sargent, Chairman

The London Towne Police Committee serves to provide coordination, direction and oversight to our cadre of Police Officers as they work to enhance safety and security around and within the Sections, Ramps, and Parks. Several Officers from the County Police and Sheriff's Departments work part time for LTPOA enforcing laws and LTPOA regulations. These Officers concentrate on protecting LTPOA property and residents but they have full police authority and will make arrests. The Officers will investigate unusual or unauthorized activities on and around our facilities and conduct traffic stops.

The Committee cannot improve security without hearing about issues and problems that may interfere with LTPOA residents when trying to enjoy our recreational facilities. Please let us know about problems and we ask you share comments and suggestions to improve our services. The Police Committee has established an e-mail address for you to provide comments, complaints, send pictures of problem areas, or request additional information: [Police.LTPOA@gmail.com](mailto:Police.LTPOA@gmail.com). If you do not have e-mail capabilities then please leave a message for the Committee on (410) 956-4808.

**IF YOU HAVE A POLICE EMERGENCY, CALL 911.**

For additional information about the Police Committee please visit the webpage on <http://www.ltpoa.info/police.html>.

## GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Pam Obee Sargent

### Gray/Mott Scholarships

By Pam Obee Sargent

It's not too early to start thinking about applying for the Gray/Mott Scholarships. The community has two (2) \$1000.00 scholarships available each year. The application can be found on the LTPOA website ([www.LTPOA.info](http://www.LTPOA.info)). One of the key criteria for the scholarship is community service. Make sure that you are volunteering in our community to help fulfill this criteria. The holidays are a wonderful time to give back to others and it does not cost anything. There will be more about the scholarships in the first edition of the Conciliator in 2010.

## THE GRAY-MOTT YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

The **London Towne Property Owners Association** has established educational scholarships to assist current school year high school graduates in continuing their education at an accredited post-secondary institution of their choice.

This scholarship was instituted in 1989, in recognition of the invaluable contributions made by **Mr. Charles Gray and Mr. Ralph Mott** to the community of London Towne. As a reminder of their contributions and in their memory, we dedicate those scholarships awarded to young people of our community who choose to follow in the paths of these two men through **volunteer community service**.

The scholarship awards will consist of two (2) **\$1000.00 non-renewable** grants for two graduating students, who will continue their education at either a four year college or university, two year junior or community college, or at a trade, technical, or business school.

The following eligibility requirements will govern: Must be a son or daughter of a resident of the London Towne community; must have demonstrated community involvement and satisfactory high school achievement (minimum of 2.0 GPA); must have character recommendations and work related references.

# ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY NEWS THAT AFFECTS YOU



## Do You Recycle???



The Anne Arundel County Recycling Division is pleased to announce that our countywide residential recycling rate has reached 35%. That's up 4% from just over a year ago.

While this is a great achievement, there is still more work to be done. We are aiming for a 50% recycling rate and need YOUR help to get there. Are you recycling all that you can in your home, at work and on the go? Are you encouraging your neighbors to join in and recycle too?

If you'd like more information on what can be recycled, how to get a recycling container, or how to help others in your community do more, visit our website at [www.RecycleMoreOften.com](http://www.RecycleMoreOften.com).

### Simple Ways to Boost Recycling

- Place a recycling container next to each trash can in your home: in the office, bathroom, kitchen and laundry room.
- Create a compost pile in your backyard. Free compost bins are available from the County.
- Grass-cycle your lawn clippings - leave them on the ground when you mow.
- Recycle even more items at our Convenience Centers such as computers, electronics, oil, antifreeze, appliances, scrap metals, rubble, and car and marine batteries, just to name a few.

### Curbside Collection Tips

- Paper, plastic, metal and glass can all be placed in the same container for collection.
- Items do not need to be rinsed or cleaned and you can include lids, caps and labels.
  - Paper includes milk & juice cartons
  - Plastic includes bags & shrink wrap, buckets, toys, flower pots and lawn furniture
  - Metal includes aluminum foil and pans
- Use the yellow recycling container or any other container of your choice marked with a large "X." You may put out an unlimited amount of recycling.
- Place large recyclable items next to your container. Yard waste should be bundled, bagged or put in containers and marked with an "X."
- To ensure your recyclables are collected, place them at the curb by 6 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. Keep recycling and trash containers to 40 pounds or less.
- Call 410-222-6100 immediately if you experience a collection problem. We will fix it that day or the next if you call after 3 pm.

## LTPOA WATER REPORT NUMBER 3

All petitions received by the water committee, whether for or against public water, were submitted to the county the first week in September. The county is in the process of verifying the petitions. Petitions were received from 1,321 property owners while 706 did not respond. Of the petitions that were received, 895 (68%) requested public water, while 426 (32%) requested not to get public water.

Because a majority of owners did not petition for public water, a proposed route was submitted to the County which would accommodate the most households wanting public water and at the same time avoid as many households as possible that did not petition for water, whether by returning negative petitions or by not responding to mailings.

There are 1,178 properties on the proposed route. Of these properties, 61.8 % of the property owners petitioned for water, 15% opposed water and 23.2% did not respond. One hundred sixty-seven owners who petitioned for water could not be included in the route.



By mid-November, the County had almost completed the validation process. Though some petitions have been disqualified for technical reasons (not all owners signed, property changed hands, no witness, etc.) it appears that there will still be well over 50% along the proposed route, which is all that is required by the County. According to Ms. Gail Rash of the Department of Public Works, the next step is to send the information to the engineering department, which will let a contract to design the system. Ms. Rash is also preparing a mailing list of all property owners on the proposed route to officially inform owners of the process.

Elsewhere in The Conciliator is a map of the proposed route for the water mains. As you can see from the map, those properties that are not currently on the proposed route are within at most two blocks of the route. After this water line is installed, it will be much easier for small groups of property owners to petition the county for public water, if they choose to do so in the future.

We have confirmed with Ms. Rash that the clubhouse and all community piers along the proposed route that now have wells will also be provided with public water and will only have to pay the County the \$2,100 connection fee.

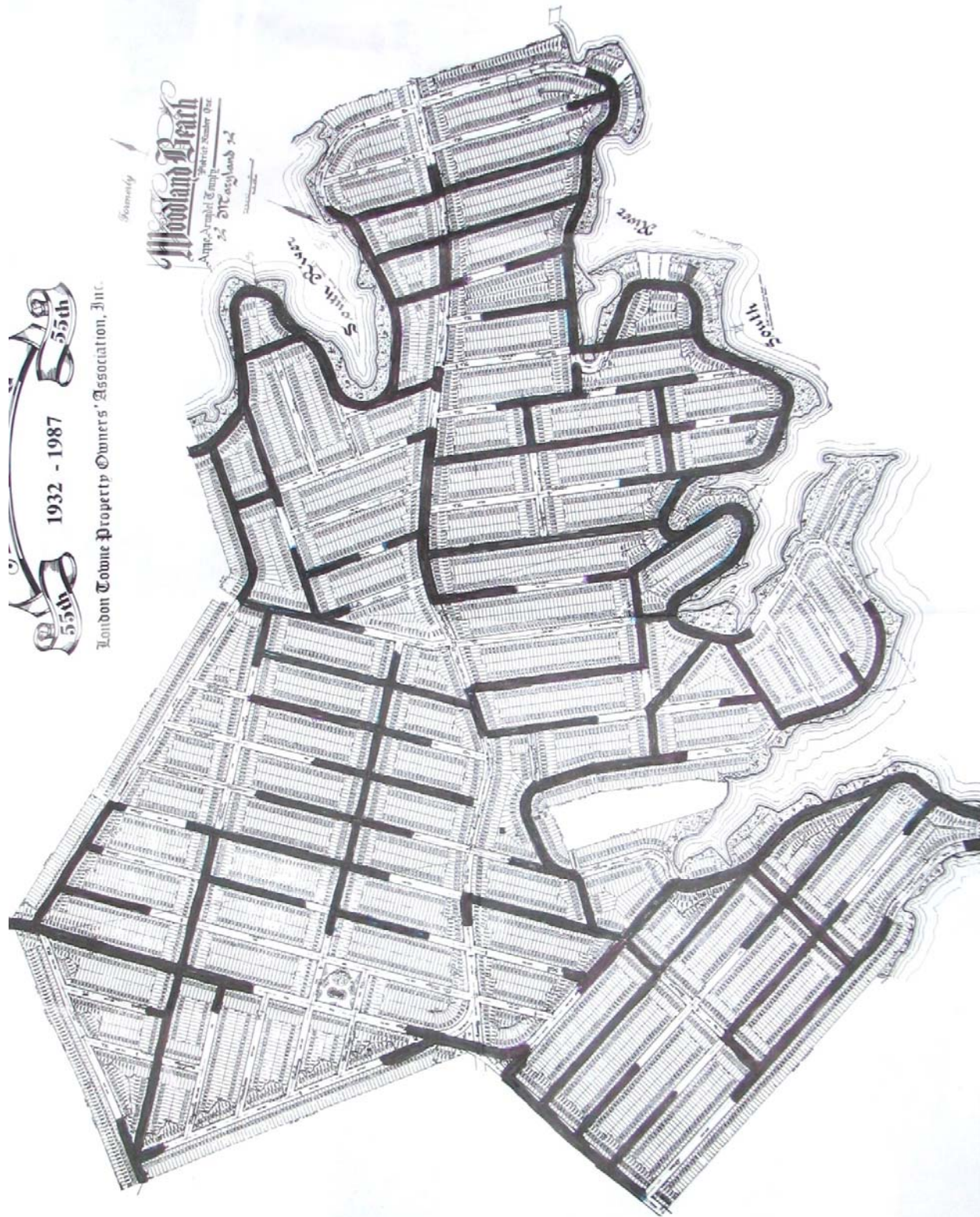
The Committee thanks the very large number of Londontowne Community residents who volunteered their time and energy to help with this project. We also thank the 1,321 property owners who returned petitions.

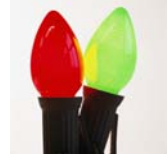
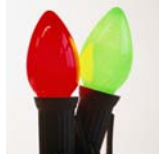
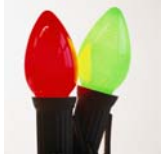


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London Towne Property Owners' Association, Inc.

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## Holiday Lights Contest

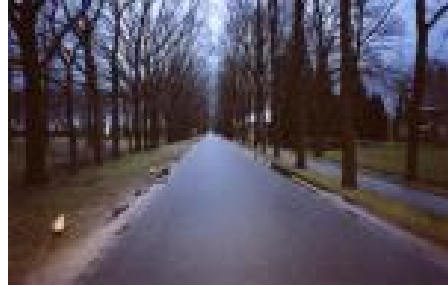
Start planning and mark your calendars now for our **Annual London Towne Holiday Lights Contest on Friday, December 18, 2009. Judging will begin at 7:00 p.m.** So make sure your Halls are Decked, your Bells are Jingling and your Lights are Shining



Bright. We've had some serious competition in recent years and we hope to see more neighbors celebrating your Holiday spirit! We've got cash prizes for several categories which include: the Good Neighbor Awards (team up with a neighbor and show your spirit), Best of London Towne, Most Unique, most lights, cutest, most traditional, community business and boats (new this year). Winner of the Best Holiday Decorations – Community Business will receive a free ¼ page ad in a future edition of the Conciliator

(their choice). We'll announce all winners in the March 2010 edition of the Conciliator.

Contact us at [ltpoainfo@gmail.com](mailto:ltpoainfo@gmail.com) or Pam Obee Sargent at 410-956-7679 or Logan Hottle at 410-956-4808 if you have questions about the Contest .



## **ELECTRICITY OUTAGES**

By Tom Walsh

The Capital newspaper recently published an article about the importance of contacting BGE immediately when an electricity outage has occurred. The article said that if only one person in a neighborhood reports an outage, BGE assumes that just one household is affected.

And BGE has a new tracking system that requires constant updating. The article quotes BGE officials as saying “To restore power to the entire neighborhood, each affected person needs to call and **KEEP CALLING** (my emphasis) every six (6) hours until power is restored.” This is a good thing for us all to know as our community seems to be affected



Don't forget about the LTPOA website at [www.ltpoa.info](http://www.ltpoa.info). You can find out about current events, see past newsletters, and find LTPOA reference materials like the Associations By-laws.

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Bentley—Lynn Friedrich	410-956-6556
Section 5—Bob Nethen	410-956-0978

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**Section Meeting Times**

Section 1—1st Wed of each month 7:30 p.m.  
Section 2—3rd Tues of each month 7:30 p.m.  
Section 3—2nd Wed of each month 7:30 p.m.  
Section 4—Last Thurs of each month 7:30 p.m.  
Section 5—3rd Wed of each month 7:30 p.m.