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FROM OUR OUT-GOING BOARD PRESIDENT John Rhoads

December already, and a new year is just around the corner. A new year and change go hand in hand and I would like to introduce the new LTPOA officers. On Saturday, October 2, 2010 LTPOA held its annual meeting. At the meeting, Dave Fish was elected to the office of President, Cheryl Fawcett, Vice President, Sarah Trees returns as Treasurer, and Trez Mooreland is our new secretary. These four dedicated people will spend the next year working towards making London Towne an even better community. You will hear more about them in coming issues.



As I leave office I would like to remind everyone that the Holiday Lights contest returns this year. Information regarding judging and prizes can be found in this edition. Please remember to look out for our children as they wait at the bus stop or walk to school especially early in the morning and late in the afternoon when it may be hard to see them. With winter soon upon us and the forecast leaning to a repeat of the winter of 2009, please consider moving your cars so the snow plows can do their jobs. Finally, I'd like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your president. I have enjoyed the time I have spent serving the community and, though I am no longer president, I will continue to be involved. Have a happy and safe holiday.



Winter



WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

The LTPOA Board of Directors would like to welcome all new residents to the community. Please check the Ramps & Credentials report in this issue 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. If you do not have a copy of the Association By Laws, you can get a copy at our web site 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 skis 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

Section 1 Tom Walsh

This has been a good year for Section 1. The merry-go-round was rebuilt and painted. A real BIG thanks to Joe O'Neil, + Mike & Trixie Ryan for all their help with this project. The Section would not be the same without them.

We did have a loss in our ranks. Trez Moreland resigned as Section 1 treasurer to take the added responsibility of Secretary of the Board of Directors of LTPOA. Section 1 is desperate to have a volunteer step up and take this very responsible position. Please contact President Tom Walsh at twalsh0129@hotmail.com, if you would like to volunteer or would like more information.

The shoreline of Section 1 will have a major erosion project this winter. The project will be from just beyond the beach area around the entire Gray's Point. After the erosion work is finished, Gray's Point park area will also have a major renovation. Be sure to take pictures of the before and after!!!!

Section 2 David Zollinhofer

Happy Holidays! It is hard to believe that another year is almost over. Section 2 met for the last time in 2010 with our November meeting. Our next section meeting will be **Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 7:30 pm** in the clubhouse. We hope to see you there!

The end of the year allows us an opportunity to reflect on what has happened during the year. We had a lot of activity in our section in 2010. We had another major erosion project completed as well as new playground equipment installed. Many people are using the new kayak launch that was installed. We hope to continue to make improvements to the section over the next year. It is critical that you let us know what is important to you. We would like input from all of our community members.

If you need help with anything before our next meeting, please contact me. Have a safe holiday season.

Section News

Section 3 Donald Creveling

We have had a great fall in London Towne and Section 3 this year and though activities are slowing down for winter we can look forward to renewal this spring! And speaking of renewal, the Section 3 beach is slated for a complete makeover for 2011! Over the years erosion has taken its toll on the popular swimming area along Shore Drive. At present, only a small strip of beach provides a place for sunbathing and swimming while enjoying the waters of Almshouse Creek. However, big changes are coming.

With the help of state grant money and our tax dollars, a marine engineering company will re-build the beach by adding stone groins at each end of the beach to lessen the affects of erosion. In addition the stones will retain sand that is washed into the beach by wave action helping to naturally build up the beach area and to retain sand that will be trucked in to establish a new wider beach. Not only will this provide an enhanced swimming area it will provide protection for Shore Drive for years to come! So, get your lounge chair ready and prepare to enjoy the beach in 2011.

Section 4 John Franco

No Report

Section 5 Will Hottle

Section Five needed to replace Dock B but since we'd replaced Dock A only a few years ago, it was going to be years before we could save enough money to do it. Our dockmaster, Bob Nethen, talked to Section member Wes Matheu about the problem. Wes is the owner of Shoreline Restoration and has done several major Erosion projects here in London Towne. He proposed stripping off the old planks and redecking the dock rather than replacing it since the pilings are OK.

The weather the weekend of Nov 13-14 was sunny and warm. With Wes's supervision, the dock was stripped and redecked in two days. The turnout of Section members and slip holders was terrific and we all had a great time working together to greatly improve the structure and safety of the dock. It looks and feels brand new. Frank Lyman sent a check to help with the expenses and we appreciate that.

There will be no Section meetings until next year, so Happy Holidays to everyone. We look forward to having you join us at our meetings the third Wednesday of the month, at 7:30pm, at the Clubhouse.

Committee Reports

Park and Planning Committee

Tom Walsh

Section #1

Due to the support of the LTPOA citizens, the P & P budget has been increased so major projects can now be scheduled. The accomplishments during the last year include:

1. Removal of the obsolete playground equipment from the Bay View Playground
2. Installation of new swings at the Bay View Playground
3. Installation of new swings at Westminster Park
4. Changing the decking of several Fishing & Crabbing pier and installation of benches on one of these piers
5. Redesigning and installing new steps to the Section #1 Fishing & Crabbing pier
6. Continued clean up of beaches in all Sections and all LTPOA Parkland.

Plans for next year include:

1. Assisting with the total redesign and make over of the beach at Section #3, Shore & Silver Run
2. Removal of the obsolete playground equipment from the Section #5 beach area
3. Installation of new swings at the Section #5 beach area
4. Changing the decking of Section #11 Fishing & Crabbing pier
5. Continued clean up of beaches in all Sections and all LTPOA Parkland

The committee is always looking for recommendations from the citizens of LTPOA. Please send any suggestions for the improvement of LTPOA property to the P & P committee for its consideration at:

Twalsh0129@hotmail.com

Erosion Committee

Stephen Hult

No Report

Committee Reports

Ramps and Credentials

Randy Faulkner

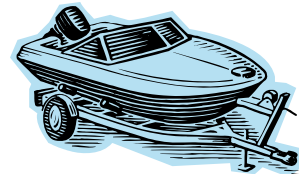
Ramp keys, vehicle, boat and trailer stickers are available at the community hall Monday evenings from 7PM to 8PM. We will be at the community hall January 24th and January 31st, February 7th and February 21st and every Monday in March. Check the next Conciliator for future dates.

All vehicles, boats and trailers must have a current LTPOA sticker to use LTPOA facilities and parking areas.

PLEASE NOTE: You must bring current vehicle and vessel registrations to obtain LTPOA parking and ramp stickers. If you do not have your registration with you we can not issue stickers and you will have to wait until the next night we are at the hall.

Fees for property owner's stickers are \$3.00 valid for three years; fees for renters and dependants are \$5.00 valid for one year. Documents required for stickers are proof of property ownership (deed/tax bill); tenants/renters must provide a current lease. We will also need current vehicle, boat or trailer registrations.

Ramp fees are \$40.00 for the year. If you are a previous ramp user, bring back your old ramp key to avoid an additional fee.



PLEASE NOTE: If you fail to return your previous year's ramp keys you will be charged the lost key fee.

Please see the LTPOA web site for a complete list of credentials and ramp rules/regulations.

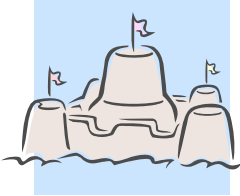
Hope to see you in the New Year.

Committee Reports

Events Committee

By Logan Parry Hottle

2010 End-of-Year-Wrap Up.



Awareness Week was very successful this year. The participation at all the events was the best we've seen in a while! We enjoyed ourselves and look forward to next year. We hope you do, too. There is room at everything for more participants so come on out!

Probably the highlight of the week was on Sunday when we had the boat and raft races. Combined with the 2nd annual sand castle contest, it was a busy day with lots of fun and laughter.

By the time you read this, the 21st Annual Holiday Craft and Gift Show on Saturday, December 4 will be completed. We have every reason to believe it will be as successful as it was last year.

December 5 was the 1st Annual Home Party Vendor show. This is a new event and we look forward to having the weekend filled with both these shows in years to come.

December 19, the Holiday Decorations throughout the neighborhood are going to be judged. See the article on another page of this issue for more information.



We're saddened by the passing of Cheryl Wells during the summer. We all thank her for the wonderful foundation she laid for all the things the Events Committee does. We remember you.



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

GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Pam Obee Sargent

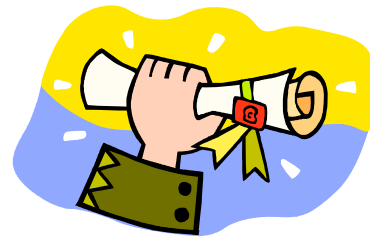


Gray/Mott Committee will be participating at the LTPOA Arts and Crafts Show. We will be selling the community calendars (\$15.00 each – they make great Christmas gifts) and note cards. We hope that you all attend the show and support the scholarship fund.



If you are a graduating senior, make sure to participate in some of our community events to meet the community service qualification for the Gray/Mott Scholarship. The application for 2011 will be on the website early in 2011. The applications will be due on April 15, 2011.

We will continue with our fund raising events throughout the year. Please let us know if you have any ideas or would like to help with events.



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.

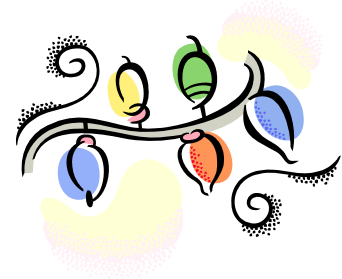
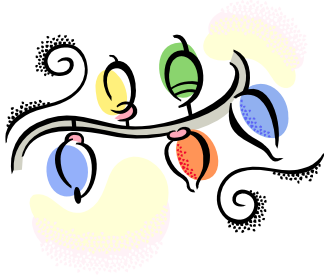


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Holiday Lights Contest

by Pam Obee Sargent

LTPOA is continuing the tradition of the Holiday Lights Contest again this year. Get out the decorations and deck the halls! The Holiday Lights committee will be driving around to see the lights on the evening of Friday, December 18, 2010. We will begin judging at 7:00 p.m. We will be awarding prizes in the several categories including the Good Neighbor Award (team up with a neighbor and show your team spirit) and Best Holiday Decorations – Community Business. We will award the winners in each of the categories cash awards. The Community Business that wins will receive a free ¼ page ad in a future edition of the Conciliator (of their choice). All winners will be announced in the first edition of the Conciliator in 2011. If you have any questions about the Holiday Lights Contest, contact Pam Obee Sargent at 410-956-7679. Turn on your lights and brighten the holiday season!