

The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT John Rhoads



On October 6, 2012 the London Towne Property Owner's Association held its Annual Meeting. One order of business was to elect new officers. Those present elected:

John Rhoads	President
Don Creveling	Vice President
Marian Creveling	Secretary
Sarah Trees	Treasurer



I would like to thank the community for the confidence shown by electing these officers of the Association. As I indicated at the meeting, this will be a year of change as we plan to update practices that have been in effect for over forty years.

In recent years, the volunteer Board of Directors and the officers have found that the management of the Association is beyond what can be managed by a part-time board. The Board of Directors has therefore decided to hire a full-time executive administrator, on a twenty-four (24) month contract to assist the officers, committees and board members. This position will help to increase the productivity of the Board and to help ensure that requests from the community are handled in an expeditious manner, something that has been needed for a long time. In addition, LTPOA stickers and ramp keys will be available during the day, as well as on Monday evenings (updated schedule will be posted on the web site and in the Conciliator). Finally, this employee will enable the Board, over the next twenty-four months, to make recommendations regarding how our Association can change and improve.

Over the past 30 years, the business of this Association has been carried out by volunteers who have given countless hours to making the community a better place to live. We have found that we must find a better way to do business. The hiring of this contract employee will lead the way in helping us do just that.

In addition, my agenda calls for a special meeting to be held in May or June 2013 to make some changes to the bylaws. These changes will further improve how the Association does business.

I thank you for your continuing support of our community. London Towne needs to be a leader in the Edgewater Area and I intend to do my best to help move our community in that direction.

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



Reminder!

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 boats) 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

Deborah Porter from Section 1 reports: We are very happy that Hurricane Sandy did little damage and all of our neighbors are safe.

Summer has come to an end and it is nice to see the change of weather and the autumn colors at the beach. Our ladder has been taken up from the swim platform and stored away for next year. We had our end of summer cook out with neighbors coming by and enjoying the afternoon. Hope to see more of our neighbors next year. It is always nice to get together and meet new people.

Beach 1 would like to thank all of our neighbors for keeping our beach clean. We hope everyone was able to notice that the area around the marina was cleaned up, new plants put in and signs painted. Thanks to everyone that helped. We are talking of extending the walkway on Shore Drive to make it more pedestrian and pet friendly.

We would like to let everyone know about our beach meetings. They are the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is scheduled for **March 12, 2013** at 7:30. Meetings are held at the marina, weather permitting, or at the community hall. Look for the signs that are posted as a reminder. Hope to see you there, it is a nice way to meet your neighbors and let everyone know of your concerns.

Finally, Section One would like to wish everyone in the community a Safe and Happy Holiday Season.

David Zollinhofer from Section 2 We would like to have more people participate in our monthly meetings. We meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Clubhouse at 7:30 pm. The meetings are informal and all are welcome. Bring your ideas to the meeting to make our section even better.



Section News Cont.

From Karen Porter at Section 3. It seems like yesterday that we were at the beach enjoying the festivities of our end of the summer picnic. The weather was great as was the food and turnout – another year in which a good time was had by all! I would like to extend my thanks to all who helped with preparations and those that brought a dish. Our redneck golf tournament was a blast and our new neighbors took home the first place medals. Thanks to J.R. for making our great medals for the winners!



I'm looking forward to meeting more neighbors in the New Year. So be sure to mark the second Wednesday of each month (**beginning with March**) on your 2013 calendar and remind your neighbors to do the same.

The holiday season will be here before we know it and unfortunately the risk of robberies and thefts increase during this time of year. Please stay alert and report any suspicious behavior to the county police by calling 911.

I wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.



Remember, you don't have to be a president to submit news about your section. Send them to LTPOAconciliator@verizon.net

Section News Cont.



From John Franco at Section 4: Beginning in 2013 Section Four will conduct only eight meetings a year. Meetings will be held on the last Thursday of the month in January, March, April, June, July, August, September and October only. They will be held at the Community Hall unless notified otherwise. **The next meeting is January 31, 2013** at 7:30pm in the Community Hall. All are welcome to come get involved with our great community!

The basketball court by the Londontowne Marina was completely redone. We now have a high school regulation court to enjoy! It looks great and is getting lots of use. Bring your friends and check it out with a pick-up game. It's a great way to have fun with your friends and get in some exercise at the same time.

Many thanks to Rosana Powell and Lynn Friedrich for their many years of service, Rosana as Beach Four Secretary and Lynn as Dockmaster at Bently pier. We appreciate all they have done for our beach. Paul Nelson is taking over Lynn's duties as Dockmaster. We are still looking for a Section Four Secretary. Please contact me if you would like to volunteer for the position.

Have a safe and happy Holiday season

From Will Hottle at Section 5: The cold weather and the holidays are coming. There were lots of activities on the docks, at the beach and the park all summer. The canoe/kayak racks are full and the boats are being enjoyed out on the water even as the weather has cooled. The new playground area was, and continues to be, very popular with kids and parents. That's a year round activity we are happy to see. Thanks to LTPOA for adding these really nice playgrounds to the community.

I really hope more of our neighbors will come to meetings and participate in planning the year for the Section. We welcome everyone to the meetings and to the activities. Some of us who are most active have been active for a long time. We need new blood and fresh ideas! We welcome all neighbors and especially those who do not own boats--you are after all the majority! Please don't think you have to have a boat to participate. We'll try to have more social events next summer since they seem to be popular.

There will be no meetings until the **third Wednesday of March** at 7:30pm at the Community Hall. I look forward to seeing you there.

Happy Holidays to all.



Committee Reports



Ramps and Credentials

Randy Faulkner



We hope everyone had a safe and fun autumn!

We will be back at the Community Hall in late January. The locks for the ramps will not be changed until that time so your 2012 keys will be good until then.

Please see the LTPOA web site at **ltpoa.info** or our Facebook page for the exact dates.

If you need stickers or a ramp key before that time please contact your section/beach representative and we will try to accommodate your needs.

Please note: if you see someone allowing others to use our boat ramps illegally please let us and the police committee know. It costs a lot of money to replace these ramps and we don't charge a large amount of money to use them!

Lets all have a happy and safe winter here in our community of Londontowne!



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"Thanks Guy, you saved all the pictures of my daughter's graduation!" - Sharon

"I appreciate you being honest that my computer wasn't worth the money it would cost to fix. My new one is so much faster and you helped me get a great deal." - Matt

"I don't know what you did, but the viruses are gone and have stayed gone!" - Diane

Erosion Committee

Stephen Hult

During the past eight years the erosion committee has completed nine major shoreline restoration projects. The projects have restored 3,980 linear feet — slightly over 3/4 mile—of degraded and eroding community shoreline using ecologically appropriate living shoreline techniques. The committee has won \$335,000 —over one third million dollars— in competitive State and Federal grants to help subsidize the cost of these projects. Granting agencies have included the Chesapeake Bay Trust, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

During Fiscal Year 2012 which ended June 30, 2012 , we completed two major projects. They were:

- In **Section 4** we addressed the severely eroded swimming beach and shoreline near the Bentley fishing pier. The seventy thousand dollar project used 440 tons of rock and 600 tons of sand to completely restore and stabilize the 425 linear feet of shoreline and the community beach in the project area. It also created over a thousand square feet of new tidal marsh adjacent to the restored swimming beach.



- In **Section 3** eighty feet of decaying bulkhead was removed and replaced with a living shoreline. The new project was designed to incorporate a long-sought kayak launch area for the community.

Our major project for fiscal year 2013, which began on July 1, 2012, will be on the peninsula at the end of Delmar Road in Section 2. The project will restore 650 linear feet of eroding shoreline and repair the community swimming beach. The project construction is scheduled to start in the near future.

The committee has always worked closely with community scouts and benefited from their enthusiastic assistance. In recent years four Boy Scouts have earned Eagle Scout badges working on our shoreline projects. This year Joey Peake became an Eagle Scout for a project in Section 5 and George Masgay for a project in Section 1. We offer them our thanks and appreciation.



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Park & Planning Committee Report

Tom Walsh

The Park and Planning Committee conducted its annual inspection of community parkland on October 6, 2012. The committee spent considerable time in each Section to review the changes over the past year. There were areas of concern that the committee will address in the next year. The specifics are:

In **Section 3**, the Fishing and crabbing pier has been repaired as well as repairs made to the asphalt in the parking areas. Next on the Section 3 agenda is rebuilding the playground.

Section 5 is in great shape with its new playground. There is a tree that needs to be replanted and this will be done this fall. Phragmites control & a living shoreline are in the plans for the beach area.

In **Section 4**, the Derecho caused considerable damage to the hill and the committee spent hours clearing the fallen trees. A major top side erosion project is needed to protect the hill side. This will be a combination P & P + Erosion project

In **Section 2**, a major Erosion & Parks project will totally rebuild the Delmar peninsula and beach area.

In **Section 1**, expanding parking for the playground is in the planning stages. The tree at the Fishing & Crabbing pier was a Derecho casualty and a new tree will be planted in its place.

Overall, Hurricane Sandy did not cause any major damage. If you have recommendations for the P & P committee, please let your Section committee person know so we can discuss these ideas at our next meeting.

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GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Pam Obee Sargent



We have 2013 LTPOA calendars and note cards available for purchase. The calendars are \$10 and the note cards are 8 cards for \$6. Contact me at

pam.obee@verizon.net for purchase of these items. They make great stocking stuffers and feature our 2011 My LTPOA Photo Contest winners. All proceeds from the sale of these items support the scholarship fund.

Look at the LTPOA website (ltpoa.info) for information about the \$1000 Gray/Mott scholarships that are available to graduating high school seniors that live in the LTPOA community. Additional articles about the scholarships will be in the first edition of the Conciliator in 2013.



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.



Check out the Conciliator in color at ltpoa.info



Holiday Light Contest

Logan Parry Hottle



The Holiday Lights Contest is happening again this year. Get out the decorations and deck the halls, the walls, the railings, the family pet, and everything! The Holiday Lights committee will be driving around to see the lights on the evening of Sunday, **December 16, 2011**. There will be people out "prejudging" the week before to help the judges narrow the territory we have to travel. Want to be a judge or a "prejudge?" We do have fun. Email us at: crafts.ltpoa@gmail.com .

We will begin judging on **Sunday at 7:00** p.m. Please have your lights on and leave them on until 10:30. It often takes us that long to get around the neighborhood. In the past, we've heard certain houses have a great display but the lights are out before we can get there and they cannot be included.

We will be awarding prizes in categories which include the **Good Neighbor Award** (team up with a neighbor or neighbors and show your team spirit) and **Best Holiday Decorations**. 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 2013. If you have any questions about the Holiday Lights Contest, call 410 956 4808.

Turn on your lights and brighten the holiday season! And, the categories are:

- Best of London Towne
- Good Neighbor
- Most Unique
- Most Lights
- Most Traditional
- Cutest
- Best Boat (in the water) --Not awarded in 2011
- Best Beach/Dock--Not awarded in 2011
- Community Business



As a review, the 2011 Winners were:

- Cutest House - 318 Highland Dr - \$50
- Most Unique - 1609 Oriole Rd - \$50
- Most Traditional - 1656 Marlboro Rd - \$50
- Most Lights - 1530 Mayfield - \$50
- Best of London Towne - 1815 Laurel Rd - \$100
- Best Business - Cut Loose Hair Salon 200 Mayo Rd

Thanks for turning on your lights to brighten the holiday season in the Beach!

Community Awareness Week

Logan Parry Hottle

Community Awareness Week was a hit in 2012. I am the Chairman of the Events committee and I know we can do better. But, to do that I need your help. Starting in April, there will be meetings of the Events Committee to plan events for 2013. People talked to me at different times during Community Awareness Week about ideas they have for new events and changes they'd like to see. I have to say, I didn't write down all your names; I'd like to talk to you again.

Here's a place to start: Community Awareness Week is the name that's been associated with the event for 32 years and dates back to London Towne as a summer resort community. Most families left at the end of the summer. Do we need a name change? Is there a name that would be more relevant to the year-round residential community that we are now? Since most members of the community are working during the week, we've moved many of the events to the weekends. Should the two weekends be filled with events and none in the week between? What should the events be? Are there events you'd like to see happen at another time of the year?

I could ask more questions, but I'm not sure our editor would like me to fill this issue of the Conciliator!

Please send your name--as a potential member of the committee or not--and your ideas to: crafts.ltpoa@gmail.com I truly do look forward to hearing from you.



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South River Federation's Bay Friendly Fact of the Month Total Maximum Daily Loads

Whether you follow Bay news closely or not, you may have heard the phrase "TMDL." The concept can seem quite intimidating, so let's take a crack at deciphering this code! Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) are the foundation of the new efforts to clean up the Chesapeake. A TMDL is, in essence, the recommended annual amount of a pollutant that a waterway can take in and still remain healthy. Think about it like you would the saturated fat or sodium values that are on the side of your cereal box: Exceed 100% for long enough and bad things are going to happen. These TMDLs are derived from models that the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed over years, and are subject to some refinement over time, but for the first time since the passage of the Clean Water Act in 1972, we had concrete pollution reduction goals in place in 2011.

Theoretically, now that the TMDLs are in place for waterways around the region, two things should happen. No new pollution should be allowed to enter a waterway unless either that waterway has been "de-listed" and is no longer polluted, or there is a concrete plan in place for the steps that local government is going to take in order to get the waterway de-listed. This could mean a wholesale moratorium on new loads from development and other sources unless local jurisdictions begin to get serious about addressing the pollution loading from existing sources.

So what does this mean for the South River? The TMDL numbers for the South River are below:

Impairment	Existing Load (2009)	Target Load
Nitrogen	261,616 lbs	225,236 lbs
Phosphorus	19,710 lbs	9,540 lbs
Sediment	3,030,327 lbs	1,903,612 lbs

This means we need to reduce nitrogen by 36,000 lbs/year, phosphorus by 10,000 lbs/year, and sediment by 1,100,000 lbs/year. Those are large numbers. To give just one example, a community of about 150 homes on failing septic systems within the critical area (right along the river's edge), contributes about 3,000 lbs of nitrogen to the river per year. There are roughly 8 to 10 communities around the river that fall into this category. The sediment and phosphorus reductions will likely have to come through the restoration of degraded stream systems that erode during every storm event, as well as better stormwater controls on old and new development. We look forward to helping the County achieve the TMDL goals as we continue to work towards our mission to protect, preserve, restore, and celebrate the South River.

Volunteer with the South River Federation

The South River Federation was born out of local community support and a passion to save our beautiful river. We continue to rely on the support of volunteers to make our mission to preserve, protect, restore, and celebrate the South River possible. We have a variety of ways to get involved. There are many “one time” events throughout the year such as stream cleanups, plantings, and other restoration work. If getting dirty isn't your thing, then assist us with our outreach and community events! We have a big community kayak trip and picnic coming up on October 20th and would appreciate the extra help. Or, bring out the family and come to the event just to have fun. For all of you science lovers, consider becoming a RiverWatcher and help us monitor select non tidal areas throughout the year. From cleanups to outreach to water quality monitoring, we have something for everyone! Email Volunteer Coordinator Jennifer Carr today at jenifer@southriverfederation.net or call 410-224-3802 to get involved today!



How Kids Can Help Save the Environment

Children have great potential to make our community and environment a better place. Here are 10 easy ways your children can help save our environment, the South River, and Chesapeake Bay.

Conserve water – Don't let the water run when brushing teeth and encourage shorter showers.

Save energy – Turn off the lights when leaving the room.

Plant a tree or native flowers – It's fun and provides habitat for butterflies and birds.

Pick up after your pet – No one likes poop, especially not when it's in our river!

Compost – Have your children take leftover fruits and veggies to the bin each night. Use the compost in your garden!

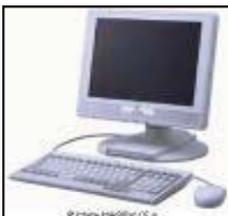
Recycle – Make your children Recycling Masters and have them take recyclables to the bin.

Play outside – Give the TV a break and go have fun outdoors.

Reuse paper – Have a crafty kid? Use scrap paper for your child's next masterpiece.

Ride a bike – If you live close to a friend's house, walk or ride a bike to save energy.

Volunteer with the South River Federation – From raising oysters to picking up trash, there are many ways to get involved!



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.



Adopt-a-Highway Trez Moreland



We would like to thank to the following volunteers from London Towne and the Pointe at South River Colony for their participation in the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup of Mayo Road between Stepney's Ln. and Central Ave on November 3, 2012.

Hank Sutter, Mike Barron, Alvin and Kelsie Sutherland, Dan Podoley, Trez Moreland, Kathy Willett.



Local Web Pages of Interest.

Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department

www.woodlandbeachvfd.com

Historic London Town and Gardens

www.historiclondontown.org

Edgewater Patch

www.edgewater.patch.com

South River Source

www.southernsource.com

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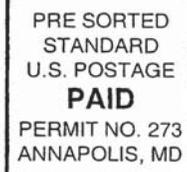
Full Page: \$160.00 per issue, \$544.00 per year (\$640.00-15%)

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Section Meeting Times:

Section 1 - 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Section 2 - 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Section 3 - 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Section 4 - Last Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Section 5 - 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at the Community Hall unless otherwise announced