

The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

**From John Rhodes
President**

Well Here We Are About to Enter the Summer Season of 2009.

The five LTPOA sections are gearing up for summer use of our swim areas and other amenities offered in your community. Remember as you enjoy the summer season in London Towne, we ask your cooperation in following the community rules and using good safety practices. When at the beach, clean up after yourselves and pets, and be considerate of others while swimming.

Please, don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual meeting of the London Towne Property Owners Association. It will be held in the community building on the first Saturday of August, (August 1st 2009)

On another subject, the sections are in dire need of volunteers for positions on their boards and the community board of

directors. PLEASE try to help out our current board members. Don't wait for someone else to do it. We need YOU. London Towne is a great place to live and we need your help to keep it that way. Elsewhere in this issue you will see news about Public Water. It is important you be heard on this matter, contact your sections for more information, a list of the meeting times and dates can be found in this newsletter. Have a safe summer, step up to the plate and join your neighbors at the section meetings.

**From Tom Walsh
Vice President**

The LTPOA Broad of Directors works very hard to manage your tax money properly. We are desperate for more LTPOA members to serve on the Board of Directors. Please see the back page of the Conciliator for your Section's information

[or log onto our web site], <http://www.ltpoa.info/> **Please** join us to make to our community the show place of A. A. Co.

This year the Erosion Committee has applied for and granted several matching funds grants. Thanks to the hard work of the Erosion Committee Chair, Stephen Hult, this is money that the Community does not have to spend from its tax income. As part of the matching funds process, the community that gets the grants must have volunteers to plant grass. On Sunday, May 17, several people showed up at Beach 2 to help with the planting but we NEED more. Please consult the web site, <http://www.ltpoa.info/>. This will give you up to date information about the community and the **UPCOMING EVENTS, NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS** section of the web site will keep you informed about on going activities. We will soon have a volunteer sign up part of our web site where you can sign up, list your talents/abilities and help the community.

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.



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 14 may operate jet skis in Maryland waters...It's the Law!

Section News

Section 1
Joe O'Neil

No Report

Section 2
David Zollinhofer

No Report

Section 3
Donald Creveling

Section 4
Tony Zavosky

Beach 4's Bentley Pier has a few smaller slips open. For slip rental contact the Bentley dock master, Lynn Friedrich, if interested.



Summer is upon us and for many in our community that means swimming, fishing, boating, and picnicking in our parklands. In Section 3, we have added two new picnic tables, two new benches, and a new grill to meet increasing use by our citizens. Get out the hotdogs and hamburgers and come out for a picnic along our picturesque waterfront!

Having the amenities that we have in London Towne also means the responsibility to take care of them and protect them for our citizens' use. One way to do this is to become active in one of our five Section Clubs. Section 3 holds monthly meetings every 2nd Wednesday, March through November, at 7:30pm at the Community Hall. Why not drop by for a meeting and participate keeping our community a vibrant place to live and play.

Enjoy your summer and be safe!

On the boating front all of Section 3's boat slips are rented for this year.

Section 5 David Fish

Beach 5 still needs additional representatives to the LTPOA Board of Directors. Please come to our June meeting the third Wednesday at 7:30 PM in the Community Hall. As a Board member, you can help decide the future of our community.

A small put-in area/path for canoes, kayaks and small boats was constructed near the pump house (no personal watercraft please, i.e. Jet Skies). Additional spaces are still available for rent at our boat docks and canoe/kayak rack. Please contact Beach 5 Dock Master Bob Nethen (410-956-0978) if you are interested.

The Beach held its annual cleanup day Saturday May 16th. Thank you to all those that helped, including our local Boy Scouts.

Committee Reports

Park and Planning Committee

David Fish

The Committee is spending the remaining balance of its FY09 budget on the maintenance and cleaning of our playgrounds and park areas. The Committee completed its annual review of our playground, park, and beach areas in all 5 sections earlier this spring. In general, our areas are looking better each year. However, more work needs to be done. Some of our playground equipment will need to be replaced over the next few years, which can be an expensive process. Also, our swimming areas in Sections 2 and 3 need work to better retain the sand that we continuously place. Please contact your Section Park and Planning representative with comments and needed projects and repairs.

Erosion Committee

Stephen Hult

On Sunday, May 17, over 30 volunteers from the London Towne community and South River Federation helped plant over two thousand plants at our living shoreline project in Section 2. The volunteers wish to express special appreciation to Karen Albright who served hamburgers, hot dogs and other lunch items to all the participants.

The volunteer work helps complete the final phase of this years' erosion committee project. During the first phase of the project, our contractor, Shoreline Design,

used approximately 1000 tons of rock, 1000 tons of sand and 400 tons of soil to help stabilize 425 feet of severely eroding banks and construct the foundation of the living shoreline. The project was made possible with a much appreciated \$50,000.00 grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. During the past few years the community has restored over one-half mile of shoreline using ecologically appropriate living shoreline techniques.

Late this year we will begin construction of our project for Fiscal Year 2010. That project will restore 560 feet of severely eroding shoreline and construct a new living shoreline on Glebe Bay in Section 2. This will be the largest project we have ever done. Over fifty percent of the cost of this project will be paid for by another grant of \$75,000.00 from the Chesapeake Bay Trust. Once again, we will be using community volunteers for the planting phase of this project.

Credentials and Ramps

The Ramps & Credential Committee

Another summer season is upon us. Please remember to be sure you have current LTPOA stickers on all vehicles, boats & trailers that are on LTPOA property. Any unregistered vehicles or vehicles with expired stickers will be towed. Also vehicles parking in areas not designated as parking areas will also be towed. LTPOA does not have guest parking. Also, all guests must be accompanied by a property owner when on LTPOA property.

NEW ramp keys and Credentials stickers are now available on Monday nights from 7-8 pm at the Community Hall.

All vehicles, boats & trailers must have a current LTPOA sticker to be parked on or use LTPOA facilities & parking areas. This includes boats on LTPOA piers.

All unregistered vehicles parked on LTPOA property will be towed. All stickers must be affixed to vehicle.

Credentials :

CREDENTIALS FEE FOR 2009

The prices are \$ 3.00 per sticker for property owners which are valid for 3 years. Sticker fees for renters & dependents are \$ 5.00 per sticker which are valid for 1 year.

New credentials stickers are available at the *LTPOA Community Hall* Mondays from 7-8 pm.. Current vehicle, boat & trailer registrations are required for issuance of stickers. Proof of property ownership is required, I.e., deed or tax bill. New residents to community should bring settlement papers. Tenants must have current lease. Other documentation may be required. Stop by the community hall on Monday evenings for complete information.

All LTPOA boat slip holders are reminded that a **current LTPOA** sticker must be visible on all boats and the sticker number must be given to section dock masters for slip leases.

Please remember: Current stickers must be displayed on all vehicles, boats & trailers that are parked on LTPOA property or

that use boat slips or ramps.

Stickers must show either 09, 10, or 11 to be valid.

Ramps:

***** New keys are required for the boat ramps *****

RAMP KEY FEES FOR 2009

Key fee is \$ 40.00

CURRENT Boat registrations are required for issuance of new keys, **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!!**

Please remember to bring old keys to avoid additional charge.

Security:

The Security Committee

Please be advised that all vehicles, boats & trailers on LTPOA property must have current stickers. Towing will be enforced.

There have been a few boat break-ins lately. Please be sure to lock your boats if unattended, and to put all accessories away. Even piers with gates have been affected.

If you see suspicious activity please call 911. AS we see an increase in people who do not live in our community this time of year, our officers will be checking people on beaches and piers and at the ramps. Please have identification. Non residents can & have been arrested for trespassing.

We wish everyone a safe & fun summer!!

GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Pam Obee Sargent

Scholarship News:



Unfortunately, this year we did not have any LTPOA resident graduating seniors apply for our two scholarships. We will continue to fund raise for the scholarships. We are looking for ideas on how to get more interest in the scholarships. Please submit your ideas to pam.obee@comcast.net.

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

County Supports Public Water for London Towne



On May 6, LTPOA president John Rhoads, vice president Tom Walsh and Jesse and Lois Fussell met with representatives of the Department of Public Works and Ed Reilly, Chairman of the County Council and the representative for our district. As a result of that meeting, petitions to bring public water to parts of the London Towne community are being submitted to the county for validation.

This is the culmination of several years of work, two mailings to all owners of property in the community and many hours of time from volunteers who have gone door-to-door to tell their neighbors about the project.

Not all parts of the London Towne community will get public water. To be connected to public water, over half of the property owners along a proposed route must have joined the petition for water. Thus, not all persons who signed petitions for public water will be included because the majority of their neighbors either voted against public water or did not return petitions at all. Similarly, a few property owners who voted against public water are on the proposed route.

Starting Monday, June 8, from 7 to 8 PM at the community center, property owners can view the proposed paths for the water mains. Since the paths will not officially be defined until mid- to late July, the route can be extended if sufficient positive petitions are received before then. Petition forms and detailed information on the various financing options the county provides will be available for those who wish to petition to include their property. For example, persons 60 and older on limited incomes can get all county fees deferred until the property changes hands.

County representatives say that construction on the water mains could start as early as two years after the verification of the petitions.



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



Talking Trash

We'd like to extend a special thanks to the following London Towners who helped make the April 25th Adopt-a-Road event the best ever. Together we removed twenty bags of trash and miscellaneous waste picked up in record time! You guys ROCK!!!



Devin Capizzi, Marian Creveling, Trixie and Michael Ryan, Laura Scannell, Bill Dustin, Shawn Herron, Laura, Dave, David, Dakota, and Nathan Zollinhofer, Bill Caton, Hank Suter, Trez Moreland, CarolynDodson.

Thanks so much to this awesome group of neighbors for helping to keep Mayo Road looking great!





Get Out Your Camera... and Start Snapping the Winning Photo

It's that time again – time for the 2nd Annual My London Towne Photo contest. The rules for the contest are in the following article. All entries should be turned in to Pam Obee Sargent or at the Photo Contest table at Family Fun Night during Community Awareness Week (Monday, August 17, 2009). We will have a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize winner in each of the two age categories. There will be prize money for the contest winners this year. Each person from the community can submit two (2) entries. All entries must be submitted as 8" x 10" prints and must have an entry form accompany them. You can check the community website (www.ltpoa.info) for any updates to the contest or Community Awareness Week. Good luck and we look forward to seeing your pictures in August.



Some of last year's winners

2nd Annual “My London Towne” Photo Contest



We are continuing this year our “My London Towne” photo contest to the event during our Community Awareness Week (August 16-23). This is your opportunity to show the community what London Towne means to you through the lens of your camera. The contest is open to amateur photographers of all ages who live in the London Towne community. We are going to continue with just one category – give us your best shot of London Towne. It could be a picture of the people of London Towne, the nature found in London Towne or a great scene of the water in London Towne. Judging will be done by the following age categories: 18 & under or 19 & over. We will have first, second and third place prizes in each of the age categories and the people’s choice award (overall award). All prizes will be awarded at the Bull Roast/Shrimp Feast on Sunday, August 23 2009.

To enter the contest you will need to complete the entry form and submit your 8” x 10” print of your photo during the Family Fun Night Parade and Festival on Monday, August 17, 2009 by 8:00 p.m. Entries may also be mailed to Pam Obee Sargent, 1813 Loreley Rd, Edgewater, MD 21037 but they must be received by August 17, 2009 to be considered for the contest. The prints should not be framed or matted. The image should have been taken by you in the last 3 years in the London Towne community.

The Rules:

Who can enter? Any amateur photographer who lives in the London Towne community. There is no age limit for photographers. Members of the Photo Contest Committee cannot enter the contest.

What kind of photos can be entered? Any photo that represents London Towne to you can be entered in the contest. Each entrant may enter no more than two photos in the contest. The entrant must hold all rights to the photograph(s) submitted.

How to enter the contest? To enter the contest you will need to complete the entry form for each of your photos and submit your 8” x 10” print of your photo with a .jpg file or negative during the Family Fun Night Parade and Festival on Monday, August 17, 2009 by 8:00 p.m. Entries may also be mailed to Pam Obee Sargent, 1813 Loreley Rd, Edgewater, MD 21037 but they must be received by August 17, 2009 to be considered for the contest. [The Photo Contest Committee will need access to a .jpg or negative of the photo submitted for replication – to show photos on the community website and/or on the prize winning note cards.]

Entry Deadline? Your photo must be submitted during the Family Fun Night Parade and Festival on Monday, August 17, 2009 by 8:00 p.m. Or your entries may also be mailed to Pam Obee Sargent, 1813 Loreley Rd, Edgewater, MD 21037. All mailed entries must be received by August 17, 2009 to be considered for the contest.

Judging? The photos will be judged by the Photo Contest Committee. Members of the community will vote for the People’s Choice Award. The results will be announced during the Bull Roast/Shrimp Feast on Sunday, August 23, 2009.

Prizes? First prize in each age category is \$100.00; the second prize in each age category is \$50.00; and the third prize in each category is \$25.00. The first place winners will have their photos used on the community note cards that will be available for sale at our Community Craft Show on Saturday, December 5, 2009 to benefit the Gray/Mott Scholarship Fund. The People’s Choice Award winner will also be featured on the community note cards. [All winning photos may be used for a London Towne calendar to be published in the future.]

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“My London Towne” Photo Contest Entry Form

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

Edgewater, MD 21037

Phone #: _____

Photo Title: _____

Description: _____
(location _____
of photo) _____

Age Category: **18 & Under** **19 & Over**

(Include one entry form for each 8” x 10” photo being entered. There is a limit of two (2) photos per entrant. Your entry form and photo must be submitted during the Family Fun Night Parade and Festival on Monday, August 17, 2009 by 8:00 p.m.
[Don’t forget to submit the .jpg/negative of your photo with your entry.]

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If you have any questions about the 2nd Annual My London Towne Photo Contest, please contact Pam Obee Sargent at 410-956-7679.

30th Annual Community Awareness Week

Community Awareness Week begins Saturday, August 15, 2009 and runs through Sunday, August 23, 2009. This is the 30th year for this event. How exciting! We would like to make this a great week to honor all of our community members. This is an opportunity for each of us to spend time together and get to know each other better. There are lots of events during the week to participate in and attend.

We are trying to add some new events this year. One of the new events is a Sand Sculpture Contest. This event will take place on Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. after the Kayak and Raft Races. The contest is open to everyone. Bring your buckets and shovels and built an award winning sand castle! If you need some help getting ideas for the contest, check out www.sandcastlecentral.com. Another of the new events is The Tomato Contest – we'll be voting for the biggest and the best tasting tomatoes. We will hold the judging on Monday, August 17, 2009 at the Family Fun Night event. Start gardening now and grow the biggest and best tasting tomato ever!



We would like for everyone to have a table at the Community Flea Market but we know that is not possible. We would like to help those of you who are going to have a yard sale during Community Awareness Week. If you send us your address and the dates of your yard sale by Monday, August 3, 2009 at ltpoaconciliator@verizon.net, we will include your yard sale info in a handout that we will give out at the Community Flea Market and other events during the week.

We **need volunteers** to help with lots of different things during the week. Any time that you can give to help make the week successful would be appreciated. We need people to help setting events up/clean up, chairing events, donating cakes/cookies/desserts for the cake wheels, your participation at the community Volleyball Tournament and Pot Luck dinner or any of the other events. If you can help, please contact Pam Obee Sargent at pam.obee@comcast.net or call at 410-956-7679 to sign-up to help.





London Towne's 30th



Annual Community Awareness Week

August 15-23, 2009

Saturday 15 7am FISHING CONTEST begins: Sign up at **Marty's: 410.956.2238 8am-1pm 30th ANNUAL COMMUNITY FLEA MARKET** on the Community Hall Grounds (Rain Date: Sunday, August 16) Spaces are available for \$15.00 each; Table is \$5.00 additional (Limited Availability): Breakfast/Lunch/Refreshments Available: Eat-in or Carry-Out. **Cheryl: 410.956-4808/Pam 410-956-7679**

Sunday 16 4pm PET SHOW Trophies & Prizes. Bring your favorite pet(s) (All kinds of pets are welcome). **ALL AGES!!! SPONSORED BY REICHARDT VETERINARY - Chair Jennifer Black**

Monday 18 6:30 pm PARADE & FESTIVAL (6:30- 8:30pm) Parade begins Edgewater Elem, ending at Community Hall with Food, Games & Prizes, New this year – the London Towne Tomato Contest (Biggest & Best Tasting) , Demonstrations, Cake Wheel, Watermelon Eatin & Seed Spittin Contests and MUCH MORE!!! **Cheryl: 410.956.4808 or Mary: 410.956.3174 7:30 PM COMMUNITY & PARADE AWARDS 2nd Annual London Towne Photography Contest Deadline for Entries: Pam: 410.956.7679**

Tuesday 19 1:00-2:30pm: CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAY PARTY (ages 0-7) Entertainment, Games & Prizes, Face painting. Cupcake donations are needed: **Lindsay: 410.956.0303**

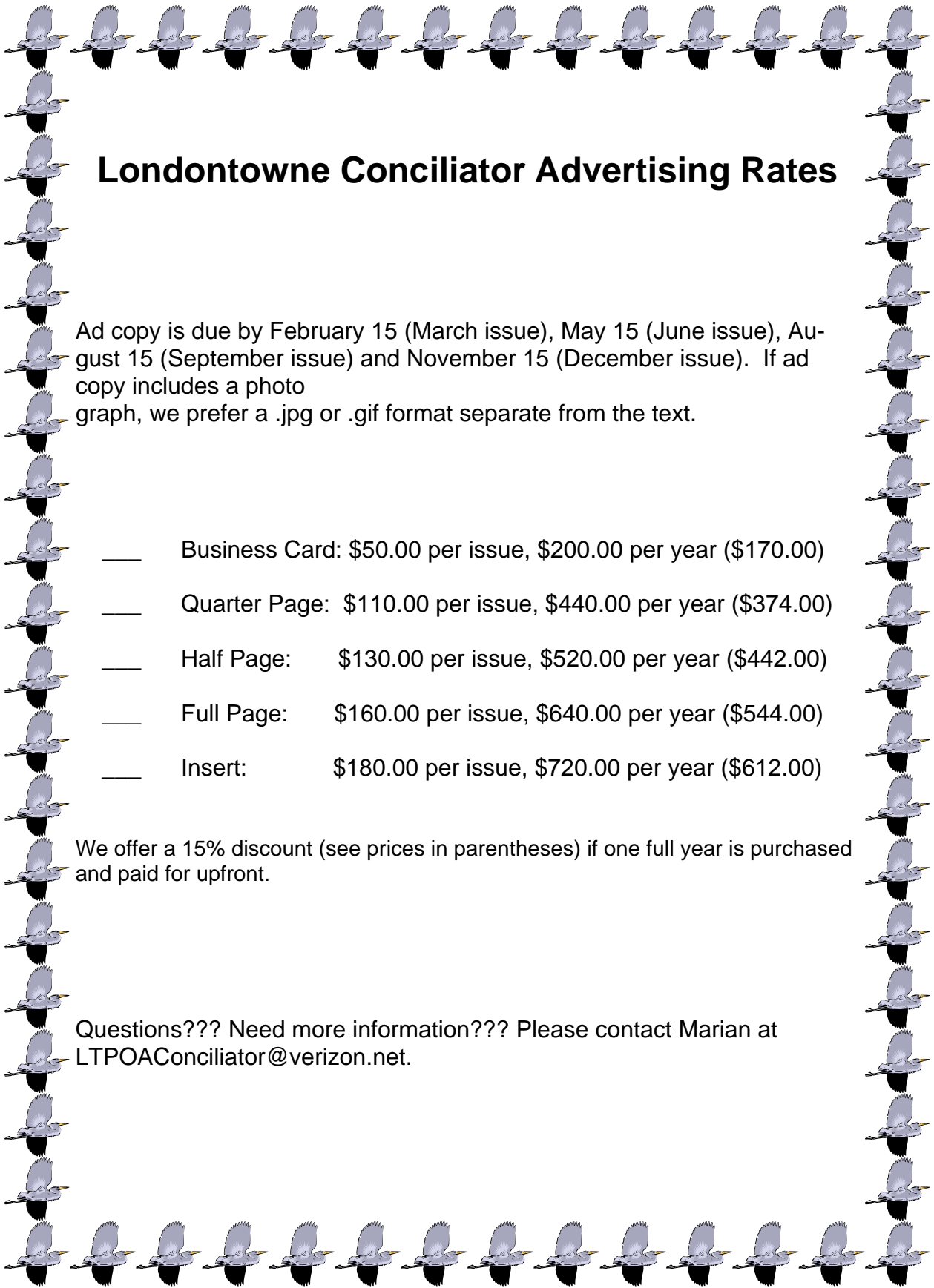
Wednesday 20 12noon London Towne SENIORS' LUNCHEON Limited Seating; Reservations are required: **Mary: 410.956.3174 or 410.956.4808**

Thursday 21 6:30pm AMELIA MOTT VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT. The Five Beaches will compete for the Trophy. Bring your really tall friends and help your beach win! **Tom Walsh, Chairman: 410- 798-4260 COMMUNITY POT LUCK DINNER (After Volleyball)** Bring your favorite dish and your appetite. We'll supply soft drinks & BEER. Questions about what to bring??? Call **Tom Walsh: 410-798-4260. Photo Contest Judging** – your chance to vote for the People's Choice award.

Friday 22 3:00pm CHILDREN'S BIKE CONTEST & MINI PARADE begins at Beach 5, ending at Beach 3 where refreshments will be served and Awards presented. **7-11 pm YOUTH DANCE** (ages 8-13) \$5.00 admission **Donald Ringer: 410.956.4955**

Saturday 23 10:30 am CANOE/KAYAK RACE at Beach 5. **11:00am RAMBLIN' RAFT RACE** at Beach 5. All Rafts must be home-made, No inflatables or motors. For a copy of the rules go to our website www.ltopa.info . **12:30 pm 1st Annual Sand Sculpture Contest** at Beach 5 contact Logan 410-956-1594 or the website for info. **8-11 pm: LIVE, LOCAL MUSIC NIGHT Live Bands (ages 14+)** Refreshments available for small charge \$8.00 Admission

Sunday 24 12 noon Fishing Contest ends.1-4pm Bull Roast/Shrimp Feast Door Prizes, Super 50/50 Raffle, Prizes, Raffles, Games of chance, Photo Contest winners announced. Call for tickets: 410.956.4808; also available from your Beach Representative **4pm HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT:** \$20 per person Entry Fee; Prize is 1/2 of entries. Sign up at the Bull Roast. (Limited number of entries for the contest).



Londontowne Conciliator Advertising Rates

Ad copy is due by February 15 (March issue), May 15 (June issue), August 15 (September issue) and November 15 (December issue). If ad copy includes a photo graph, we prefer a .jpg or .gif format separate from the text.

- ___ Business Card: \$50.00 per issue, \$200.00 per year (\$170.00)
- ___ Quarter Page: \$110.00 per issue, \$440.00 per year (\$374.00)
- ___ Half Page: \$130.00 per issue, \$520.00 per year (\$442.00)
- ___ Full Page: \$160.00 per issue, \$640.00 per year (\$544.00)
- ___ Insert: \$180.00 per issue, \$720.00 per year (\$612.00)

We offer a 15% discount (see prices in parentheses) if one full year is purchased and paid for upfront.

Questions??? Need more information??? Please contact Marian at LTPOAConciliator@verizon.net.

**London Towne Property Owners
Association, Inc.
Post Office Box 356
Edgewater, MD 21037**

Community Hall Office

410-956-4809

Boat Slip Rentals/Dock Masters:

Section 1-Harry Music	410-956-5806
Section 2-Shaun Hamill	202-345-3735
Section 3-Norm Pennington	410-956-6763
Section 4	
Fullerton—Julie Carroll	410-956-9530
Bentley—Lynn Friedrich	410-956-6556
Section 5—Bob Nethen	410-956-0978

LTPOA Officers:

John Rhoads, President	410-798-5523
Tom Walsh, Vice Pres	410-798-4260
Sarah Trees, Treasurer	410-956-9038
Stephen Hult, Secretary	410-956-3392

Section Presidents

Joe O'Neil, Section 1	410-956-2687
David Zollinhofer, Section 2	410-320-3021
Don Creveling, Section 3	410-956-0123
Tony Zavosky, Section 4	410-956-8492
David Fish, Section 5	410-956-6484

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.