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London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

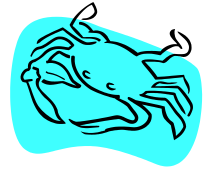
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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT John Rhoads



Well, here we are again in the beach and boating season. Before we know it our children will be out of school and using our streets and side walks to go to the beach areas and to visit with friends. Please drive with care and give them a **BRAKE**.

I would like to thank all of you who attended the special meeting on Saturday, April 17th. All of the proposed changes to the By-Laws were voted on by the Association members present and passed. One change allows us to move the annual meeting to the first Saturday in October. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm at the community hall. We are hopeful that moving the meeting out of "prime vacation time" will allow more of you to attend. This October, we will conduct a special meeting prior to the annual meeting. We have property issues that must be addressed. You will receive a notice in the mail and I will have more details for you in the September Conciliator.

In addition to the By-Law changes, an increase of \$30.00 per lot in the lot assessment was discussed, voted on and passed

by the Association members present. The new funds will help in keeping up with inflation and additional enhancements to our properties, as you will see in the Park Planning report inside. We are a Special Taxing District and the rate can only be increased by a vote of the members of the Association at a special meeting. This new increase will appear on the next tax bill. The association will not receive the funds until 2011. This is an assessment and not a tax, therefore, it can not be deducted from your income tax.

Recently I attended a meeting at our local police station. During the meeting the Captain asked us to get the word out that all calls for the police should go though **911**. There is no other phone number to get the police to respond to a complaint than **911**.

Finally be sure to check out the calendar for Community Awareness Week in August. As usual, a week of good times and family fun is planned. Come join the fun and meet your neighbors.

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS

The LTPOA Board of Directors would like to welcome all new residents to the community. Please stop by the Community Hall to meet some of your neighbors, obtain information about the community and pick up your stickers for cars, boats, and trailers. Members of the Ramps and Credentials Committee will be there between 7PM and 8PM every Monday in June and the 2nd and 4th Mondays from July through September. 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.

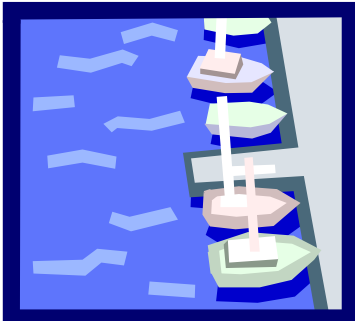
Crabbing, fishing, swimming, and mooring of boats is restricted to designated areas.

Personal watercraft use (jet 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

Section 1 Tom Walsh

Section 1 is anxiously waiting the arrival of the new playground equipment, picnic tables and benches. The Park & Planning Committee has been busy ordering this new equipment and [hopefully] by the time you read this newsletter, most of that equipment will be in place. Please be sure to give the Park & Planning Committee other suggestions for the use or improvement of LTPOA parkland. Our warm summer months are at hand and school is almost out. Please observe the speed limit especially in the vicinity of the playgrounds and Beaches. We expect police with radar to vigorously enforce the speed limit on Shore Drive.



There are a few boat slips available so if interested, please contact out dock master, Harry Music. Section 1 will inspect any boat seeking a slip before offering a boat owner an available slip. We wish everyone a safe and restful summer

Section 2 David Zollinhofer

Report submitted by Pam Obee Sargent

A new erosion project has been started in our section. This project is being funded with community money as well as money received from grants to preserve our living shoreline. We would like to add additional benches and picnic tables to our park areas for everyone to enjoy the water. We are also looking at improving our swim area with new nettle nets and more sand. We are interested in hearing about your ideas for our section. Please come to our monthly meeting on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the LTPOA Clubhouse. Your participation will make our neighborhood a better place to live!



Section 3
Donald Creveling

Spring is here and that means summer is just around the corner. What a difference a few months make. I would like to give a special thanks to John Navarro for his hard work on the rail fence. The fence was one of the casualties of the winter snows. John replaced the broken fence posts and rails with new ones. Work will soon begin throughout the community to improve and update play areas, section three is scheduled to get a turtle and duck spring set (yes, spring not swing) especially geared towards the younger set. We have several openings for committee members. Why not join us on the second Wednesday of the month at the community hall, (7:30 pm) meet your neighbors and get involved. You might be surprised that a few hours of your time added to a few hours of your neighbor's time can really help make a difference.

Section 4
Tony Zavosky

Beach 4 meets the 4th Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at the community hall

Section 5
David Fish

The Beach 5 spring cleanup was held the weekend of May 22nd/23rd. We are looking into getting a portable sign to post on Londontown Road to announce Beach 5 events, such as the Beach 5 Spring cleanup and and Fall party. By the way, we still have boat slips available at \$15 a foot per year. Election for Beach 5 officers and Beach 5 LTPOA Board of Directors representatives will be held at our August meeting (3rd Wednesday). And speaking of August, don't forget about Awareness Week and the annual homemade raft race at Beach 5...lots of fun. Look for the Awareness Week calendar of events for the where and when.

Committee Reports

Park and Planning Committee

Reported by Tom Walsh

The committee would like to thank all who came to the Special Meeting on 4/17/10. We appreciate the confidence the community showed in the Board of Directors by voting for an increase in the assessment. This committee personally assures all Association members that all money allocated to the Parks will be used to benefit the entire community. The committee knows that while there are many recreational and leisure facilities available to Association members and their guests, there is much work that needs to be done to make our community second to none. Your vote of confidence has empowered the Park and Planning committee to immediately start developing new recreational and leisure programs while improving existing facilities. Listed below are a few of the actions taken by the committee. If you have any ideas to improve the facilities of the community, please make your suggestions and recommendations to your Section President. The Section President will get these recommendations to the Park Committee representative for consideration. A better suggestion is for interested individuals to attend section meetings and get elected to the Board. There are always Board openings and the Board of Directors need volunteers.



Review of the FY 10 Projects,

Section 1 Fishing & Crabbing pier access permits are in hand and project will be completed in this FY.

At the Bay View playground, some old equipment will be removed and new swings and a bench will be added.

Section #4 "Dog Pier" is re-decked and erosion work will be completed around the pier this FY.

Landscaping and general maintenance is on going in all Sections.

Trees and underbrush that need trimming or to be cut down and removed have been marked and will be taken care of this FY.

New items to be ordered in May 2010,

Swing sets and benches for Bay View playground and Westminster Park.

A Duck & a Turtle spring set for Section #3 playground.

Picnic tables and benches for the Section 4 grass area at Bentley Pier.

Benches throughout the shoreline.

All new Volley ball poles and equipment for the club house

Erosion Committee

Stephen Hult

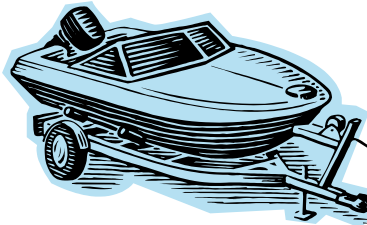
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Credentials and Ramps

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 every Monday in June. Starting in July through September we will be at the Community Hall the 2nd and the 4th Mondays of the month. 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.



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. The vehicles, boats and trailers must be registered to your address in London Towne.

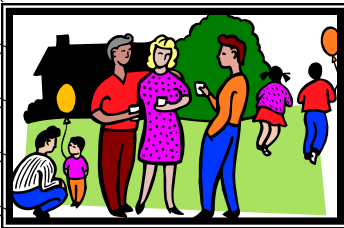
Ramp Key fees are \$40.00 for the year. If you are a previous ramp user, bring back your old ramp key to avoid an additional fee.

Events

Logan Hottle

The Ways and Means Committee has a new name, the Events Committee. This name change was one of the by-law changes that was voted on and passed at the special Association meeting held in April. Appearing below, is the first report from the newly named Events Committee.

Community Awareness Week



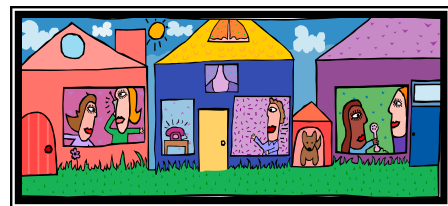
Community Awareness Week will take place from **Saturday, August 14 to Sunday, August 22**. Some events are: a fishing contest; flea market; pet show; parade; children's birthday party; a hotly contested volleyball tournament of section against section; sand castle building contest; and canoe, kayak, and home-made raft races. Get ready for a week of fun events

mostly for kids, and some that are intended to help adults release the kids inside.

For those of you who are new to London Towne, Awareness Week is a chance for everyone to come together at the end of summer for a week of fun activities to celebrate London Towne, our neighbors, and the community.

Is this the best nine days of the summer to hold Awareness Week? We've talked about moving it to earlier in the summer or closer to Labor Day. Are there too many events? Not enough events? We'll have a survey on the website -- ltpoa.info -- so you can give us feedback.

Do you have ideas for activities and/or will you join our committee? Email Logan Hottle at lhottle@aol.com to offer ideas or to come aboard.



This is our 31st Awareness Week and we want it to be the best ever!

GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE


By Pam Obee Sargent

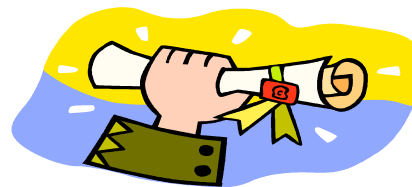
We are pleased to announce that **LeAnna Ward** is the recipient of this year's Gray Mott Scholarship (\$1000.00). LeAnna is a graduating senior from South River High School. She will be attending Penn State Berks in the fall perusing a degree in legal studies. LeAnna is a member of the National Arts Honor Society. She has actively worked with Youth Rise, Harvest for the Hungry, Food Link and Soles for Souls. In addition, LeAnna is the treasurer of the Interact Club. She has volunteered at Mayo Elementary School. We wish LeAnna luck with her future endeavors.

More Gray Mott News...

We are having a Community Yard Sale on Saturday, June 19, 2010 which will benefit the Gray Mott Scholarship Fund. The yard sale will run from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the community hall yard.



 Get your cameras out and start taking pictures to be entered in the 3rd Annual My London Towne Photo Contest. All entries will be due by the Monday of Community Awareness Week. More information on the Photo Contest can be found on the community website www.ltpoa.info. We will have the 2011 LTPOA Calendars on sale during Community Awareness Week featuring the winners from last year's Photo Contest.



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.

Public Water Update

Lois Fussell

There were two meetings with representatives of the County Department of Public Works in April. Our County Council representative, Tricia Johnson, joined us for the second meeting to become informed about the project.



The route which appears on the LTPOA web site has been approved with minor changes for engineering purposes. The big change to the route is the installation of a water main running the length of Mayo Road.

As a next step, the county engineering department is creating the preliminary design and cost estimate. This is expected to be completed within nine months. If the estimated cost of the project is less than \$7.32 per front foot, the project will be sent out for construction contract bids. (There will be a public meeting to review the details of the plan.)

By the time you read this item, all property owners along the proposed route should have received a letter from the county informing them that a petition for the installation of public water has been validated and that their property is along the route.

Police Committee

Dave Sargent



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.

Security cameras to monitor LTPOA boat ramps and common areas have been approved and installation should begin later this summer. The additional security surveillance should serve as a deterrent to vandalism and criminal activity and help identify and prosecute violators.

The Committee needs to hear about issues and problems that may interfere with LTPOA residents when trying to enjoy our

Mosquito Control Spraying

This year spraying for adult mosquito control in London Towne will be on **Sundays**. Spraying will occur anytime between the hours of 7:30 PM and 3:00 AM. Please note that spraying will not necessarily occur at the same time every week. Services will start beginning on June 6th and run through September 26th. While a technician will visit the community every week, spraying will only occur if the appropriate conditions are met. Residents may request an exemption from adult mosquito control spraying by completing the application found further on in this publication. Please note that a copy of the application must be sent to:

LTPOA
P.O. Box 356
Edgewater, MD 21037

recreational facilities. Please let us know about problems and we would 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: [Po-lice.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>.



The Best Part About Living in London Towne Is.....

In the March issue I asked for “you’re favorite part of living in London Towne”. See what Sally Albright likes best about living in London Towne. Send your reasons to the Conciliator at ltpoaconciliator@verizon.net.

I love living in London Towne. Mostly because I live near the water. The rivers and beaches are beautiful and fun! Being able to go out on the boat and enjoy the landscape is just breathtaking! The wildlife, the plants, and much more! Kayaking is enjoyable when



the sun has just barely risen over the horizon.

The sky is bright pink and orange, and the water is a reflection. Using the kayak to swiftly slide through the water is great exercise. Going down to the beach to hang out with friends or plummet off the platform is exhilarating. And that is why I believe living in London Towne is a great place to be.



Sally Albright

Help Protect OUR Property

Please help protect our property. There have been residents cutting trees, limbs, brush, undergrowth etc. on LTPOA property. The vast majority of the shoreline belongs to all LTPOA property owners. Cutting of any type of vegetation must be authorized by The LTPOA Board of Directors. The Board has an approved vegetation cutting policy but we need property owner’s assistance. This policy was enacted to comply with the Critical Areas Act, passed in 1984 which prohibits cutting within 1,000 feet of the Mean High Water Line of tidal waters

If you see anyone cutting on LTPOA property, please ask if they are authorized. If they are not, please call 911 to report illegal cutting on private property. We must all help protect our property, and our investment, by keeping our property free from illegal cutting.



Grass-cycle! Mow it high and let it lie.

Tips from Anne Arundel County, Department of Public Works on Grass-cycling.

Mow high and leave grass clippings on the lawn. Lawns stay greener and healthier when clippings are left on them.

Mowing higher helps the lawn crowd out weeds, and results in more grass blades, more upright growth, better shade tolerance and deeper roots.

Grass clippings are 75%-85% water - so you can water less.

Grass clippings return valuable nutrients to the soil and can generate up to 50% of your lawn's fertilizer needs.

Grass-cycling reduces the amount of organic material you dispose of, which helps the environment and saves money.

About 29% of residential yard waste can be composted - grass clippings, leaves, brush, and other material from the yard. Free compost bins are available to County residents.

For more information go to recyclemoreoften.com

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY NEWS THAT AFFECTS YOU

Captain William Krampf, Commander of the Southern district of Anne Arundel County Police department recently sent out a community alert on how to avoid possible warm weather theft schemes including tips to avoid becoming a victim. (see below)

CONTRACTUAL WORK:

**Get a least three estimates from at least three different contractors. Check and verify all references supplied by the contractor. Shop around!

**Check to see if the contractor is licensed in the State of Maryland and/or locally.

**Know the difference between proposals (estimated costs) and contracts (specified costs) and ask for a written warranty or guarantee with your contract.

**Be sure the contract describes the service(s) to be preformed, lists the materials to be used and includes starting and expected completion dates.

**Be cautious of companies that require advanced payments.

**Contact the better Business Bureau to file a complaint for the non-delivery of services or to check with them ahead of time to see if there were prior complaints. File a consumer complaint with the Maryland Attorney General Consumer Protection Division for the non-delivery of services.

UTILITY WORKER SCAMS:

**Be suspicious of utility workers who arrive unannounced, have unmarked vehicles and insist on performing work inside your house.

**When someone insists on entering your home or acts in a suspicious manner, immediately call the police.

**If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

SPRINGTIME SAFETY:

**Secure all lawn and household power equipment, bikes and ATV'a in locked sheds or garages. Also, consider running a chain through items as this is a deterrent to thieves attempting to act quickly.

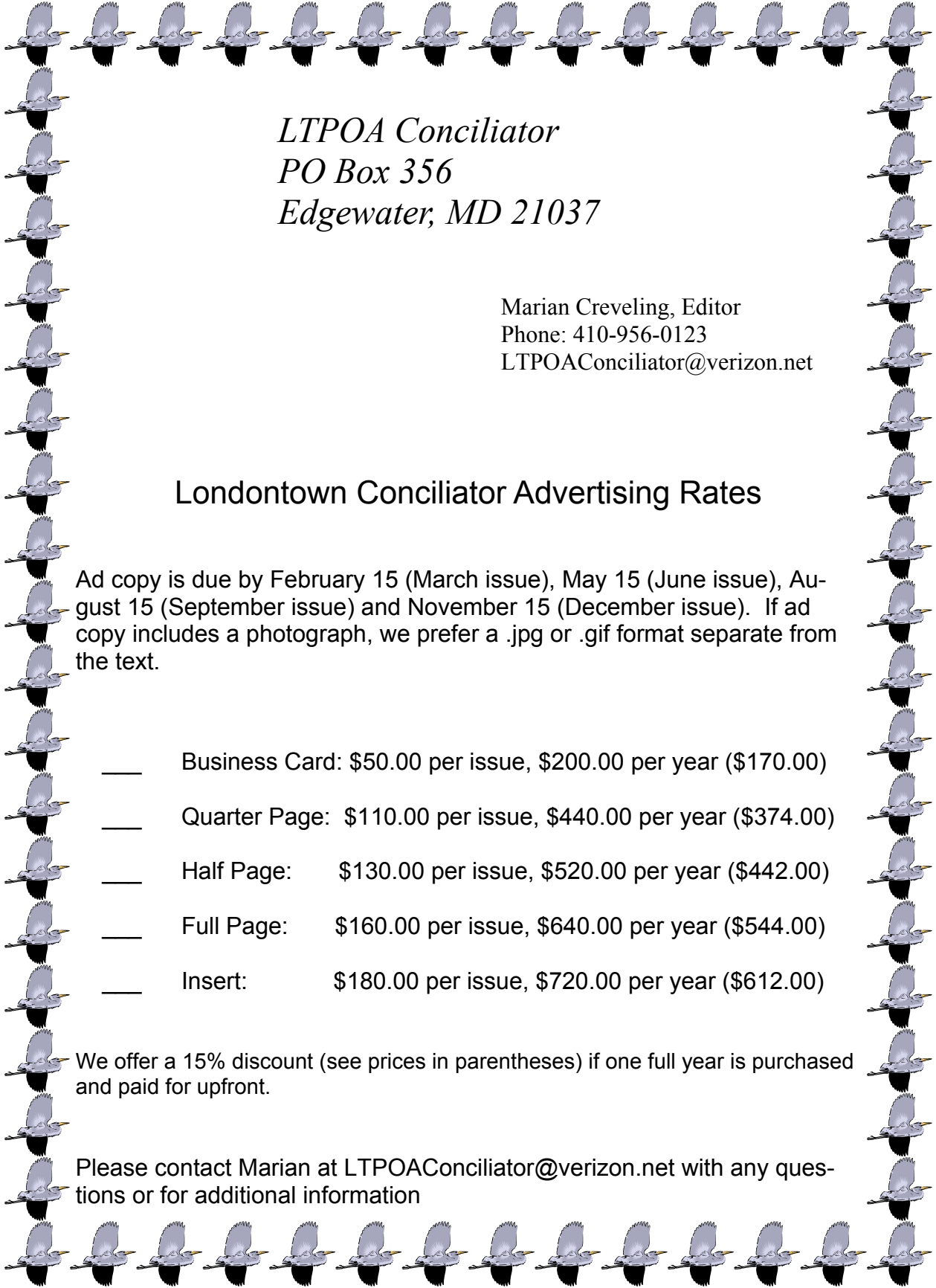
**While working 9in your yard, keep home, shed, and/or garage locked and have your keys handy as opportunistic thieves will take advantage of distracted homeowners.

**Keep your windows and patio doors locked.

**Consider installing motion sensor lighting.



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.



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