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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT David Fish



If you haven't stopped by and seen the revitalized swim area in Section 3, please make it a point to do so. The project was completed last month and is a great improvement over what was left of the old beach. The project at Gray Point Park will be finished in a few weeks as well. Thank you members of the Erosion and the Park and Planning Committees for all your hard work.

The Park and Planning Committee has continued to improve, replace, and install new playground equipment within our various park areas. We are saving up to repair the basketball court near the Londontowne Marina within the next few years. We are also putting money aside to reconstruct the boat ramp at Section 4. The end of the ramp has been eroding for years and is in need of repair.

While the Board of Directors has been focusing on maintaining and repairing our public areas, as well as providing greater security within our community, we also get involved in issues outside our community

from time to time. Some of you may have noticed construction of a "press/announcers box" at the football field behind Edgewater Elementary. The South River Youth Athletics, the operator of the field, is proposing to install a P.A. system to announce some games. We have attended meetings held by the Anne Arundel County Department of Recreation and Parks, the controlling entity of the field, about this proposal, and will attend future meetings as well. While we want kids to have a great athletic field, we also need to be aware of the potential impact to our neighbors living nearby.

The Board is in the beginning stages of completing an organizational assessment and strategic plan to better identify and define our priorities, activities, and our business practices. I'll keep the community posted on this important process and will identify ways the community members can participate. Keep an eye on our website (www.ltpoa.info) for future details.



Lastly, I wanted to comment on the recent public meeting held by the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works regarding the petition and potential for public water in portions of our community. I heard the frustration, and in some cases anger, by some community members about the potential cost and the overall petition process. While this is a County run process, the LTPOA Board will do its best to get information out to our membership. The Board has not taken an official position on whether public water should or should not be provided to our community. We felt strongly that this was best left to individual community members. As the County explained, the process is still in the design phase and is not a done deal. The County has to bring the project to fit within the estimated cost included in the petition process. So far, the cost estimate is significantly higher than originally thought so the project can't go forward unless the cost is reduced or a new petition process is initiated and at least 51% of property owners affected agreeing to a higher cost. We will post information as we get it on our community website www.ltpoa.info.

Have a great and safe summer.



Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department Fundraiser



As reported on their web site

On Saturday, July 30th the Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department will hold its second annual outdoor concert fundraiser at Bayside Inn located at 1246 Central Ave in Edgewater. This year's entertainment will be provided by Cross-Tie Walker, Whyte-Beard, Past Tense and M.C.Blues Band. Also, Bayside Soul may perform. The start time will be 12pm(Noon). There will be moon bounce and face painting during the day for the children with more activities in the works. There will be multiple raffles and a 50/50 raffle. Please come out and enjoy the entertainment. There will be a \$10.00 donation at the door that goes to the Woodland Beach Volunteer Fire Department. Pre sale tickets are available at Bayside Inn (410-956-CRAB) or email jsweeney@woodlandbeachvfd.com Please check our web site for updates.

Thank You for your continued support.



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



Section 2
David Zollinhofer

Section 3
Donald Creveling

The summer season is upon us and our streets will soon be filled with children riding their bikes, skateboarding and walking throughout the neighborhood, our parks and our beaches. Please be aware of the speed in which you drive throughout the community. If you live in our great community please take the time to get a sticker on all of your vehicles so we know you belong on community property. Our police patrols are stepping up to protect our community property along with our children.

For the first time last year section 2 had some swings installed at what is the beginning of our playground at Westminster Park, we should be getting an additional swing this year as well as additional playground equipment being added in the future. We were able to get some of our waterfront areas "thinned out" this spring to help grasses and other natural growth thrive again and help prevent the erosion of the earth along the waterfront. We do meet every third Tuesday at the clubhouse between March and November and would like to have new ideas and fresh perspective. I hope that everyone has a wonderful and safe summer.

As mentioned in the President's article, please come by and see the refurbished swimming beach at Section 3. The new stone jetties and tons of new sand will stabilize the shoreline and provide a great place for residents to lounge and swim. **Please remember that this swimming beach is for humans only!** Dogs are restricted to the grassy parkland and County leash laws are in effect. Thanks for your cooperation!

This April 9th, Section 3 hosted its first annual "Sock Burning" to usher in the boating season. Looks like we have a new tradition! Section 3 meets the second Wednesday of the month –March through November- at the Club House. Please join us and participate in your community.

On a sad note, Section 3 lost a long time member of the Section 3 pier, Jimmy Wells. Jimmy was a past Vice-President of the LTPOA. He will be missed and our condolences go out to his family. Have a safe and wonderful summer.



Section News Cont.



Section 4 John Franko

First, I want to thank everyone who came out and helped clean up along the beach, shoreline and those who painted the Fullerton pump house and picnic table.

A dock ladder for the swimming platform at Bentley beach has been purchased and should be installed soon.

Section Four has voted on, and approved, purchasing two message boards that will be installed at both Fullerton and Bentley beaches sometime this summer.

There are a few boat slips available so if interested, please contact one of our dock masters.

Section Four meets the last Thursday of each month at 7:30pm in the community hall. Please plan to attend to get to know what's going on and have a say about what's happening in your neighborhood. Your ideas will help make our community a better place to live. Have a great summer and enjoy our community!

Section 5 Will Hottle

Committee Reports

Park and Planning Committee

Tom Walsh

Fundraiser at The Greene Turtle

LTPOA would like to thank The Greene Turtle for giving LTPOA the opportunity to sponsor a fundraiser at their Edgewater restaurant. A LOT of our Londontowne residents showed up at lunch and dinner [some for BOTH]. LTPOA earned a total of \$533.13 in earnings for the event. This money will be put to use immediately to purchase playground equipment. Again, we want to thank The Greene Turtle for sponsoring this LTPOA event and look forward to the next fundraiser.

Credentials and Ramps

The Ramps & Credential Committee
Randy Faulkner

Ramp keys, vehicle, vessel and trailer stickers are available at the community hall Monday evenings from 7PM to 8PM on the dates indicated.

We will be at the Community Hall the following dates June through September:

June 6th, 13th and 20th, July 11th and 25th

August 8th and 22nd, September 12th and 26th

Check the next Conciliator and ltpoa.info for future dates.

All vehicles, vessel 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 as well as ramp keys. If you do not have your proper paperwork with you we will not issued stickers or keys and you will have to wait until the next night we are at the hall. Property owners must bring proof of property ownership (copy of your tax bill), renters and non-property owners must bring a copy of your current lease. Vehicles and vessels must be registered to the property address in the community of Londontown or we will not issue stickers. If you do not have your proper documents we will not issue you your stickers or keys!

Fees for property owner's stickers are \$3.00 valid for three years; fees for renters, dependents and non-property owners 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. Vehicles and vessels must be registered to the property address in the community of London Towne.

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 of \$40.00..**

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



Police Committee

Dave Sargent

The 2011 spring and summer recreational and boating seasons are here! Please check your LTPOA Stickers on vehicles, boats, and boat trailers to make sure the stickers have not expired. If a sticker is expired and you wish to use LTPOA parking areas and boat ramps please come to the Community Hall on Monday evenings to obtain stickers. The Police Officers do not want to give tickets or tow any resident's vehicles and the price of a sticker to register your vehicle is cheap insurance to keep you from experiencing a tow costing \$150 or more. Since the season is here, Police patrols and hours on patrol have almost doubled from the winter season and the increased volume of patrols will continue all summer.

When you have guests who wish to accompany you to the beaches, parks, etc., please obtain a one day guest vehicle parking permit if their vehicle will be on LTPOA property. One day permits can be obtained for your guests at no cost from your Section President. Vehicles on LTPOA property without a permit are considered trespassing and subject to being towed at the owners expense – that could make for an unhappy picnic or cruise!

A question that comes up frequently is “How do I contact LTPOA Police Officers?” If anyone has an issue that should be dealt with by the Police then they should call 911 to report it to the Anne Arundel Police. Residents should not try to contact me or our Police Officers. Instead, call **911** or the local County Police number, the County will dispatch a regular on duty Officer to handle the call or if no Officer is available they may dispatch the LTPOA duty Officer to handle the call. Either way the County Police know that our Officer is on duty and radio contact will be made if the Officer is in a position to handle the call or assist another on duty Officer. If someone tries to call me there will be a delay getting the problem resolved. The issue could be handled quicker and resolved directly by contacting the County Police.

If there are problems (trespassing, parking, vandalism, etc.) involving LTPOA property I would appreciate an e-mail or some type of notification so I can make sure the Police Committee Members and our Officers stay on the lookout in the areas where violations are known to occur on LTPOA property. E-mail to the Police Committee should be sent to Police.LTPOA@gmail.com. Please e-mail pictures of observed improper parking, vandalism, etc. to the Police Committee if possible.

Any question about towed vehicles, trailers, etc. should be directed to Catlett's Towing Service, (800) 540-2466 or (410) 956-2466, 537 West Central Ave., Davidsonville, MD 21035.

Always report observed illegal activities, suspicious persons or actions, traffic violations, or any other law enforcement issue to the Anne Arundel County Police by calling **911**.

GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Pam Obee Sargent

We are proud to announce that we have awarded two scholarships this year. The recipients are **Tiffany Ernst and Kasey Blowe**. Each of the recipients will receive a \$1,000.00 scholarship. We will present certificates to both Tiffany and Kasey later this summer.

Tiffany will be attending UMBC in the fall. The course of study that she plans to pursue is Information Systems. Tiffany was featured in The Capital on Friday, May 21, 2010 as Teen of the Week. She has been very active with the Relay for Life as team captain. She also is very active with the Annapolis Boys and Girls Club. She has had several part time jobs while maintaining excellent grades and her volunteer work.

Kasey will be attending St Mary's College of Maryland in the fall. She has not decided her course of study at this time. Kasey is a volunteer with Relay for Life and has served as a Team Captain. She is an athlete – field hockey. She has been a member of the Disney Showcase Team (for field hockey) for two years. She has shared her love of field hockey with younger players as an assistant coach. She will be playing field hockey at St. Mary's in the fall. Kasey has worked part time for a local plant nursery every spring and summer.

We wish both of these young ladies success in their futures. We look forward to hearing about their college experience.

If you have any fund raising ideas or would like to become an active member of the Gray/Mott Scholarship committee, please contact Pam Obee Sargent at pam.obee@verizon.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.



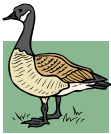
Talking Trash

Submitted by 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 April 9th.

Jesse Fussell, Lois Fussell, Michael Ryan, Carolyn Dodson, Trez Moreland, Jeanne Michaels, Ed Michaels, Judy Fey, Richard Fey, Kathy Willett, Sam Willett.

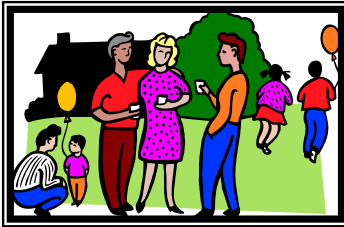


Caution: Feeding Waterfowl May Be Harmful!

Regular feeding can cause dependency on people for food, conflicts with people and spread disease.



COMMUNITY AWARENESS WEEK IS COMING!!!!!!



London Towne will celebrate its 32nd annual Community Awareness Week, from **Saturday, August 13 to Sunday, August 21**. 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 homemade raft races. Get ready for a week of fun events mostly for kids, and some that are intended to help adults release their "inner child". **Check our web site later this month for a complete schedule of events.**

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.





2011 Photo Contest



The contest deadline will be here before you know it. Community Awareness Week will be August 13 – 21 this year. . Please check the website for additional information. Get your cameras out and start taking pictures to be entered in the 4th Annual My London Towne Photo Contest. All entries will be due by Monday, August 15, 2011. More information on the Photo Contest can be found on the community website www.ltpoa.info. We will have the 2012 LTPOA Calendars on sale during Community Awareness Week featuring the winners from last year's Photo Contest.



Riva Trace Baptist Church Community Outreach

Submitted by Tom Walsh

The LTPOA Community would like to express their sincere appreciation to the Riva Trace Baptist Church for their most generous help and assistance to our community. On April 9, 2011 many volunteers from Riva Trace Baptist Church came to the Londontowne/Woodland Beach area to perform works of community service to those in need. After months of meetings and planning, I witnessed some of the most selfless acts of work and giving with which I have been associated. Volunteers performed community services on their own time and with their own money. My offers of breakfast, lunch, drinks and even water were refused, with a smile, because this community service was their offering. They not only did not need my offer of refreshments, but insisted I join them at lunch, at their own expense.

The volunteers from Riva Trace Baptist Church cleaned out the wooded areas around the ball fields at Edgewater Park. They filled two dumpsters with debris that was in the wooded area. They scraped, primed and painted the two ramp gates in Section 4 & 5. They rebuilt and painted the water pumping house at Section 4. They cleaned the shorelines at Section 4 & 5. They painted the entire exterior of the Woodland beach firehouse and revised the entire vegetation areas around the firehouse. They cleaned and replanted the entire exterior of the Woodland Beach Community Church, 529 Londontown Rd. They rebuilt parts of several private homes. All of this was funded by Riva Trace Baptist Church with no expectations on their part of any remuneration, real or imagined.

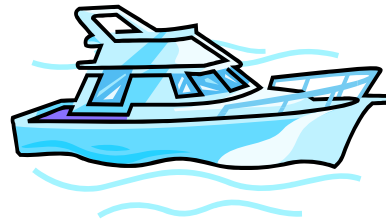
The entire LTPOA community wants to express their gratitude to Pastor Dennis Gray for his support but especially to Darrel Christian, the moving force behind the Serve Annapolis project. Without his efforts, none of this would have happened. For this community service, we say a simple **"THANKS"** and hope to see Riva Trace Baptist Church back in our community in the near future.



Section 3 First Annual Sock Burning



On April 9, 2011, in spite of the “less than spring like weather”, Section 3 welcomed in the boating season with their First Annual Sock Burning. Young and old residents gathered at the Section 3 picnic area for good food, good company and good fun.



News From.....



Historic London Town and Gardens
839 Londontown Road
Edgewater, MD 21037
410-222-1919
www.historiclondontown.org



Calendar of Events June

Garden Photography Workshop: *Sunday, June 5; 10:00am - 2:00pm*

Use our woodland and ornamental gardens as your practice space while you learn the tips and tricks needed to take gorgeous pictures of flowers and plant life.

The class is taught by Michael Kellogg of Bella Photo Art and Framing Gallery.

Prepaid Registration Required:

\$55 for non-members **\$45** for London Town members

Home School Activity: What Ails You? *Friday, June 10, 10:00-12:00*

Learn about medicine during the 1700s from Londown Town's very own medical expert. Beware, leaches may be present! Appropriate for ages 8 and up

Prepaid Registration Required:

\$10 per adult & child. **\$5** each additional child.

Green Drinks: *Tuesday, June 21, 5:30-7:30*

Come for a free fun-filled networking event outdoors on the South River. Learn about Sustainable Landscaping. Drinks available for purchase.

Stay for the...

Summer Solstice Concert: *Tuesday, June 21, 7:00pm*

Celebrate the arrival of summer! Music by Maggie Sansone and Company. Arrive early and enjoy a picnic on the lawn. Water, soda, beer, and wine will be available for purchase.

\$15 per non-members. **\$10** for London Town Members. **Children under 12 are free.**

Concert in the Garden: Sweet Leda: *Tuesday, June 28; 6:30pm*

Sweet Leda is taking the diverse Annapolis music scene by storm. Join us for an outdoor evening concert.

\$5 per person; **\$10** per car. We encourage car pooling!

More exciting events are scheduled for this Summer. Check our web page for details.



Mosquito Control in London Towne



London Towne has participated annually in the Maryland Department Agriculture's (MDA) Adult Mosquito Control Program for the last five consecutive years. **The primary goal of this program is to prevent mosquito-transmitted diseases (like eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus, West Nile virus (WNV), St. Louis encephalitis (SLE), and other viruses) in humans, pets, and livestock.** According to MDA, there were 23 confirmed human cases of West Nile Virus (WNV) last year in Maryland, 2 of which were fatalities. There was also one confirmed equine case.

The Mosquito Control Program includes ongoing monitoring of mosquito population density using landing rate counts (LRC's) and portable light traps. When the population density exceeds a standard threshold and weather conditions are conducive to successful control, an ultra low volume (ULV) of insecticide application is sprayed, using aircraft or truck-mounted application equipment in residential areas. Spraying is conducted **from June 1st through September.**

This year, London Towne's assigned night of the week for Adult Mosquito Control Service is Thursday. ULV insecticide spraying will be conducted from 7:30 pm and 2:00 am. Residents who wish to object to the ULV mosquito control spraying may have their owned or leased properties excluded from the spray route. For instructions and information, please read the **MDA's MOSQUITO CONTROL POLICY STATEMENT and EXEMPTION REQUEST FORMS** enclosed in this newsletter. This information is also available on MDA's website

The best method of mosquito control is to reduce mosquito larvae by reducing areas of stagnating water in our yards. Please check your yards routinely for potential mosquito breeding containers that might collect standing water. Use the "TIP OR TOSS" method to dispose of the standing water and/or the containers themselves. You can also spray approved ULV pesticides in your own yards to reduce the mosquito population.

For more information about mosquito control, disease prevention, and tips on how you can protect yourself and your pets, **please visit MDA's website at http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/mosquito_control/index.php.**



London Towne - Water Quality Monitoring and Notification

Submitted by Trez Moreland

From Memorial Day to Labor Day, the Anne Arundel County Department of Health will take water samples all five of our London Towne Beaches, and test the water for enterococci bacteria. Water Quality Levels will be regularly posted to the Department's website at <http://www.aahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/rec-water/reports>. You can even sign up to receive alerts by email if you want.

Enterococci are bacteria found in the intestine of all warm-blooded animals, including waterfowl, dogs, and humans. Because the bacteria are always present in animal and human waste and are easy to detect, they are used as indicators of water quality conditions. Very high levels of enterococci can cause the Health Department to close



down beaches temporarily until levels recede. **After rainfall, all Anne Arundel County beaches are under a no swimming/no direct water contact advisory for 48 hours due to predicted elevated bacteria levels from rainwater runoff and increased health risks.**

For more information on the Recreational Water Quality Program and the Maryland Healthy Beaches program, please visit the following websites or call the Anne Arundel County Health Department at 410-222-7241

<http://www.marylandhealthybeaches.org/>

<http://www.aahealth.org/programs/env-hlth/rec-water#sample>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

LTPOA - your neighborhood organization, is looking for volunteers to help make our community a better place to live. Past volunteer projects include planting grasses for living shoreline restoration, beach clean up, and Community Awareness Week. Section representatives are needed to serve on the LTPOA board and assist with various committees. Contact your Section President for further details.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS WEEK - Planning is underway for London Towne's next Community Awareness Week. Volunteers of all ages are needed to help make this week a success. Contact Logan Hottle at lhottle@aol.com for additional information.



Halloween at Historic London Town and Gardens

Help us create a family-friendly haunted night!
We are looking for a few Middle and/or High School students to volunteer their creative ideas and produce a fun and memorable Hallow's Eve.

Interested?

Contact Rod Cofield at 410-222-1919 x206, rodcofield@historiclondontown.org
or Nathan Powers at 410-222-1919 x205, gardens@historiclondontown.org

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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.