

The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT John Rhoads



As the snow begins to melt, we can start to believe that Spring is just around the corner. My thanks goes out to all those in the Community that helped during the most recent blizzards. If you are aware of any storm-related damage, please let me know so we can make arrangements to set it to rights. Hopefully, before you know it the snow and cold will be just a memory. Soon we will be able to enjoy the many things that make London Towne a great place to live.

This Spring, we will continue with shoreline restoration. Once again, Stephen Hult, Chair of the Erosion Committee, has successfully competed for grant money for this project. Though a majority of this will be undertaken by a contractor, your help will be needed to plant native grasses along the newly stabilized shoreline. No special skill or muscles are needed.

School-age kids and up are welcome. Do something to help your community and the Bay and meet some of your neighbors too. Watch the Conciliator and the web site (Itpos.info) for details.

Inside you'll see an invitation from our 50 and over group, the London Towne Peppers. They meet every Tuesday at the Clubhouse to play Bingo and have a good time. Free time on your hands? Why not stop by and check them out?

Don't forget to check the dates on your car, boat and trailer stickers. You must have a valid sticker to park on community property. See the report from the Ramps and Credentials committee inside for dates and times to get stickers and new ramp keys.



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 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!



CALLING ALL KIDS !!!

What is your favorite part of living in London Towne? Write it down (100 words or less please) and email it to ltpoaconciliator@verizon.net; then watch for your favorite in future additions of the Conciliator.



Section News

Section 1 Tom Walsh

Well, this is one for the record books as we all know. Following our white-out blizzards, a number of our neighbors got to work with blades, snow blowers and front end loaders allowing many of us to get out far sooner than if we had just waited for the county or Spring to dig us out. There was a real sense of community at work and we hope that can continue after the snow is finally gone. Many cars have stopped at Beach 1 to take pictures of the creek and we'll probably see some of them entered in the calendar contest next August. Meanwhile there's more snow in front of Tom Walsh's house than on the slopes in Vancouver!

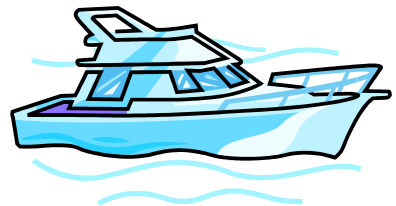
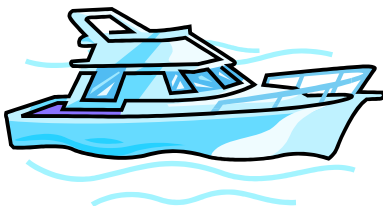
Section 2 David Zollinhofer

No Report

Section 3 Donald Creveling

Section Three is looking forward to warmer weather and snow-free days. As the snow melts we'll be checking out the beach to identify any damage sustained during the winter storms. Our first beach meeting of the year will be on March 10th at 7:30 at the Club House. Why not stop by and meet some of your neighbors. We need volunteers to represent our section on some of the committees that help to make our community so great.

Dock Master Norm Pennington reports that there are still boat slips available. He has 4 slips for 14-18ft. boats and 2 slips for 18-28ft boats. Norm's phone number is listed on the back page if you're interested.





Section 4
Tony Zavosky

No Report

Section 5
David Fish

No Report

Committee Reports

Park and Planning Committee

Reported by Tom Walsh

I know we cannot even see the parklands and cannot get to our playgrounds, but spring will be here soon. Just a few things about our parklands. We spend a lot of our tax money on our parklands and need everyone's help!!!! Between snow storms, I drove Shore Drive and saw that persons with motorized vehicles had driven over many sections of our parklands. When the snow is gone, we are going to have to spend our tax money to fix the damage these motorized vehicles caused. Please, if you see anyone driving on our parklands, either ask them to stop or notify the police. They are trespassing!!!! If you are a driver of a vehicle that drives on our parklands, please find another place to drive. Please don't destroy parklands for others.

The Park & Planning Committee is in the process of developing our plans for the next several years. We are looking at upgrading our playgrounds and parklands so that all LTPOA members will have a place to take the children, a place to have a picnic or just sit and look at the beautiful scenery that our community has to offer. Please check with your Section President if you have ideas or suggestions for the playgrounds and parklands.

Erosion Committee

Stephen Hult

The Erosion Committee will be looking for volunteers this spring to assist with grass planting on the next living shoreline pro-

ject. Watch the Conciliator or the LTPOA web site (ltpoa.info) for additional information. Come join us, have fun and help with the preservation of our shoreline.



Credentials and Ramps

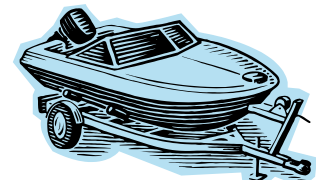
The Ramps & Credential Committee

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 from now until May 24th. 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.



Committee Reports

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.

I want to thank the volunteers who have helped out the past few Mondays: Don Creveling, Dave Zollinofer, Harry Music, John Rhoads and especially Mark LaBuda for staying around to provide a smooth transition from his leadership to mine. Anyone who wants to help out on Monday nights, please give me a call or stop by the community hall on Monday evenings.



London Towne Police Committee

Dave Sargent, Chairman

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.

Future plans for security enhancements include adding several security cameras to monitor LTPOA boat ramps, parks, and common areas. An LTPOA "Park Ranger" program may be established to assist as guides to assist residents with rules and regulations that apply to LTPOA property and its use. The Ranger program, if established, will not be a direct law enforcement program but will act as observers to complement and to assure LTPOA property is used properly, reduce unauthorized use, and to report vandalism within our community.

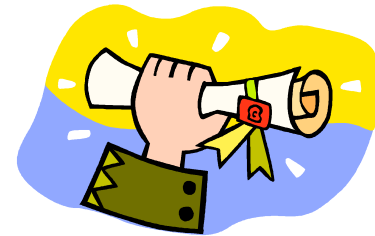
The Committee cannot improve security without hearing about issues and problems that may interfere with LTPOA residents when trying to enjoy our recreational facilities. Please let us know about problems and we would ask you share comments and suggestions to improve our services. The Police Committee has established an e-mail address for you to provide comments, complaints, send pictures of problem areas, or request additional information: 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.

Committee Reports

GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Pam Obee Sargent



THE GRAY-MOTT YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

It's that time of year again – seniors need to apply for the Gray-Mott scholarship. Each year London Towne Property Owners Associations has two \$1000.00 scholarships to award to graduating seniors who live in London Towne. The applications are available online on the community website or in this publication. All applications are due by April 15, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Obee Sargent at 410-956-7679.

Qualifications:

- Son/daughter of a resident of the London Towne Community
 - Demonstrated community involvement
 - Satisfactory high school academic record (minimum GPA of 2.0)
- Character recommendations/work related references

Look for fundraising events this Spring/Summer. The 2011 London Towne Calendar will be published in time for Community Awareness Week. The calendar features the 2009 My London Towne



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.

London Towne Property Owners' Association, Inc. P.O.
Box 356 Edgewater, Maryland 21037

GRAY / MOTT YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Instructions

1. All applicants must be a current high school senior: eligible to graduate in the current school calendar year and must meet eligibility requirements for the post-secondary school of his / her choice.
2. All applications must be fully completed and be accompanied by the following attachments:
 - a.) a certified copy of complete academic record and standardized test scores.
 - b.) two (2) separate references from applicant's choice of the following:
 - teacher
 - school administrator
 - school counselor
 - employer
 - youth organization leader (coach , instructor, etc.)
 - neighbor , co-worker , clergymen
 - c.) verification of voluntary participation in community project(s).
3. All applications must be signed by both the applicant and his / her parent or guardian.
4. Applications and supporting documents must be mailed to:
L.T.P.O.A
P.O. Box 356
Edgewater, Maryland 21037
Attn: Scholarship Committee
5. Application Deadline: **Must be postmarked no later than April 15, current year**

Gray/Mott Scholarship Application Data

Applicants Name: _____
SS#: _____ Telephone #(_____)
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Identification of Extra-Curricular Activities

List and describe all activities that you have participated in during the past four years including your participation in local community service projects. Use additional paper if necessary.

SCHOOL:

COMMUNITY

WORK EXPERIENCE (PAID):.

OTHER: _

Tell us in your own words (250 or less) why you think this scholarship should be awarded to you:

Educational Institution in which enrollment is expected:

Institutions name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #:_(____)

Date Entering:.

Anticipated Course of Study: _____

Certification

We hereby declare that the information submitted, to be true and complete. It is further understood that should the applicant decide not to continue his/her education at an accredited post secondary institution by means of non-enrollment or withdrawal during the first semester term, shall forfeit this award immediately as it will be deemed null and void. The total sum of the award is to be relinquished to the Gray/Mott Youth Scholarship Fund, c/o LTPOA, P.O. Box 356, Edgewater, Maryland 21037.

All awards are subject to verification of information submitted by the applicant. Application becomes the property of LTPOA as a permanent record of the scholarship program.

Applicant's signature

Parent/Guardians signature

Application date _____

Scholarship awards will be announced at the Senior's Awards Assembly. The awards will be issued in August during London Towne's Community Awareness Week celebration.

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Anne Arundel County is divided into 15 recycling areas. Each area is rated on the % of recycling. The County goal is 50% or better. Our area, 13, includes Edgewater, Woodland Beach, Selby, Davidsonville, Loch Haven and Mayo. Our recycling rate is 39% (fair), just 3% over the overall-county rate.



Get updated information on recycling, dates for 2010 Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Days and even sign up for a recycling reminder at recyclemoreoften.com - Anne Arundel County's official recycle web site.



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.

The London Towne Peppers

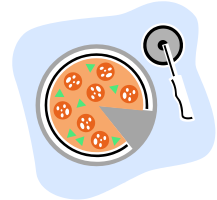
Erna K. Wieland, Bingo Chairman

Hi Seniors !!

Have a free, lazy Tuesday afternoon? Check out the London Towne Peppers Senior Club. We meet at the London Towne Clubhouse every Tuesday afternoon from 12:00 noon until about 3:00 p.m. to play Bingo. Along with Bingo, we have a



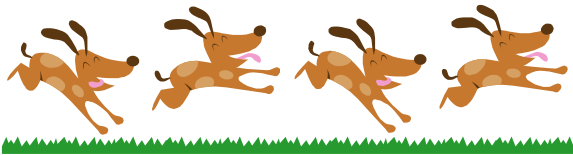
Bake Sale on the first Tuesday of the month. The second Tuesday is our business meeting. The third Tuesday is Bingo only. Every other month on the fourth Tuesday we celebrate birthdays. Whenever there are five Tuesdays in a month we have a Pizza Party. We are a fun club. We try to take two day trips a year. The only requirement for membership is you must be at least 50 years of age. Dues are \$12.00 per year. So if you're looking for something to do on a Tuesday, why not join us?



London Towne Pets - Leash Them & Clean Up Their Mess

Pet owners, please remember that animal control laws require you to leash your pets and clean up after them when they are not on your property. Animals running at large through the neighborhood pose a threat to themselves and to our residents. We want everyone to stay safe in London Towne and that includes our pets! So please properly restrain your animals and clean up after them when they make a mess. Dog waste bags are available in all sections of our community.

For more information on leash laws and other regulations and services in our district, please visit the Anne Arundel County Animal Control Website at <http://www.aacounty.org/AnimalControl>.





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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 up-front.

Please contact Marian at LTPOAConciliator@verizon.net with any questions or for additional information

**London Towne Property Owners
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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:

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Pam Obee, Sargent Vice Pres	410-956-7649
Sarah Trees, Treasurer	410-956-9038
Stephen Hult, Secretary	410-956-3392

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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.