

The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT David Fish

Spring is almost here and I can already taste the crabs and rockfish. Not to mention those nice warm walks and runs along Shore Drive, playing with the kids at the beach and playgrounds, going for a sail, boating, or kayaking around our community. Probably the best part about the coming warm weather is spending time with your family, friends, and neighbors in the great outdoors and enjoying what the Chesapeake Bay has to offer.



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So what is going on in London Towne?

This year we will rebuild the swimming area at Section 3. The Park and Planning and Erosion Committees are working together to get this project completed in time for summer. Many of you may have noticed that the Section 3 swimming area has gotten smaller and smaller each year due to erosion. At high tide, there isn't even enough sand to put a beach towel out. The restoration of the swim area has been in the works for years; and thankfully, we now have the funds to complete this much needed project.

We will also complete an erosion and park

restoration project at Gray Point Park in Section 1. This is another project that has been in the planning and budget process for some time. Gray Point Park has suffered from serious erosion for years, and the park, path, and seating areas have also suffered greatly. The Erosion and Park and Planning Committees are teaming together to complete this important project as well.

You will see our landscapers working on our park areas and on the upkeep of our playgrounds as part of our annual maintenance program. The Clubhouse is also scheduled for some interior improvements this year.

Our Security Committee has been hard at work hiring new officers and preparing a schedule to make sure we have sufficient coverage over the busy spring and summer seasons. Some of you may not know that we hire off-duty police officers to patrol our public areas and enforce our rules, which helps make London Towne the safe community it is.

President's Message continued:

Thanks to the hard work of our Committees, I'm confident that we will all enjoy many great summer days at our beaches and parks this year. And speaking of warm summer days, it is not too soon to start thinking about getting ready for Community Awareness Week in August. Can you see yourself working with your kids to build a raft and cheering them on as they paddle around our course in the raft race? Or how about building a sandcastle with your family and competing in our contest? Or maybe you and your family would enjoy participating in our annual parade, entering the volleyball competition, or just coming to the events and building fond memories of living and growing up in London Towne.

I'd like to thank all of our volunteer Board members and those of you who participate at the Section level. Without your tiresome efforts we could not manage our properties and make London Towne such a wonderful place to live. We still have vacancies on the Board of Directors and could use your help. For information about volunteering, or just to keep informed, please visit our website www.ltpoa.info. Also, the website is a good way to let us know what you think about our community. Have a great spring and summer.

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.

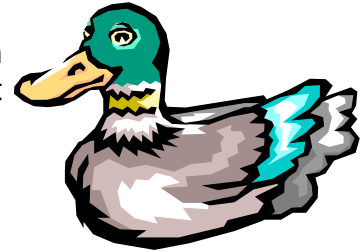
Crabbing, fishing, swimming, and mooring of boats is restricted to designated areas.

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

Winter has been relatively good to the shoreline in Section 1. I know it is cold, but I have not seen any major ice destruction. We will be getting ready for the Spring soon. Please join us for our annual beach clean up on Saturday, April 9, 2011 at 10:00AM. Please bring rakes etc. Section 1 will provide trash bags + light refreshments. Please come and help your neighbors get the beach area ready for the swimming/tanning season.



Also, please attend any of our Section 1 meetings. The meeting time is 7:30PM on the first Wednesday of each month [except December/January & February]. We meet in the club house until the weather gets warm. We then meet at the picnic tables near the marina. We still have one vacancy on the Board of Directors and also need to fill the treasurer position. Trixie Ryan is doing double duty as secretary and treasurer. We sure could use some help to relieve Trixie of the treasurer responsibility.

There are usually a few boat slips available for rent. If you are interested, contact the Dick Master, Harry Music at 410-956-5806.

Section News Cont.

Section 3 Donald Creveling

The long winter is almost over and we are all thinking about getting outside. After years of planning and the acquisition of grant and community funding we are finally in the position to improve the beach in Section 3! Soon you will see a flurry of activity along Shore Drive as our contractor, Shoreline Design, begins constructing stone groins and jetties and bringing in tons of sand to stabilize the shoreline and build up the swimming beach. The benefits of the project are numerous. It will stabilize the shoreline thus preserving park property and protecting Shore Drive. In addition, it will provide habitat for aquatic plants, fish, and our favorite, CRABS!

Speaking of water activities, make sure your vehicles and boats have appropriate, up-to-date stickers in order to park on London Town properties! Also, there are a few slips available at the Section 3 pier so if in need, get in touch with Dock Master, Norm Pennington. Have a great spring!

Section 4 John Franko

With spring just around the corner, everybody is looking forward to warmer weather and being outside to enjoy this great community. Please drive with care.

Section FOUR meetings are held the last Thursday of the month at 7:30 in the community hall. Please stop by to meet your neighbors and get involved with what's going on in our neighborhood. We are interested in hearing your ideas to improve our section.

Boaters: There are a few boat slips available on both piers. If interested please call Julie Carroll(410-956-9530) dock master Fullerton pier or Lynn Friedrich(410-956-6556) dock master Bentley pier to reserve a slip. Please note all boats docked at community piers must have a valid LTPOA sticker, be seaworthy and have liability insurance with LTPOA listed as an additional insured party to the policy.

Have a good spring and a great summer.

Section 2
David Zollinhofer

Section 5
Will Hottle

No Report

Committee Reports

Park and Planning Committee

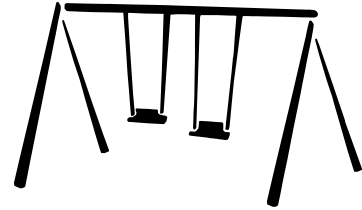
Tom Walsh

There are several major projects that the Park & Planning committee is involved in this spring. Darryl W. Christian from The Riva Trace Baptist Church Outreach Program has generously offered the services his volunteers to help LTPOA clean the shoreline. Each winter, the shoreline at Sections 4 & 5 become littered with debris both from the water and blowing trash. This litter and trash accumulates on our plants and sea grass and inhibit the growth of new vegetation. This clean up will on April 9, 2011 at 9:00AM along the shoreline from the ramps in both Section 4 & 5 and working around until all the trash is cleaned up. PLEASE come out and join this volunteer effort. Darryl is asking for nothing in return but a good turn out of LTPOA volunteers to help with this project would be greatly appreciated.



Our contractor, ShoreLine Design, will be completing the erosion & Park project in section 1. This project will go from the beach area all around Gray's Point. This area has been eroding for years and LTPOA finally has the financial resources to address this project--THANKS to the LTPOA community. The next joint erosion and parks projects are to redesign and expand the beaches at Sections 3 & 2.

The Park & Planning committee will continue to install new playground equipment as



soon as funds are available. We know the new swings at Westminster Park and Bayview Park are getting great use and encourage more people to come enjoy them. We hope to be able to have a set of swings with bucket seats just for the very small kids soon.

The last item of concern for the committee is the parking along Shore Drive. The Board of Directors requested the Park & Planning committee to inspect the No Parking signage along Shore Drive. The goal is to protect the LTPOA parkland. Some people park on the grass [and others drive across the parkland]. This

is not just digging ruts into the parkland but is a dangerous hazard to residents using the park land. Please keep vehicles off the LTPOA park land

**Credentials and
Ramps**
The Ramps & Credential
Committee

Ramp keys, vehicle, vessel 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 March.

In April we will be there the 4th, 11th and 18th.

In May we will be there the 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd.

Check the next Conciliator 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. If you do not have your registration with you we can not issue stickers and you will have to wait until the next night we are at the hall.

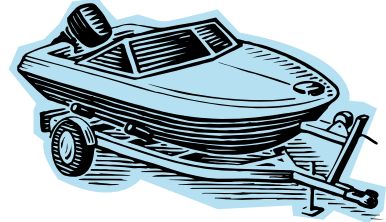
Fees for property owner's stickers are \$3.00 valid for three years; fees for renters and dependants are \$5.00 valid for one year. Documents required for stickers are proof of property ownership (deed/tax bill); tenants/renters must provide a current lease. We will also need current vehicle, boat or trailer registrations.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: If you fail to return your previous year's ramp keys you will be charged the lost key fee.

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

Hope we all have a happy spring!



GRAY-MOTT YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

By Pam Obee Sargent

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 the young people of our community who choose to follow in the path 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.



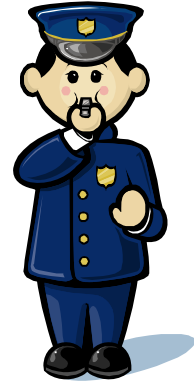
The following eligibility requirements will govern:

- Son/daughter of a resident of the London Towne Community
- Demonstrated community involvement Satisfactory high School academic achievement (min. 2.0)
- Character recommendations / work related references

Attention High School Seniors: It is that time of the year. Enclosed in this edition of the Conciliator you will find a copy of the Gray-Mott Scholarship form. All applications must be submitted by April 15, 2011. If you have any questions regarding the scholarship or the application, please contact Pam Obee Sargent at pam.obee@verizon.net.

Police Committee

By Dave Sargent



Since July 1, 2010, LTPOA Officers have patrolled more than 750 hours or the equivalent of over 200 shifts. Shifts were scheduled to provide maximum coverage during the weekdays, weekends, evenings, and night into early morning. Warnings and tickets have been issued for anyone trespassing on LTPOA property, parking in no parking areas, or in violation of other LTPOA requirements. In August 2010 LTPOA instructed Officers to tow vehicles trespassing on LTPOA property if the sticker was expired more than a year or does not display a sticker. Several vehicles were towed and several tickets were issued for illegal parking. It appears that individuals who repeatedly ignored LTPOA requirements and parking laws have gotten the message and are now complying with LTPOA. The Police Committee does not want to restrict legitimate use of community property but the Committee wants to stop unauthorized use that may prevent LTPOA residents and property owners from enjoying the parks, shoreline, and recreational areas reserved for their use.

The recreational season is approaching quickly. Please check the LTPOA stickers on your vehicles and boats to make sure the stickers are not expired. Stickers are inexpensive and provide you with full access to LTPOA property. Without a current sticker you may be towed from LTPOA property at your expense, so please check those stickers.

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 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 Edgewater Truck Center (410) 956-3663 or (410) 867-3479.

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.



Holiday Lights Contest

By Pam Obee Sargent



The Holiday Lights Contest committee had the difficult task of selecting our winners for 2010. After much review, the following winners were selected:

Most Traditional – 1656 Marlboro Road
Most Lights – 1431 Shore Drive
Most Creative – 1355 Mayfield Road
Multimedia – 1636 Fairfield Drive
Community Spirit – Woodland Beach VFD
Best Decorated Business – Sandra Lofgren-Sargent & Associates

*****Best of London Towne*** - 318 Highland Drive**

The residential prize winners were awarded cash prizes and a gift certificate to a local restaurant. We would like to thank the following local businesses for their contributions to our contest: Yellow Fin Restaurant, West End Gill, Adam's Ribs and Edgewater Restaurant. We really appreciate their generosity.

We look forward to seeing all of the lights next winter. Thanks to everyone in the community for their participation.

Your London Towne

“How do I contact LTPOA Police Officers?”

By Dave Sargent

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. When Officers are on duty for LTPOA they are considered in “Secondary Employment” status and the Officers have to keep the County Police advised of where and when they are working and maintain radio contact. If residents call 911, 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 that 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

“SEE YOU AT THE TURTLE”



Come on out! Bring your friends! Bring your neighbors! Bring your relatives! LTPOA day at the Turtle is Wednesday, May 18, 2011. 10% of all proceeds from that entire day will go to the LTPOA General Fund to be used for Playground equipment



Library System Facing Funding Crisis



An important member of our community is in trouble and all you need to do to help is show up. County Library Administrator, Skip Auld, fears further cuts in library funding will cause irreparable damage. Therefore, he is organizing a series of town hall meetings to “Save our System.” Of the three meetings, the second, on Thursday, March 17 at the Annapolis Library, 1410 West St., Annapolis is the closest to our Edgewater Branch. Further cuts could result in a reduction of branch hours, fewer new books and no money to replace our old and worn favorites. So save the date and come on out to show how much we appreciate our library.
www.aacpl.net

Are your animals good neighbors? Logan Hottle

I have always disliked being the one to write about something that might be interpreted as nagging and critical. But, a problem you might think is under control is not. While most people are careful about where their pets deposit their offerings, there are some who seem to think the request to clean up does not apply to them. The Sections have made it easy for you to pick up after your dog and/or cat by having plastic bag dispensers and trash cans around the community. It's not just nice to clean up, it's the law.

The statements in this article are paraphrased or quoted from Anne Arundel County Code Article 12, Title 4, Subtitle 4-102—Public Safety Threat. To read the whole code, go to the County Animal Control section on the Anne Arundel County website.

No time of year is the right time to let **dogs or cats** “run at large.” The County says an animal is at large “when it is off the property of an animal's owner and not leashed and not under the control of a responsible person.” Quoting further from the County Code: “Anyone who owns or harbors a cat or dog 4 months of age or older must have the animal vaccinated for rabies and be able to provide proof of vaccination.”

“The owner of any dog or cat 4 months of age or older must obtain a license for the animal.”

“The owner of any animal shall be responsible for the removal of any excreta deposited by his or her animal on public walks, recreation areas, or private property other than his own.” Many people do not know that the property along the shoreline in London Towne is all private property and therefore the requirement to clean up after your pet is covered by this Article. Taking a walk along the shore and stepping in something soft, brown and smelly is one of the least appealing experiences of life. Also, that stuff is a health threat.

Further, “Anyone violating Title 4, Subtitle of Article 12 may be subject to a fine not less than \$50.00 and up to \$500.00.” That's a lot of money to be fined just because you don't want to leash your pet and/or clean up after it.

The final point is that one of the primary sources of pollution of the Chesapeake Bay is caused by animal “excreta” getting into streams, rivers and the Bay. For the health and safety of your pet as well as your neighbors, their kids, and the Chesapeake Bay, no season is the time to let your pets roam. Let's all do our part to keep the community clean and safe from bacteria. A wonderful bonus is that we'll be doing just a little bit to Save the Bay.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY NEWS OF INTEREST



**You Are Invited to LondonTown's Fourth Annual
Benefit
London Town in Bloom
Friday, April 8, 2011**



Join us for what promises to be another fun evening of great food and drink and an opportunity to win some of our wonderful auction items.

Both our gift and wine grab are back this year by popular demand!

All proceeds will be used for the benefit of our historic site.

From 5:00 to 6:00PM there will be tours of the William Brown House, Gardens, Historic Area, and Archaeology Lab.

From 6:00 to 9:00PM the silent auction will occur with plenty of drinks and hor d'oeuvres to keep you satisfied while winning lots of our auction items.

Tickets cost \$60 per person

Additional information is available at WWW.historiclondontown.org

Wondering what's going on in Edgewater? Here are two web sites that will help you stay in touch.

Edgewater.patch.com and Edgewatermd.com



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.

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).

All applications must be signed by both the applicant and his / her parent or guardian.

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 (500 words or less) why you think this scholarship should be awarded to you.******

Gray/Mott Scholarship Application (page 2)

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.

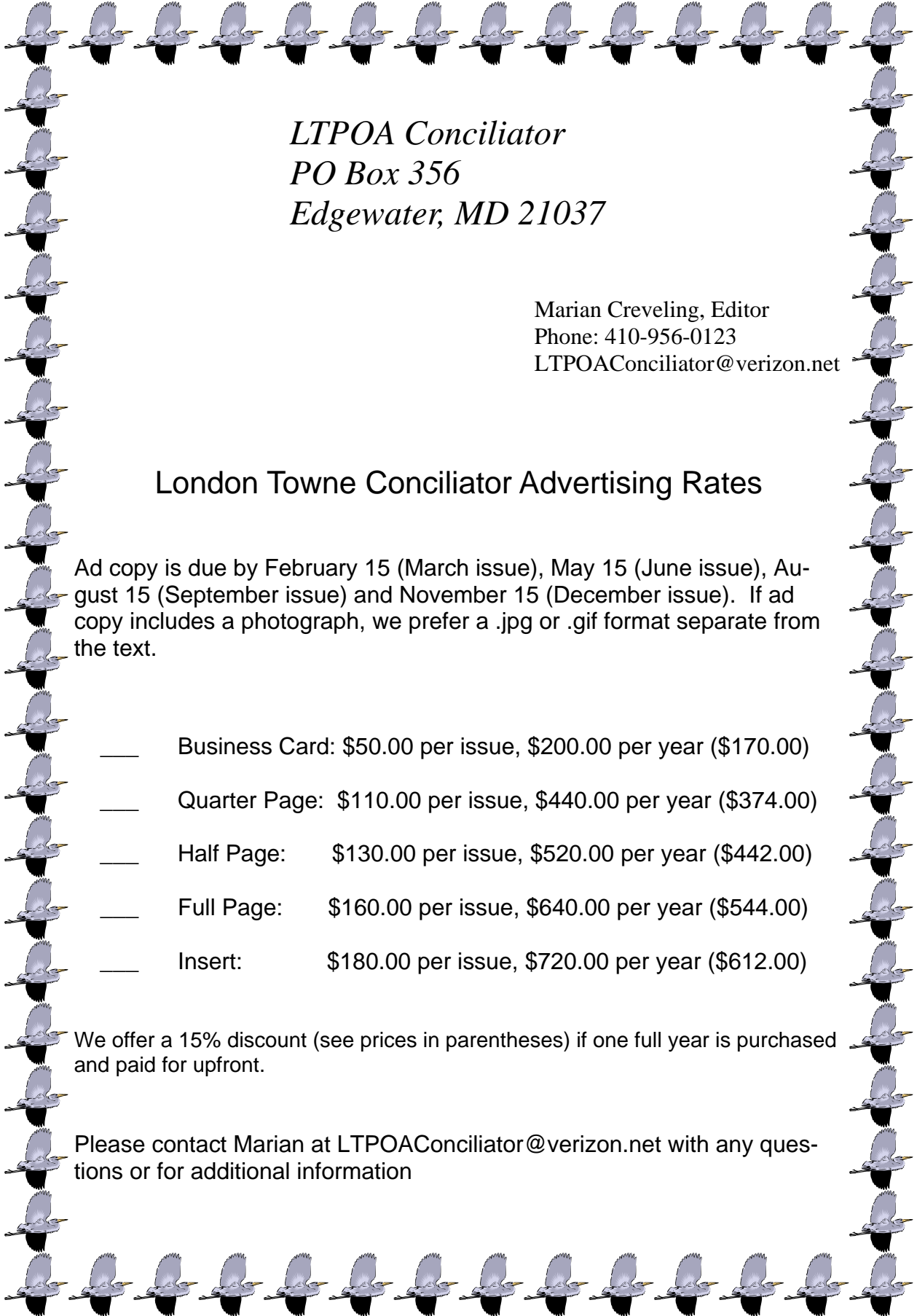
All awards are subject to verification of information submitted by the applicant. Application becomes the property of LTPOA as a permanent record of the scholarship program.

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. You are cordially invited to attend Opening Ceremonies for the official presentation of these awards.



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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 upfront.

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