

The Conciliator

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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

John Rhodes

Summer is almost over. I hope that you had an enjoyable time at our beaches, piers and other facilities. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve another year as your President. We have almost finished surveying the property owned by the association. Many of you have seen the survey stakes and some of you have already contacted us to see what the next step will be. I will be reporting soon concerning our findings and future plans.

This year's community awareness week was a great success. Participation by community members has increased. I want to thank the many people who gave of their time to make it such a success.

Congratulations are in order for Jeanie Caps, a former board member who had to give up her seat to have more time to work on projects to support our troops, Jeanie was awarded the honor of American Legion Auxiliary Member of the Year. She received the award at the Department Convention in Ocean City Maryland. The LTPOA Board of Directors extends its hearty congratulations on continuing a job well done,

I would like to remind all community members to attend their Section meeting. Your involvement and input is needed to keep our community vibrant and safe.

Section News

Section 1 By Joe O'Neil

Here's a quick look at what Section One did and didn't do in FY -2008;

In early April, 2008 we started decking the "A" piers at the boat docks. The construction went on for about one week. After that the water was turned on and leaks fixed, this took another week. By April 15th, the opening of "Rock" fish season, everything was back in service.

In May the annual beach clean up was scheduled, but because of bad weather it was cancelled. Over the next several weeks on their own a number of folks, Hank Suter, Michael and Trixie Ryan, Steven Gonzalez, Bill Dustin, and others spent time working in the evenings. There were many projects done such as tilling and raking the beach, trash pick up, mulching the flowerbeds. All this work got the beach and surrounding areas in great shape for the summer.

In mid June, 40 tons of white sand was bought and spread by a contractor.

Along the shoreline in the area where the erosion work was done in FY-2006 plants and ornamental grasses were put in, in an effort to stabilize the bank.

We also had a small dead tree taken down and another trimmed along the south side of the swim area.

Things that didn't get done and we will be working on in FY 2009;

Improving access to the Fishing and crabbing pier for safety reasons,

Installing catch basins in area of Shore and Fairmount to slow storm water run-off.

Check out and make repairs to the drain located in the 2000 block of Shore Dr. in front of the area on the South side of the swimming beach.

Section 2 By David Zollinhofer

Another summer has come and gone. Section 2 officers will remain the same for another year, Myself-President, Pam Sargent-Treasurer, Guy Snyder-Secretary and Shaun Hamill-Dockmaster.

Section 2 had another good year with several projects started and completed which include, new sand on the beach at Delmar, the clearing of the overgrowth at the end of the beach which opened up the area with a wonderful view, cleared all of the over grown bushes and trimmed the trees to open up the view at Westminster Park along with some smaller improvements throughout the section. This winter the shoreline around and across the street from 1509 to 1523 will be worked on and pier access will be cut out. If you plan on leaving your boat in through the winter and you are located at one of the two piers in that location you must call Shaun Hamill at 202-345-5735 to relocate your boat to another pier while this work is being completed.

There has been a good amount of work done and effort put forth by the current appointees in Section 2 and to that end the current officers of Section 2 have been serving for 3 or more years and have agreed to stay in the current positions for another, however we are in need of new perspective, ideas, and some help. If you agree or disagree with how we are doing things or what projects we are doing, I challenge you to come join us at the meetings and voice your opinion and participate in what is going on and what projects we will take on in the coming years.

Section 2 meetings are held every third Tuesday at 7:30 in the community hall. Please email me at dzollin-hofer@hotmail.com to be added to any distribution list.

Open positions in Section 2 - We could certainly use additional participants for open committee seats and for Section 2 office positions as well as open Board seats. Please email me at dzollin-hofer@hotmail.com for more information.

Section 3 By Don Creveling

Section 3 has steadily improved our park areas by planting new trees, installing a new sign, benches, and planting additional vegetation along the shoreline. Future improvements call for new jetties for the swimming area to trap and retain sand. Police monitoring has increased after complaints of bad behavior in park areas, however, monitoring by citizens is still necessary! Please call the police if you see vandalism and criminal behavior. Surveillance cameras are now in place to monitor the pier and bulkhead areas.

Attendance at our meetings continues to be high. Please get involved and attend a meeting the second Wednesday of the month March through November. After a year of defeat, the Section 3 volleyball team rebounded and was victorious during the Community Awareness Week tournament despite questionable officiating. We look forward to taking on all comers next year! Section 3 Picnic will be held on Saturday, October 4 at the picnic area. Hope to see you there.

Section 4 By Tony Zavosky

Here we are once again at the end of another summer. This year was rather interesting for Section 4, and not always in a positive sense. The good news is that we did some maintenance work on the Bentley boat pier, which included a good power washing. We repaired leaking water pipes at Fullerton. Sometime late this fall or early next spring, I intend to have Fullerton power washed as well. On the down side, the person we hired to install caps on the pilings at Fullerton did an unsatisfactory job, which required additional expense and time correct. The situation will be adequately remedied, however.

Then there was the Bentley crabbing pier fiasco. On a positive note, the county reversed their initial stance and agreed to allow us to rebuild the pier to its original length of 225 feet, without installing stand-pipes. On the other hand, the contractor that was hired for that job took the money and ran. As you know, he removed the old decking, and disappeared. I have been tasked with bringing this fiasco to a conclusion. I would like to get the contractor to finish the job, but that is not likely.

If that fails, I would like to get some of our money back, but since the culprit is in dire financial straits, that probably won't happen, either.

The final, least satisfactory conclusion entails obtaining a warrant charging him with theft, and having him arrested. I don't know if I can sell that to the State's Attorney, but I will try.

On a more positive note, Section 4 has been graced with the presence of some new members this year. I want to welcome Linda Printz, Stacey King, Darren Fortescue, Michelle Roettger, Amy Lago, Scott Kallstrom, Kendall Fitrell, and David Hale. to the Section, and hope to see them at our monthly meetings.

Awareness Week has come and gone. I was somewhat disappointed in the turnout for some of the various events, and would like to see better attendance next year. Congratulations to Keely Smith, who received recognition for her efforts in cleaning up along Shore Drive. I would also like to congratulate Greg Pitser on receiving the Presidents Award from John Rhoads, for his work on the Credentials Committee. On a more somber note, we lost the Volleyball Trophy to our esteemed colleagues from Section Three. I congratulate them on the victory, and vow vengeance for next year.

Remember, the Section picnic will be held on Saturday, September 13th at Bentley picnic area. There will be plenty of food, drink, and entertainment. Please plan to attend, and bring a neighbor and a dish to share. If this goes to print after the 13th, then I want to thank all of you who showed up. It was a great picnic, and we all had a good time. Hope to see you there next year.

We wish a speedy and complete recovery to Peanut Mulligan, who is currently being treated for a serious illness. Please keep him in your prayers.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meetings, which are held on the last Thursday of the month at the Community Hall at 7:30 pm.

Section 5
No Report

Committee Reports

RAMPS & CREDENTIALS By Mark LaBuda

PLEASE NOTE::
THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WILL
NOT BE MEETING AT THE COMMUNITY
HALL IN DECEMBER !! Last night in
2008 will be Monday Nov 24th!! We will
resume on Monday Jan 12th, 2009!!

Ramp keys and Credentials stickers are available on Monday nights from 7-8 pm at the Community Hall. All vehicles, boats & trailers must have a current LTPOA sticker to be parked on or use LTPOA facilities & parking areas. This includes boats on LTPOA piers. Stickers must show either 08, 09, or 10 to be valid. Towing of any unregistered vehicles parked on LTPOA property will be enforced.

CREDENTIALS FEE FOR 2008:

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

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

New credentials stickers are available at the LTPOA Community Hall Mondays from 7-8 pm. Current vehicle, boat & trailer registrations are required for issuance of stickers. Proof of property ownership is required, i.e., deed or tax bill. New resi-

dents to community should bring settlement papers. Tenants must have current lease. Other documentation may be required. Stop by the community hall on Monday evenings for complete information.

RAMP KEY FEES FOR 2008

Key fee is \$ 40.00.

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

Please remember to bring old keys to avoid any additional charges.

POLICE COMMITTEE BY Darlene Moore, Beach One

.The Anne Arundel County Southern District Police Community Relations Council meeting in July addressed police and citizens working together to take control of our neighborhoods. In the near future, a Lieutenant will be assigned to each community association as a point of contact.

A rash of vehicle and sheds have been broken into. Items such as cds, radios, laptop computers and GPS systems are being targeted. There has been an increase in catalytic converter thefts. Also, numerous solicitors of magazines are in the area. Use extreme caution when approached by these individuals.

Captain Krampf asked if you see any suspicious activity or person(s) or "if it doesn't feel right in your stomach," do not hesitate to call 911. You do not have to leave your name.

SECURITY By Mark LaBuda

This year has been busy for the LTPOA Security. The primary focus during the warmer months has been patrolling the five beach areas along Shore Drive. Many non-residents have been asked to leave our property. This seems to be an ever increasing problem for our community. With about 4 miles of shoreline, with beaches and boat ramps, our community is very inviting to people who do not own property here. As the surrounding area grows, we see more and more people looking for water access. There are very few communities that have all that we have to offer. We as property owners pay for what we have here. We pay for our beaches and ramp areas. These facilities are not for use by non-residents. This will continue to be a priority for our security personnel, as well as vandalism, speeding and other issues that affect our private property as well as all of our community. Our police officers have arrested non-residents for trespassing on our property. Just a reminder, guests are permitted on our property, however they must be accompanied by the property owner. And please be sure vehicles have required stickers on them if parked on LTPOA property. We will tow any vehicles not displaying current LTPOA stickers. While this may sometimes be an inconvenience for us, protecting what we have benefits all of us.

Please pass any security concerns to your section representative or section president.

Also, please call 911 for all emergencies.

Community Awareness Week By Cheryl Wells

Our 29th Annual Community Awareness Week was outstanding! Whether you were new to our Community, or a long-time resident; a Great time was had by all. Thank you to all who volunteered and to all who participated in the many events throughout the week. Many photos of the weeks' events can be viewed on our website.

We have already begun planning for our 30th Annual Community Awareness Week, which begins on August 15, 2009; and an extra-special celebration it will be!

On Saturday, December 6th, from 9am-3pm, our 19th Annual Holiday Craft, Art & Gift Show will be held at the Community Hall, so mark your Calendars for this Holiday Shopping Extravaganza!

Our Committee is currently planning several Special Events for the coming year. Stay tuned to our website (www.LTPOA.info) for updates.

GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Pam Obee Sargent

Gray/Mott Scholarship Winner

The announcement of the 2008 Gray/Mott Scholarship winner was done at the Community Awards Ceremony during the Community Awareness Week. The winner of the Gray/Mott Scholarship for 2008 is Tess M. Carper. Tess and her parents attended the awards ceremony. Tess was an outstanding student during her high school career. Tess recently began her college career at Hood College. We wish Tess success in her college career.

We had a very successful cake wheel at the Family Fun Night event. All of the proceeds from this event go directly to the scholarship fund. I would like to personally thank all of the community members that volunteered at the booth and those that contributed bake goods for the cake wheel. Thanks!

On another note, we encourage all senior students in our London Towne community to apply for the scholarship. The application for the scholarship will be on the community website (www.LTPOA.info). The completed application must be submitted by April 15, 2009. Please review the scholarship requirements and let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at 410-956-7679.



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.

What is 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.

Community Awareness Week 2008 Take 1



Community Awareness Week 2008 Take 2



2008 LTPOA Awards Ceremony

By Don Creveling

This year's LTPOA Community Awards Ceremony was held at the Clubhouse Monday August 18, at the opening ceremony of Community Awareness Week. An outstanding crowd was on-hand to applaud members of our community who volunteer their time so others may enjoy our community. Eight Community Awards and four Certificates of Appreciation were awarded at the ceremony. Congratulations, and thank you for a job well done!

Awards:

LTPOA Presidents Award:	Greg Pitser
Dedicated Service:	Trez Moreland
Good Citizenship:	Joe O'Neil
Community Leadership:	Pam Obee
Family Award:	Logan and Will Hottle
Section 1 President's Award	Darlene Moore
Section 3 President's Award	Andy Andersen
Outstanding Business Award	Unique Lawn and Landscape

Certificates of Appreciation:

Adult:	Beth Pazienza
Youth:	Keeley Smith
	Jae Fish
	Katie Creveling

1st Annual LTOPA “My London Towne” Photo Contest

By Pam Obee Sargent

We received over 30 entries for our 1st year of the photo contest. We have a lot of very talented neighbors! We modified the contest to have two divisions – Youth (19 and under) and Adult (20 and over). We were very fortunate to have 2 professional artists as judges for the contest. The judges were Elsie B. Whitman and Mary Schumaker. Ms. Whitman is from the West River area. After high school she traveled and lived abroad for several years. When she returned she resumed her education receiving her BFA at Maryland Institute, College of Art. For 20 years, she has been a co-owner of River Gallery in Galesville. Ms. Schumaker had the first photo gallery in Washington, DC. She continues to be active in the arts and other community issues. We would like to thank the judges for taking time out of their busy schedules to help with our contest.

In the Youth Division, the winners are:

1st place – Page Mulligan with Sungazing at the Water’s Edge;

2nd place - Nicole Gonzalez with Untitled (sunset);

3rd place – Page Mulligan with Sunset in Londontowne;

Honorable Mention – Tabitha Ernst with Fun with Friends.

The People’s Choice award went to Page Mulligan with Sungazing at the Water’s Edge.

In the Adult Division, the winners are:

1st place – Colleen Gleason with Sunrise at Beach 2;

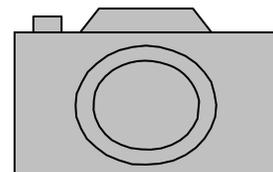
2nd place – Sally Parker with Fall at Kernekin’s Pier;

3rd place – John Meyer with London Towne’s Finest.

The People’s Choice award went to Sally Parker with Fall at Kernekin’s Pier.

The winners were announced at the community Crab Feast. We had all of the photos displayed for viewing. For those of you who missed seeing all of the photos, we hope to have all of them displayed on the community website. The prize winners will have their photos on our community note cards. Look for the note cards on sale during the Community Craft Fair (Dec 6, 2008 at the community hall).

I would like to thank all of the community members who submitted photos for the contest. You all helped make this a successful event. Thanks also to Logan Hottle for making the arrangements for our judges. Start taking your pictures now for the 2nd Annual Photo Contest.



Talking Trash By Trez Moreland

LTPOA joins our neighbors in the Pointe at South River Colony several times in our "Adopt A Highway" program on Mayo Road between Londontown Road and Central Avenue to pick up litter along the roadside. We have a lot of fun and get good exercise while taking pride in our neighborhood. This program has proven to be a great opportunity to meet new friends and neighbors. It's also a great way to get you and your kids involved in a visible community service project close to home. It makes us feel good too to know that we're helping to clean up our Chesapeake Bay watershed and improve the habitat for our local wildlife too.

We want to thank everyone who has participated in making such a tremendous improvement to Mayo Road. Because of your continued commitment, the area is cleaner and safer for our children, our neighbors, our pets, and our visitors.

Won't you join us? Average pickup times are only about one hour. Come make a difference with us!



Pictured from left to right Trez Moreland, Carolyn Dodson, John Rhoads, Hank Sutter, Jeanne Michels, Judi Fey, Richard Fey, Kathy Willett

Photo by Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator Pat Prouty



Next Adopt-a-Highway Events

Meet at the LTPOA Community Hall Parking Lot at 170 Mayo Road at 9:00 AM

Sept 13 (2nd Saturday in Sept) Rain Date is Sept 27 (4th Saturday in Sept)

For more information, email us at ltpoainfo@gmail.com or visit the LTPOA Web Site at <http://www.ltpoa.info/Adopt-A-Hwy.pdf>.



Hank Sutter & Carolyn Dodson

The Conciliator, the LTPOA community newsletter, is published in March, June, September, and December of each year. Circulation is approximately 2000 households in London Towne and includes absentee property owners and local businesses.

Articles and ad copy are due by the 15th of February (March issue), the 15th of May (June issue), the 15th of August (September issue) and the 15th of November (December issue).

Ad Charges:

- Business Card: \$50 per issue, \$200 per year
- Quarter Page: \$110 per issue, \$440 per year
- Half Page: \$130 per issue, \$520 per year
- Full Page: \$160 per issue, \$640 per year
- Insert: \$180 per issue, \$720 per year

We offer a 15% discount off the above charges if one full year is purchased and paid for upfront. Make checks payable to LTPOA and mail ad copy with check to LTPOA Conciliator at PO Box 356, Edgewater, MD 21037.

If ad copy includes a picture, we prefer to get the picture in a .jpg or .gif format separate from the text. We request the same procedure with graphics.

Questions ? Email ltpoainfo@gmail.com.