

The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT

John Rhoads

Well summer is over and fall and winter approach. I would like to thank those who attended the annual meeting and supported my bid to continue as your president for another year. Congratulations go to our new vice president, Pam Obee-Sargent, our reelected, secretary, Stephen Hult and reelected treasure, Sarah Trees. Thank you for giving your time and energy to the community. Please check for the times and dates for your section meetings, especially since not all sections meet during the winter months.

Many thanks to community members who are making the effort to recycle. Lets see more and more of those big Yellow cans at curb side and less of the trash cans. Please do your part to recycle more and put less in the landfill. Questions about what you can recycle or your pick-up schedule? All that and more can be found at recyclemoreoften.com, Anne Arundel County's web site on recycling.

Look inside for an overview of events that took place during Community Awareness Week. All were well attended and greatly enjoyed. I think you can tell that by the photos in this issue.

School is back in session and as October rolls around it will be getting dark earlier. Please watch out for our children as you drive through the community.

Don't forget to check our web page, ltpoa.info, for upcoming events. Some that are already scheduled include the Holiday craft show in early December and the holiday light contest. It's never too early to start thinking about holiday gifts or your lighting design.



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 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

Submitted by Michael Ryan

It was a busy season on Beach One with more swimmers and families than in the past few years. They enjoyed the warm water and especially the absence of sea nettles. Most dog lovers were very respectful of the swim area and we are trying to find a place for pet swimming and kayak launching that will accommodate these neighbors next year. Folks were also good about keeping the beach clean. New President Tom Walsh succeeded the long-serving Joe O'Neil who was honored for his many years of dedicated service to Beach One and the Community. Finally, a potluck get together capped the season and a good time was had by all.



Section 2 David Zollinhofer

No Report

Section 3 Donald Creveling

Looks like summer is just about over, but there is still plenty of time for fun in and on the water. Section 3 enjoyed a busy summer this year, while no shoreline improvements took place, the pump house received a new door and a fresh coat of paint, new benches, picnic tables, and grills were added. We'll close the summer with our annual section picnic on Saturday, September 19th from 2:00pm to ?? Please join us for burgers and dogs, fun and games. Bring a dish to share and come and meet your neighbors!! During the picnic we will hold the dedication of the bench purchased to honor former neighbor, Mary Moyer, who passed away earlier this year. Section three will continue holding monthly meetings (second Wednesday of the month) through November. We will begin meeting again in March 2010 (7:30 pm at the hall). Why not join us and see what's happen in your community.

Section News

Section 4
Tony Zavosky

No Report

Section 5
David Fish

No Report

Committee Reports

Park and Planning Committee

David Fish
No Report

Erosion Committee

Stephen Hult
No Report

Credentials and Ramps

The Ramps & Credential Committee

Just a reminder that stickers and ramp keys are available at the clubhouse most Monday evenings from 7-8pm. Please bring proof of property ownership, i.e. property tax bill or deed and registrations for vehicle boats & trailers. Tenants must have current lease and all vehicles & boats must be registered to the address. For complete requirements and rules & regulations concerning use of association property stop by on Monday evenings.

NOTICE: We will not be at the Clubhouse after Monday November 16th!!! We will resume on Monday January 11th 2010. Depending on number of people requesting stickers & keys we may reduce hours in early November also. We will be available every Monday in September & October except holidays!!

Thanks

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.

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY NEWS THAT AFFECTS YOU

PUBLIC WATER REPORT 2

In the June Conciliator we reported that petitions for public water for parts of the London Towne community were being submitted to the county. However, the committee would continue to make petitions available for new owners and those owners who had not previously responded. Starting June 8, all property owners were invited to visit the community hall and view the proposed paths and sign petitions indicating a preference for public water or for maintaining their own well.

The response the first evening was overwhelming with most people wanting to be sure that their petition for water had been received and that they were on a route for public water. Subsequent Mondays brought in a number of people whose properties were not on the proposed routes. Many of them volunteered to take petitions to their neighbors. These volunteers returned week after week with more petitions and the routes for water mains were lengthened. We would like to thank the many volunteers who participated in this effort.

On August 10, the public water committee mailed a final request to people who had not responded to the question of whether individual property owners in the London Towne community would like to petition for public water service to their property. As of August 25, approximately two hundred responses were received. By nearly a two to one ratio the property owners who responded favored public water.

The first week in September all of the petitions and the proposed route for the water mains will be submitted to the county. Not all persons who signed petitions for water are currently on proposed routes. However, petitions to be included can be submitted up to the time the county finishes the validation process and before the routes are sent to the engineering department.

If you have not signed petitions and wish to be included in the request for public, contact Lois Fussell, 410-956-2641 or Joe O'Neil, 410-956-2687. Joe and Lois have blank petitions.



Don't forget about the LTPOA website at www.ltpoa.info. You can find out about current events and volunteer opportunities, see past newsletters, and find LTPOA reference materials like the Associations By-laws.



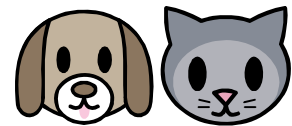
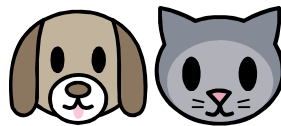
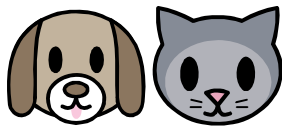
COMMUNITY AWARENESS WEEK AUGUST 15-23, 2009



WOW! What a great week. The weather cooperated for all of our outdoor events this year. The week began with the start of the Fishing and Crabbing Tournament for kids and the flea market. We had thirty seven people that participating in the flea market. Special thanks go to the Edgewater Athletic Club for selling food for breakfast and lunch at the event.



Thanks to Jennifer Black and Reichardt Veterinary for coordinating the Pet Show. The pet show had over 16 entrants. Keep in mind that this event is for all pets. We had dogs (our biggest participant group), a kitten, guinea pigs and frogs. The big prize winner at the event was Kadi Moreland. She received a great prize package. Start training you pets now for next year.



The Children's Birthday Party was loads of fun for all of the kids that attended. Many thanks to Lindsay Kidwell for her hard work coordinating this event. The Senior Luncheon was also very successful. The attendees raved about the food that was served; especially the dessert. Thanks to Mary for coordinating this event.

The Volleyball Tournament was great fun! The night started out very hot but cooled down once the sun started to set. Beach 2 was the victor in the event. The potluck dinner after was well attended. Attendees voted for the People's Choice Award winners in the Photo Contest.



Jennifer & Terry Black helped out and coordinated the Children's Bike Contest and Parade. The event was a bit rushed but was completed prior to a sudden storm. The Canoe and Kayak Races were very entertaining. The kids out did themselves with their creativity. The Pirates of the Caribbean ship was awesome! The winners of the races were:

10 and Under Races:

Canoe:

- 1st Place - Ryan Matheu and Michael Hall
- 2nd Place – Blake Matheu

Kayak:

- 1st Place -Jae Fish
- 2nd Place – Ryan Matheu
- 3rd Place – Blake Matheu



First Round Raft:

- 1st Place - "Pirates of the Caribbean" – Jae Fish and Ryan Matheu
- 2nd Place - "Waterbug" – Meredith
- 3rd Place – "Camp A Hay" – Cody and Tre'

Second Round Raft:

- 1st Place - "Waterbug" – Emma
- 2nd Place – "Speedy" – Boy scouts Troop 815 – Sean and Joey

Most Spirited Raft:

"Pirates of the Caribbean" – Jae Fish

Combo – 11 to 20 & Adult:

Canoe/Kayak:

- 1st Place -Wes Matheu and Andrew Fawcett
- 2nd Place – Terry Black
- 3rd Place – Julie Nelbach
- 4th Place – Dave Fish

Raft:

- 1st Place - "Waterbug" – Ted Daniels
- 2nd Place – "Speedy" Boy scouts Troop 815
- 3rd Place – "Redneck Yacht" – Karen Porter



The Bull Roast and Horseshoe Tournament finished out the week. The food was very, very good. The event was catered by Bob and Penny Fowler. We had a cake wheel, 50/50 raffle and many raffle prizes. The photo contest winners were announced during this event. The youth winners were: 1st place "Chilly Morning" by Janey Ohrvall, 2nd place "Our Sunset" by Janey Ohrvall and 3rd place "Trees in Bloom" by Sean Taylor.

SANDCASTLE CONTEST

The newest Awareness Week event was the Sand Sculpture Contest. The event was a great success! We had sculptures and sand castles in each of the age categories. We will feature this event again next year.

Adult Nikki Larkin Crab

Family Group Vicky, Joey & Christina Peake Flag

Children's (6 and under)

First Prize: Alyssa Smith Pink flowers on the top of a mound

Second Prize: Christina Peake Castle wall with animal prints on the sand

Youth (7-13) Ashley Smith and Kelsie Sutherland Larger and more pink flowers

14 and Over No awards

Spirited Prize Sean Taylor and Garrett Taylor Sundae Castle



**LTPOA
Annual Fishing and Crabbing Contest Winners**



Age 7 & Under:

1st Place White Perch
2nd Place White Perch
3rd Place White Perch
1st Place Crab

Tyler Ireland
Ewan Roberts
Callum Roberts
Tyler Ireland

Age 8 to 11:

1st Place White Perch
2nd Place White Perch
3rd Place White Perch
1st Place Crab

Nick Bennett
Michael Hall
Nathan Perren
Nathan Peron

Age 12 to 15:

1st Place White Perch
2nd Place White Perch
3rd Place White Perch
1st Place Crab

Troy Crandell
Courtney Hall
Cody Hohn
Kasey Stokes

Angler of The Year:

Nathan Perren



The youth people's choice winner was "Our Sunset" by Janey Ohrvall. The adult winners were: 1st place "Beach One in Winter" by Sally Parker, 2nd place "Shore Drive Reflections" by Kerry Delanoy and 3rd place "Almshouse Creek Blue Heron" by Jennifer Black. The adult people's choice winner was "Almshouse Creek Blue Heron" by Jennifer Black. All of the prize winners received cash prizes. Their photos will be featured on note cards that will be available for sale at the Craft Show in December. We will feature the winners in our 2011 LTPOA calendar.

The committee would like to thank everyone that helped make this week of exciting events. Special thanks go to Devin for taking care of set-ups at the hall and getting us a great caterer. Also special thanks to Logan Hottle and Lois Fussella for all of their hard work during the preparation and execution of Awareness Week. Special thanks also go out to all of the great bakers in the community. We had tons of baked goods for our events. We look forward to next year.

Community Awards Winners



Family

George, Karen, and Sally Albright

Section Awards

1. Joe O'Neil
2. Dave Zollinhofer
3. Norm Pennington
4. Paul Nelson
5. Jennifer Black

Certificate of Appreciation

Mary Moyer

Clifford L. Schneider

John Rhoads

Outstanding Community Leadership

Stephen Hult

Outstanding Dedicated Service

Devin Capizzi

Good Citizenship

Marian Creveling

Outstanding Business

Marty's Sporting Goods

President's Award

Lois and Jesse Fussell



Other Community News



Girl Scouts Doing Their Part for the Bay

Karalyn Mulligan

Girl Scout Troop 2428, working with members of the Coastal Conservation Association Maryland (CCA MD), planted 28,000 oysters in Glebe Creek as part of an oyster restoration project. The Girl Scouts are led by Karen Albright and include 3 girls from the Londontowne community – Sally Albright, Morgan Clementson, and Keri Mulligan. “Our Troop members are all involved in activities on the Bay,” said leader Karen Albright. “They understand the value of the Bay to all citizens and have seen the damage that can be done to it through pollution. They have tremendous interest in improving the Bay water, and see oyster restoration as one way to make a difference.” Keri Mulligan said, “I’m glad we did this. Now every time I go swimming at the beach, I’ll know that the water is a little bit cleaner because of the oysters. Every little bit helps.”

The scouts placed oyster spat in 23 cages and three floats on a pier between Beach 1 and 2 of the Londontowne community. They will maintain them until they reach adult size at which time they will be placed at a sanctuary. The project will continue for two years. The scout troop is working on the project as part of their silver award, the highest award at the cadet troop level.

The oyster project was funded by the CCA MD. Approximately \$1,000 was raised for the Glebe Creek planting by the organization at the Maryland Tiefertest in February, the association’s annual fly-fishing event. The mission of the CCA MD is to advise and educate the public on conservation of marine resources.

TALKING TRASH

Trez Mooreland

We need your help more than ever with our next Adopt-a-Road program removing litter along Mayo Road between Stepneys Lane and Central Avenue. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and get yourself, and your older kids, involved in a visible community service project sponsored by LTPOA and the Point at South River Colony.



Meet at the London Towne Community Hall for the next clean up on **Saturday, October 10, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.** Wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves. Rain date is Saturday, Nov 7th - same time and same place. To sign up or for more information, please contact Pat at patcprouty@comcast.net.

Community Concerns



Stop Killing Wildlife and Destroying the Environment

Tom Walsh

I know we all appreciate watching the wild life along our shoreline. We all need to understand the reality that we are talking about "wild" life. The birds, ducks, geese are all wild and must not be fed by humans. All scientific studies confirm that humans feeding wildlife, no matter how good their intentions are killing the wildlife they feed. These birds must find their own food or starve to death when the human source of food is not provided. The type of food that humans feed birds is in direct conflict to the natural food they need for their survival, so please stop killing the wildlife.

The environment suffers from wildlife that comes to our shoreline to feed on human handouts. Take a look at the shoreline, walkways, piers and swim platforms. These areas are all covered with bird droppings. The swim platforms cannot be used by swimmers due to the amount to droppings from these birds, especially geese. Not only is this unsanitary on land, but when the rain washes these droppings into our waters, the fecal matter in the water becomes so high the waters become unsanitary.

Please stop making yourself feel good by feeding the wildlife, have pity on these birds and let them live their normal lives.

Important Safety Notice for Boaters

Recently power boats have been found tied up to pilings designating our community swim areas, and canoes, kayaks, and "john boats" (with and without motors) have been reported inside some of our swim areas in greater numbers than ever. In addition, power boats have tied up to fishing and crabbing piers that were clearly marked with signs restricting boat docking.

Residents are reminded that operating boats in and near designated swim areas and fishing and crabbing piers is not only a dangerous practice, but it is a violation of LTPOA Community Boat Dock Regulations as published in the June 2006 London Towne Property Owners Guide. Specifically, these rule state: "(18) There shall be no beaching, launching, securing,

etc. of any boats, skiffs, jet skis, sailboards, canoes, or kayaks, etc., except in designated areas. (19) No boats [as identified in #18] shall be secured to any LTPOA property not designated for that purpose, nor shall they be permitted in any designated swim area."

Please adhere to these regulations, as they were established for the safety of our children and residents and for the protection of our community property. They're available on the LTPOA Website at <http://ltpoa.info/dockregulations.html>. In addition, current copies of the London Towne Property Owners Guide - are available to property owners and residents for \$1 from the Ramps and Credentials Committee on Monday nights when Community Stickers and Ramp keys are available.

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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

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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.