

# The Conciliator

London Towne Community Neighborhood Newsletter

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## FROM OUR BOARD PRESIDENT John Rhoads

I would like to thank the many people who worked and attended the events during Awareness week. I deem it a success and look forward to a revised schedule for next year.

Our children are back to school and their safety is up to you, the community. We do have people who pass through the Community on their way to homes or business outside of London Towne. To ensure that these folks slow down and help us protect our children, I have asked our police to strictly enforce the laws during the times when the children are traveling back and forth to school.

Since our last issue, London Towne has lost three long-time residents. Darlene Muse and Mary (Mom) Slater passed away in early August, and in late August, we were saddened when Cheryl Wells lost her battle with cancer. These three ladies contributed to our community in many different ways and all three leave empty spaces behind. To their families, we extend our sympathies and assurances that Darlene, Mary, and Cheryl will not be forgotten

As always we are looking for people to attend their section meetings and get involved with the Board of Directors. There is a very important **SPECIAL MEETING** on **October 2nd 2010** it

starts at **7:30 pm** and will be followed by our **Annual Meeting** at **8PM**. This meeting will be held at the Community Hall. You should have received notice of the meeting in your US Mail a few weeks ago. This special meeting is very important. Please attend and support your board of directors by passing the proposed bylaws changes. I look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Don't forget to check our web page for additional information about community matters. Once again thank you for your help in making this a good place to live and raise children.

Finally, elections for the community officers will be held at the **Annual Meeting** on **Saturday, October 2** at 8:00PM. Any changes to the current board will be posted on the website ([ltpoa.info](http://ltpoa.info)) and will be updated in the December Conciliator. For now, a message left at 410-956-4800 will reach the appropriate board member.

## 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 the scheduled Monday nights, listed under Ramps and Credentials, 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](http://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!

## Section News

Section 1  
Tom Walsh

No Report

Section 2  
David Zollinhofer

Section 2 had their elections on Tuesday, August 17, 2010. The same slate of officers were elected for 2011 (Dave Zollinhofer – Pres, Matt Olsen– VP, Guy Snyder – Sec and Pam Sargent – Treas, and Shaun Hamill – Dock Master. We look forward to another great year in our section. Please plan on attending our section meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm at the Clubhouse. We are in need of persons to attend Board of directors meetings on behalf of Section 2. We are also in need of representation for Police, Ramps and Credentials, Events and Park and Planning Committees. Please consider participating in one of these committees over the next year.

Section 2 was well represented at Community Awareness Week. Many of our community members participated in the events of the week. Unfortunately, Section 2 was not able to retain the trophy in the Volleyball championship this year. The volleyball team from section 2 did provide one of the best dishes for the potluck dinner – a bushel of crabs! Section 3 will need to practice because section 2 plans on getting the trophy back in 2011. Our thanks to all of the community members who volunteered their time to help with events and those that participated in the events.

Colleen Gleason was selected as the People's Choice winner in the adult division of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual My London Towne Photo Contest. Her photo titled "Sultry Sunrise" was stunning. It will be featured on note cards and in the 2012 community calendar. The note cards will be available for purchase at the 2010 LTPOA Craft Show on Saturday, December 4 at the clubhouse.

The new playground equipment was installed at Westminster Park. Kids have been enjoying the swings all summer. An erosion project was completed in Section 2 and a Kayak Launch was created as well.

Section 3  
Donald Creveling



On August 22 Cheryl Wells, past president of section 3, lost her battle to cancer. Until recently, when her illness curtailed her activities, Cheryl was a vital part of the community. Among other things, she ran many a Bingo game and organized numerous Community Awareness Weeks. Section 3 will miss Cheryl - we send our best wishes to Jimmy, their children and grandchildren.

On a happier note, I'd like to invite all residents of Section 3 to join me on September 18th, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, for an end-of-year picnic and to celebrate our volley ball win. Please bring your beverage of choice, a side-dish to share and your competitive streak - Karen is bringing her games. Hope to see you there.

Finally, we would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest Section members, the ride-on-turtle and the ride-on-duck newly installed near our swing set. Check them out sometime, but don't be surprised if you find a crowd, they're very popular with the younger set. Thanks Park and Planning for a great addition to our Section.

Section 4  
Tony Zavosky



Beach 4 residents & slip holders are invited to attend their annual beach picnic on Saturday, September 18th from 1pm-6pm located at Bentley & Shore drive (Bentley pier)

Please bring a dish or dessert to share & a chair

Beach will provide hamburgers, hot dogs & cold drinks



50/50 raffle      Door Prizes      Music

Section 5  
David Fish

No Report

## Committee Reports

### **Credentials and Ramp**

Randy Faulkner

We will continue the abbreviated schedule through September and October. During September we will be at the clubhouse on **Monday, September 13 and Monday, September 27** from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. During October we will be there on **Monday, October 11 and Monday October 25th** from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm. .

### **Public Water Update**

Lois Fussell

Several questions have come to the water committee since the last Conciliator was printed.

#### **Where are the petitions?**

All petitions received by the committee were turned in to the county Department of Public Works in September of 2009. The validation process was finally completed in May of this year. The committee has a record of whether individual property owners voted for or against public water or did not respond as of September 2009. If some petitions were sent directly to the county at the end of 2009 or early 2010, we have no record of them.

#### **Why did owners who did not want water get a letter from the county saying that they were on the proposed route?**

Some property owners who do not want public water and returned petitions to that effect, received letters indicating that they are on the proposed route for water. It has always been the committee's goal to ac-

commodate the wishes of the majority. The route for the water mains was drawn up based upon the responses of the property owners. Over 58% of the properties on the proposed route turned in valid requests for public water.

#### **Why did owners who wanted water not receive a letter?**

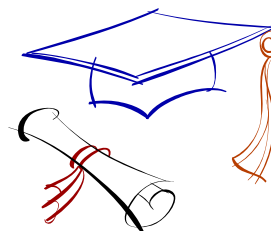
On the other hand, a number of owners who petitioned for water could not be accommodated because the majority of their neighboring owners either did not return petitions or did not want public water. In an e-mail, Mr. Glen Shipley of the Department of Public Works indicated it might be possible to add additional properties to the water route, but a majority of property owners along any extension would have to submit petitions for public water.



Updated information on the status of project will be available on the web at <http://www.ltpoa.info/>.

## GRAY-MOTT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Pam Obee Sargent



## THE GRAY-MOTT YOUTH SCHOLARSHIP

Our Gray/Mott Scholarship winner has already begun classes. **LeAnna Ward** left for freshman orientation on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. She is in the freshman class at Penn State University – Berks. LeAnna's anticipated course of study will be in the legal field. She and her mom, Debbie Stockett were very excited about the scholarship and expressed their appreciation to the community. LeAnna is a 2010 graduate of South River High School. LTPOA wishes her the very best with her studies.

For our new seniors in the LTPOA community, it is time to start thinking about the community service portion of the Gray/Mott Scholarship application. Volunteer in your section or at one of the upcoming community events. The 2011 application for the scholarship can be found on the community website, [www.ltpoa.info](http://www.ltpoa.info) in February 2011. The **application deadline** is **April 15, 2011**.



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.



## Police Committee

Dave Sargent



During July, August, and September LTPOA Officers will have completed more than 90 shifts. Shifts were scheduled to provide maximum coverage during the weekdays, weekends, evenings, and night into early morning. Warnings were issued throughout July and early August to make sure anyone trespassing on LTPOA property or parking without a valid sticker, parking in no parking areas, or in violation of other LTPOA requirements would have an opportunity to comply. Since a large number of warnings were issued with continued non-compliance, LTPOA began towing vehicles effective the second week of August. LTPOA reached an agreement with Edgewater Truck Center to tow vehicles from our property and "Permit Parking Only" signs now display Edgewater Truck Center and telephone number to let owners know where and how to get their vehicle if towed.

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 County 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 (both AACP Officers and Deputies 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. 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 at 911.

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](mailto: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.

## Park and Planning Committee

Tom Walsh

All community residents of the LTPOA are blessed with incredible vistas and a scenic wonderland. Every day I feel lucky to be able to walk or drive around the community and see beautiful sun rises & sun sets knowing that this blessing belongs to all of us. The Park and Planning Committee understands the mandate given it by the community, when the community voted a substantial increase in the lot assessment. The Committee's goal is to create an environment so all the LTPOA residents can share in the enjoyment that living in a shoreline community offers. Please watch for improvements in

recreational opportunities for everyone. Some of these changes are already in the pipeline with many others in the planning stage. LTPOA residents will be given updates as each scenic picnic area, playground area or bench, to enjoy our shoreline, come to reality. We promise you that each year there will be more and better facilities for all our community members.



### A Worthy Effort

By: Sally Albright, Keri Mulligan,

The oyster pots have been an active project of the Girl Scout troop 2428 for a little over a year now, and everyone has been eagerly involved in the knowledge and care of the growing oysters. We take turns cleaning them once a month, [on Sunday](#). The CCA (Coastal Conservation Association) taught us that each oyster can filter about 50 gallons of water a day, and we can already see drastic changes in the clarity of the water. We have 23 oyster pots with many oysters in each pot. Once our oysters are fully grown, we will release them in a non-harvest oyster sanctuary where they can continue filtering the water, undisturbed. It's a job that requires determination and enthusiasm but a worthy effort in the long run.



## **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual “My London Towne” Photo Contest**

We had a great response to the contest this year. We had more youth participants in the contest than we did last time. The contest was judged by two local artists, Bea Poulin and Elsie Whitman. We appreciate their time in helping make our photo contest special. The People’s Choice Awards were selected by community members attending the Potluck Dinner on Thursday night. We had a record number of community members vote for their favorite photos.

And the winners are...

### **Adult Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> place – Sally Parker for “1..., 2..., 3”

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Kerri Delaney for “Mason’s First Fish”

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Gail Fellows for “Heron”

People’s Choice – Colleen Gleason for “Sultry Sunrise”

### **Youth Division:**

1<sup>st</sup> place – Paige Mulligan for “The Water’s Surface”

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sean Taylor for “Here’s Looking at You”

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Tabitha Ernst for “Swingin’ By the Dock O’ the Bay”

People’s Choice – Sean Taylor for “We Have Lift Off”



All of the winning photos will be featured in our 2012 LTPOA Community Calendar. They will also be featured on note cards available for sale at the LTPOA Craft Show on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at the clubhouse. The 2009 winners are featured in our 2011 LTPOA Community Calendar. Those calendars are on sale now. The calendars are \$15.00 and the note cards are \$8.00 for ten cards. All profits from the sale of calendars and note cards go to the Gray/Mott Scholarship Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Obee Sargent at [pam.obee@verizon.net](mailto:pam.obee@verizon.net).

## **Bull Roast Ticket Winners**

At our Bull Roast each year we draw an adult and youth ticket to win a ticket to the next year’s event. This year, the lucky winners were: Joe & Nora Biddle (1 adult ticket) and Nancy Taylor (1 youth ticket). Congratulations to the winners! We look forward to seeing you at our event next year.



Special Guest, Anne Arundel County, County Executive, John Leopold at the Bull Roast.

## 2010 Pet Show

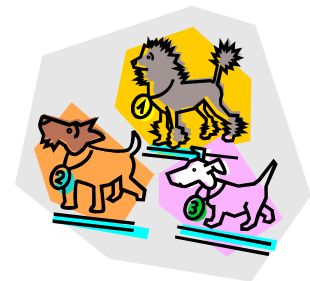
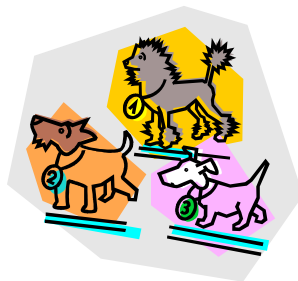
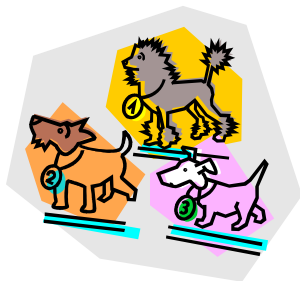
The pet show contest was coordinated by Jennifer Black in cooperation with Greater South River Animal Hospital. Crystal Baker and Amber Cox from the Animal Hospital ran the event. They brought great information and goodies for all of the pets and their owners. We had a great variety of pets represented in this year's show. The contestants included a Russian tortoise, a gecko, several of cats and lots of dogs. There were lots of winners at the event:

- **Most Ear-ristible Ears** – Sailor
- **Best Coat** – Toby
- **Best Kisser** – Carly
- **Best Trick** – Jazmine
- **Most Toy/Ball Crazy** – Lucy
- **Best Smile** – Speck
- **Prettiest Eyes** – Buddy
- **Most Lovable** – Koo
- **Cutest Puppy** – Sailor
- **Most Unusual** - Sasha
- **Best Physically Challenged** – Angus
- **Largest Pet** – Lucy
- **Most Obedient** – Callie
- **Smallest Pet** – Speck
- **Best Pair** – Dulcie & Angus
- **Best Pocket Pet** – Sasha
- **Best Vocal Performance** – Lady
- **Longest Tail** – Violet

### **Best in Show – Speck the gecko**



All of the winners were able to have their owners pick out a special prize for them along with treats. A great afternoon was had by all who attended. We look forward to meeting your pet next year at the Pet Show. Start working with your pet now and wow us at the show next year!



## Fishing & Crab Derby Contest

A total of 40 anglers entered the contest this year! All participants received a goody bag when they signed up that had fishing tackle, candy and the rules.



Winners in each fishing categories received a trophy and a fishing rod. Crabbing category winners received a trophy, crab trap and net. Below is a list of winners in each age group.

### Ages 7 & Under:

#### Fishing Contest -

1st Place Paddy Norton age 6  
2nd Place Bella Norton age 4  
3rd Place Tyler Ireland age 7

#### Crabbing Contest -

Katelyn Wood age 7

### Ages 8 to 11:

#### Fishing Contest -

1st Place Michael Hall age 11  
2nd Place John Ringer age 11  
3rd Place Ray Winchester age 9

#### Crabbing Contest -

Caitlen and Hannah Lee age 8

### Ages 12 to 15:

#### Fishing Contest -

1st Place Kasey Stokes age 13  
2nd Place Cody Costello age 13  
3rd Place Blake Prout age 12

#### Crabbing Contest -

Troy Crandell age 13

### ANGLER OF THE YEAR:

Cody Hohn age 14

Congratulations to all and very special thank you to Jim from Marty's Sporting Goods.



## Canoe & Kayak Races / Raft Races

Lee Mathau coordinated one of the best attended Canoe & Kayak/Raft race events we've seen yet in London Towne! The beach was full of contestants and spectators alike for this fun and spirited set of races. This Year's winners are listed below.

### Ages 10 & Under:

Ethan Fawcett      Canoe and Kayak Race

Christina Peake      Raft Race - "Lil' Crab"

### Ages 11 to 20:

Sean Taylor      Canoe and Kayak Race

Dominic Leone &  
Brianna Anderson      Raft Race - "Lil' Crab"

### Adult Winners:

Bill & Keith      Canoe and Kayak Race

Junior (JR) Anderson      Raft Race - "Ghost Rider"

### Most Spirited Canoe/Kayak:

Little Shelby

### Most Spirited Raft:

"Ghost Rider"      Junior (JR) Anderson







## **Important Contacts in Anne Arundel County:**

### **Office of the County Executive's Community & Constituent Services**

410-222-2222. John R. Leopold, County Executive, Erik Robey, Director CCS  
Works with residents and communities on a variety of concerns. Email: CCServices@aacounty.org

### **Department of Public Works 410-222-7582**

Customer Service,  
pwcust00@aacounty.org

### **Planning and Zoning**

P&Z General Questions 410-222-7450  
Development and Review Questions 410-222-7455.

### **Anne County Department of Health 410-222-7095**

To contact by e-mail, go to [www.aahealth.org](http://www.aahealth.org) and click Contact Us Link.

### **Animal Control 410-222-8900**

### **Department of Aging and Disabilities:**

Maryland Access Point 410-222-4257  
[Www.aacounty.org/aging](http://www.aacounty.org/aging)

### **Department of Social Services 410-269-4500**

[Www.dhr.state.mde.us](http://www.dhr.state.mde.us),  
[aacodss@dhr.state.md.us](mailto:aacodss@dhr.state.md.us). Customers can apply for all of our services, to include purchase of day care, and energy assistance

programs at: [www.Marylandsail.org](http://www.Marylandsail.org).

### **Partners In Care 410-544-4800**

Volunteer members transport older adults to vital destinations such as the doctor, grocery, etc.. and also provide small handyman repairs to empower older adults to remain independent in their homes.



Don't forget about the LTPOA website at [www.ltpoa.info](http://www.ltpoa.info). You can find out about current events, see past newsletters, and find LTPOA reference materials like the Associations By-laws.

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## London Towne Conciliator Advertising Rates

Ad copy is due by February 15 (March issue), May 15 (June issue), August 15 (September issue) and November 15 (December issue). If ad copy includes a photograph, we prefer a .jpg or .gif format separate from the text.

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Half Page:	\$130.00 per issue, \$520.00 per year (\$442.00)
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We offer a 15% discount (see prices in parentheses) if one full year is purchased and paid for up-front.

Please contact Marian at [LTPOACconciliator@verizon.net](mailto:LTPOACconciliator@verizon.net) with any questions or for additional information