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KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY BEAUTIFUL

The idea for this issue came from a resident—Nancy Mallory of Section Four. She wrote a “Letter to the Editor” (see page 2) about the problem of litter in London Towne. That starting us thinking about litter in a broader context.

We live in such a beautiful natural environment that perhaps we have a special responsibility to be stewards of it. With all the information coming out on global warming, water quality, saving energy, stopping erosion, saving the Bay — well, there’s a lot to read and a lot to do. There are things that just one individual can do to make a difference and things we can do together as a community.

Hopefully, you will find some valuable information in this issue and some good links to other references.

Thanks Nancy for being a catalyst on this issue!

It can take up to 10 years for a cigarette butt to break down in the environment.

On average, Anne Arundel County spends \$150,000 a year cleaning up roadway litter.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to thank all those who attended the annual meeting of London Towne Property Owners' Association. I appreciate the confidence you expressed by re-electing me to another term as your president. I am looking forward to serving the community in the next year.

We have many issues on the agenda for the coming year. We will continue to maintain and improve our community's many parks, playgrounds, beaches and piers. We hope that for the third year in a row we will receive a major grant to help control erosion and restore our shorelines. We have recently completed a major renovation of the mechanical systems in our clubhouse and will continue to improve the building and grounds.

But we have one major project that can only be completed with your help. We are in the middle of the process of determining whether the majority of the community wants city water. Despite all our efforts, which have included two mailings and members of the Board of Directors going door-to-door, only about fifty percent of home owners have voted one way or the other so far. The expense of another mailing will be unnecessary if those of you who have not voted yet take a few minutes to do so. If you have not voted yet, please contact us and we will have someone deliver another ballot.

Please think about joining your friends and neighbors and attending your Section meetings. Make your voice heard. The times and place of the Section meetings are listed in this issue of the Conciliator.

John Rhoads

Out Of The Mouths Of Babes:

"Love is what makes you smile when you're tired" - Terri, age 4

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

This is a plea for London Towne Property Owners to pay attention to the litter along our immediate roadways and in front of our homes.

-Next time you take a walk in the neighborhood or just around your own home, please look carefully at the trash you see on front lawns, driveways, on the street, or in the gutter. If that trash can be moved by wind or water, some of it will go in the storm drains and then on its way to the river and the bay.

-Some folks deliberately dump detritus by or into storm drains, probably thinking they are doing the right thing, or not thinking at all. So that refuse is on its way to the bay.

-Cigarette butts are everywhere and the bad news is that they are not biodegradable. The filters which trap toxins have been known to last up to 10 years. Think about how an accumulation of those added to the other pollutants in the river could be affecting fish health.

And that's the community spirited logic behind my concerns.

The selfish reason I'm writing is that I really like my home and community here and I hate having trash about. If folks don't want the cigarette butts, bottles and cans and paper rubbish under their feet and in their cars, why do they think we want it blowing or rolling on our streets and into the river? Again, I suppose they don't think about it all—so I guess we are left with two options:

- 1) Leave it there to look ugly and possibly go to the river and bay; or
- 2) Become more aware of it and clean it up each time we see it.

I'm counting on most of us selecting option #2 and I thank you!

Nancy Mallory

HOUSEHOLD REFUSE

Improperly stored household trash and garbage can provide food and a home for rodents and insects and create unsightly conditions. It is important that residents take certain steps to prevent a nuisance from becoming a neighborhood problem. Good sanitation is necessary for a health community.

Do's and Don'ts of proper trash storage:

- 1) Do store household refuse in rodent-proof, insect-proof and watertight cans with tight fitting lids.
- 2) Don't use plastic bags for outside storage.
- 3) Do put proper trash cans at curbside by 6:00 a.m. the morning of public collection days.
- 4) Don't store large items such as furniture, mattresses or appliances in the yard.
- 5) Do recycle glass, cardboard, plastic and mixed paper. All items should be cleaned before storage in yellow recycling bins.
- 6) Do call the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works, Waste Management Services, for answers to specific questions on recycling or to schedule bulk item pickup at 410-222-6100.
- 7) Do keep your yard litter free.

The Anne Arundel County Department of Health responds to complaints from the public. Complaints can be made by calling the Department of Health, Housing and Food Protection services at 410-222-7363.

Excerpted from AA County Department of Health webpage.

You may notice that trash flies out of garbage trucks from time to time. Please be a good neighbor and pick it up, even though it wasn't your garbage to begin with.



Check out
www.zerowasteamerica.org

Don't dump anything down storm drains, Water that flows through storm drains is not cleaned by a water treatment plant. Storm drains carry water directly to a local stream and eventually into the Bay.

Dispose of marine wastes properly. Don't throw anything overboard while boating. Bring it home and dispose of it properly. Do not empty waste from your boat's head into the water. Use the pump out facilities located at most marinas.

Source: www.BayDreaming.com



What can one individual do?

- Take along a garbage bag when you walk the dog. Pick up litter as you walk.
- Volunteer at an Adopt A Highway clean-up day.
- Participate in the annual "Clean The Bay Day".
- When you are out for a walk, make it a point to check out the water's edge and look for places when people have dumped bottles, cans, and ashtrays.
- Ask your Section officers to provide garbage cans at all public areas—swimming beaches, docks, and parks. Clean up after yourself and your family.

ANNUAL COMMITTEE REPORTS FROM THE LTPOA ANNUAL MEETING

Gray-Mott Committee:

It has been a very exciting year for the Gray-Mott Scholarship Committee. As part of our plans to raise money, we did several things. We sold bears at the Craft Sale and raffle tickets for bear baskets. We introduced the concept of a community cookbook at the sale. The response that we got was very favorable. We created a cookbook committee and began the process for gathering recipes from the community. We gathered over two hundred recipes from our neighbors, friends and family. The cookbook took a lot of time and effort by our committee. My thanks go to the entire team. The team members are Marian Creveling, Colleen Gleason, Dianna Lloyd, Kimberly Hamill and Logan Parry Hottle. The cookbook, **A Taste of London Towne**, came back from the publisher the second full week of August. We are selling the cookbooks for \$12.00 a book. The first of these events was at Family Fun Festival on Monday, August 20, 2007. We had a cake week at the event as well with many of the recipes from the cookbook. The cookbooks will be available at community events or by contacting any of our team members. The cookbooks make wonderful gifts. Make sure that you buy enough for the holiday! This should be an outstanding fund raising event for the scholarship fund.

We are working on our next fund raising event. We will have London Towne note cards available at the community craft sale this winter. We are using pictures from around the community on the note cards. The cards will be sold individually and in sets.

Last year at the annual meeting it was suggested that we increase the amount of the scholarship awards. We did not do that this year. It is still something that we are considering. We got more applicants this year. Four students applied for the scholarship. The award winners were **Sarah Grady and Heather Bennett**. They

are both outstanding young ladies with very bright futures.

Pam Obee Sargent

Erosion Committee:

The Erosion Committee's major project for our fiscal year 2007, which ended on June 30, was the recently completed Almshouse Creek erosion control and shoreline restoration project in Section 1. The total value of this project was \$68,800 but the actual cost to the community was reduced by a much appreciated matching grant of \$30,000 from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and by having the shoreline grasses planted by community volunteers. The project restored approximately 300 linear feet of severely eroding shoreline on the Peninsula in Almshouse Creek. The project will use stone sills, sand and Spartina grasses to create a marsh and establish a living shoreline. Our contractor, Shoreline Design from Edgewater, completed his work in March 2007. On June 3, 2007, approximately forty community volunteers contributed about 150 total hours of labor to plant the wetland grasses. Much the planting was done by Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts with their parents.

Our project for the current fiscal year will be the restoration of approximately 500 linear feet of severely eroding shoreline on the eastern shoreline of Almshouse Creek in Section 5. Our contractor will construct a total of five segmented stone sills and two stone groins and then install approximately 1,200 cubic yards of sand in the project area, creating 10,000 square feet of new marshland. Anne Arundel County will also assist us by contributing most of the required shoreline grasses. The total value of the project will be \$109,000. However, the actual cost to the community will be reduced by a \$50,000 matching grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Additionally, at least \$3,500 of the in cost of planting the Spartina will be covered by the donated plants and labor. Actual construction of the project will begin late this fall and the project will be completed when the shoreline grasses are

The Maryland Litter Control Law makes it unlawful to dump, deposit, throw or leave litter on any public or private property.

ANNUAL REPORTS CONTINUED

planted by community volunteers next spring.

When the scheduled project in Section 5 is completed, the community will have restored approximately one-half mile of previously eroding and degraded shoreline. The committee is currently working on proposed projects for fiscal year 2009. We need to plan several years in advance in order to be able to meet the deadlines for grant applications.

Steven Hult

Park and Planning Committee:

The Committee oversaw the following projects this year:

Major Items

- Replace Section 5 crabbing/fishing Pier (construction underway);
- Replace Section 5 swimming platform (construction underway);
- Replace Section 4 crabbing/fishing pier and swim platform at Bentley (permitting process underway).

Other Items

- New gravel for public parking areas at Section 1 (complete);
- Misc. repairs and new equipment at Section 2 (underway);
- New hand rail for Section 2 steps (underway);
- New ladder for Section 2 swim platform (underway);
- New Gravel for Section 2 Westminster Park (complete);
- Tree stump removal at Section 2 (complete).

For Fiscal Year 2008, the Committee will conduct our annual review of the community's park and beach areas and set our budget and priorities in September. Some

anticipated projects/priorities include the completion of the Section 4 crabbing and fishing pier and swim platform at Bentley, access improvements at the Section 1 crabbing and fishing pier, and continued improvements to the Section 1 ball field and playground. We will also be investigating ways to improve and monitor water quality at our parks and beaches.

Dave Fish

Budget and Legislative Committee:

The Budget duties this year consisted of working with the Association Treasurer, Section representatives and the Chairs of the committees that receive funds. This committee oversaw the disbursement of approximately \$310,000 of an allotted approximately \$330,000. The remaining \$20,000 is to carry the Association through to the next payment of tax revenues which will be received sometime in December, 2007.

The Erosion Committee, Park and Planning Committee, and Police Committee received nearly one-half of all revenue this year. The money was well spent as is evidenced by the numerous projects completed or undertaken this year. The budget for Police protection now stands at approximately \$55,000 a year.

There was no legislative activity this year. Last year, the committee oversaw the re-writing of the By-laws which were adopted at the 2006 Annual Meeting. This year, the committee is going to look at some of the By-laws where we think changes are needed to improve the efficiency of the Association.

Tony Zavosky

To the Right:
Section 5:
Rebuilding
crabbing and
fishing pier



SECTION NEWS

SECTION FOUR

From Tony Zavosky

Well, folks, looks like another summer has come and gone. Section 4 finished with a bang. We recaptured the crown at the Community Awareness Week volleyball tournament. We faced stiff competition from Sections 1 and 3 but managed to prevail. I am not exactly sure when I lost control of my minions, but somehow I was coerced, cajoled, and corralled into playing. I held up well for a man whose primary exercise consists of running to the bathroom and jumping to conclusions. I do believe it was my superior leadership ability, and not my cat-like reflexes and overall athleticism, that enabled us to win over such daunting competition. The names of the participants are located elsewhere in this issue (if Tom Walsh did his job), so in the interest of saving space, I won't duplicate the list here. I do want to thank them all though; we had a great time. I am looking forward to defending the title next year, and would hope to see an even bigger turnout. Thanks to everyone who participated in the games and all of the CAW activities.

On a more serious note, Section 4 held their elections in June. There was a mere one vote that swept me back into office, and Vice-President, Steven Hult, Secretary Roseanne Powell, and Treasurer Greg Pitser again join me. There was one change to the make-up of our delegation to the Board of Directors. Returning with me are Julie Carroll, Mark LaBuda, Devin Capizzi, Lois Fussell, and Roseanne Powell. Newly elected to sit on the Board is Paul Nelson. He takes the seat formerly held by Jana Davis. Because of her position with a local Foundation, Jana felt she could better serve the community if she were not an officer of the Association. So, with the best interest of all Londontowne in her heart, she relinquished her seat on

the Board. Paul was gracious enough to step up and fill the void. I offer my most sincere thanks to Jana for her hard work for us, both through the Board and with the Foundation. I also thank Paul for biting the bullet and agreeing to join us on the Board. By now he has been to his first meeting. I sure hope to see him at the second! Congratulations and thanks to Sarah Trees and Steven Hult. Sarah retained her seat as Treasurer of the Association and Steven returns as Secretary and chair of the Erosion Committee. Steven has secured an unbelievable amount of grant money for us in his role at Erosion, and we all owe him a huge debt of gratitude.

Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank Larry Bozella and Lynn Friedrich for their efforts as Dock Master and Bentley pier captain, respectively. They had a somewhat tumultuous year, but since I reward them so handsomely, I'm sure they'll return next year. If I have left out any important information, come to the Section 4 meeting the last Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Hall (excluding November and December) and get caught up!

TALKING TRASH

By Trez Moreland

LTPOA and the Pointe at South River Colony are partners in an "Adopt A Highway" program on Mayo Road between Londontown Road and Central Avenue, where we clean up litter along the roadside. This is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and get yourself, and your kids, involved in a visible community service project. Meet at the London Towne Community Hall for the next clean up on **Saturday, September 22 at 9:00 a.m.** Wear sturdy shoes and bring gloves. Rain date is the following Saturday, September 29 at the same time and place. For more information, you can contact me at ltpoainfo@gmail.com.





THE COOK-BOOKS ARE HERE!

By Pam Obee Sargent

The community cookbook, "A Taste of London Towne", has arrived from the publisher. We had the cookbook in time for our Community Awareness Week events. We have already sold half of the books that were ordered.

Many of you submitted recipes for the cookbook and requested a copy (or several) of the book. In order to facilitate the distribution of the cookbooks, some of the cookbook committee members will be at the Community Hall on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during the months of September and October. The cost of the cookbook is \$12.00. We accept checks made out to LTPOA or cash. All proceeds from the sale of the cookbook go to the Gray-Mott Scholarship Fund. The cookbooks make lovely shower, wedding or holiday gifts. Buy several and support our scholarship fund.

We will have a table at the Holiday Craft Show (first Saturday in December—mark your calendars now). We'll be selling any outstanding cookbooks as well as our London Towne note cards. The cards feature photographs of our beautiful community. The cards will be sold individually as well as in sets of ten. Look for them at the Holiday Craft Show.

If you have any fundraising ideas for the scholarship, please feel free to contact me at pam.obee@comcast.net or at 410-956-7679.

Out Of The Mouths Of Babes:

"If you want to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate" - Nikka, age 6

"When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you" - Karen, Age 6

COMMUNITY AWARENESS WEEK NEWS

By Tom Walsh

The annual horseshoe tournament was held on Saturday, August 26, at the Community Hall after the crab fest. There were six teams in this year's tournament held each year under the direction of the tournament director (that would be me) with invaluable advice from Jimmy Wells.

This double elimination tournament is the final event of Awareness Week and is always a hotly contested event. The competition saw many close matches with the teams of Carron Porter and Lee Arnold playing Jimmy Wells and Ed Meadows, playing a best of three elimination round for the championship. In the finals, team Jimmy Wells and Ed Meadows defeated Carron and Lee by scores of 21-17 and a match deciding overtime victory of 22-20. Needless to say, a great time was had by all and we look forward to giving the returning champions a run for their money at next year's tournament.

The annual volleyball tournament was held on Thursday, August 23, at the Community Hall. Sections 3 and 4 had full teams and the other Sections played with a combination team structure.

In the opening round, Section 3, captained by Don Creveling, defeated Section 4, anchored by Captain Tony Zavosky 21-12 with a strong team effort. In the next round, Section 4 defeated the combined Sections team, captained by Pat Walsh, 21-17 in the closest match of the night. In the finals, Section 4 took home the championship trophy by defeating Section 3, 21-13. As always, the volleyball tournament is one of most looked-forward-to events of the week with great competition but better sportsmanship and friendship. Congratulations to all participants and hope to see everyone next year.

"Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day" - Mary Ann, age 4

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A 15% discount applies if an entire year is purchased and paid for upfront.

Contact Janet at 410-956-6232.

Section 4's annual Beach Picnic will be held at the Bentley Pier Beach on Saturday, September 29 starting at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. Please bring a desk to share. Come and meet your neighbors!



Teen dance DJ



Pet Show



Crab Feast



Flea Market

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MORE OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES:

“When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn’t bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hand got arthritis, too. That’s love.” - Rebecca, age 8

“You really shouldn’t say ‘I love you’ unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget.” - Jessica, age 8.

“Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.” - Danny, age 7



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AND THE FINAL ONE:

Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.

The winner was a 4 year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said 'Nothing, I just helped him cry'.

May we all maintain that child's sensitivity and compassion in our daily lives.

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410-956-4808

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Section Meeting Times:

Section 1—2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Section 2—3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Section 3—2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Section 4—Last Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.
Section 5—3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

All meetings are at the Community Hall unless otherwise announced.