



# The London Towne Crier

The London Towne Community Newsletter

July 2006

## OPEN BOARD SEAT



The Board is currently one member short after the elections on May 17, as we had two seats

become vacant and only one Association Member interested and able to run. The Board is prepared to appoint a new member; however, we need candidates interested in the appointment. Because the position is an appointment the term would be for one year. The position would be up for election at the next Annual Meeting, at which time the appointed candidate could run for the Seat or step down. Anyone elected for this Seat at the next Annual Meeting would fulfill the remaining 2 years of the original 3-year term. If no one were interested in running for the Seat at the next Annual Meeting, the Seat would remain open until a new candidate was appointed for another one-year term.

To be considered for this appointed Seat you must be an Association member, or the spouse of an Association member, you must be in good standing with the Association (meaning no outstanding violations and/or fees/dues) and must be willing to commit to meeting the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, and occasionally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month. If you're interested at all, we'd love to hear from you. Please send your name, contact information and a brief statement about why you would like to be appointed for this one-year term to the Board c/o Sequoia Management or by email to [lthoa@lthoa.com](mailto:lthoa@lthoa.com). This might be the perfect appointment for the person who has wanted to get involved, but wasn't sure about committing to the full three year term. All are welcome, including Association members in Carnaby Courts.



## Picture Show in the Park!

There is something very pleasant about viewing a movie outdoors on a warm summer evening. Now thanks to technology, those days are back. We are planning to have an outdoor movie night in Picadilly Park on Saturday, July 22 at 8:30 pm. We are inviting all our neighbors to "Picture Show in the Park" where we will be showing "Finding Nemo." Please bring a blanket, snacks and non-alcoholic drinks for this free movie night. Rain date will be July 29th.

## National Night Out



**AUGUST 1, 2006**

The 23rd Annual National Night Out, a crime and drug prevention event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 1st. This will be the second year London Towne has taken part in this eventful evening. The Neighborhood Watch is planning to host this year's National Night Out in Picadilly Park, which will include a visit from McGruff and, weather permitting, another movie night. In light of recent events, it is even more important for us to unite and show our Community support. A flyer will be coming out shortly with all of the National Night Out information, but we could still use help in the planning process. If you are interested in helping, please contact Robin Peralta at [rep@ehsmail.org](mailto:rep@ehsmail.org) or 703-409-8821.



## THE LONDON TOWNE CRIER

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### LONDON TOWNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robin Peralta, President  
William Sheldon, Vice President  
Sally Saucedo, Treasurer  
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Up for Appointment, Director at Large  
*London Towne's Board of Directors meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. Meetings are held at London Towne Elementary School during the school year and at Sequoia Management during the off-season or inclement weather.*

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

*Architectural Committee*  
Please contact Sequoia Management  
*Landscape Committee*  
Michele McCormack, Chair  
*Block Captains*  
Patricia Jackson, Chair

### PDS (RECYCLING & SANITATION)

Call 703-560-8866 to schedule large item pick-up

Pick-Up Days: Tuesday & Friday  
Recycling Day: Friday ONLY

BATTLEFIELD TOWING: 703-378-0059

NON-EMERGENCY POLICE & FIRE: 703-691-2131

ANIMAL WARDEN: 703-830-3310

### MALFUNCTIONING STREETLIGHTS

NOVEC: 703-335-0500

### STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

VDOT: 703-383-8368

## Advertisers Wanted

Any local firm or professional individual seeking a well-read outlet at reasonable prices, please contact Samantha Winterstine at Sequoia Management:

**703-803-9641**

[swinterstine@sequoiamanagement.com](mailto:swinterstine@sequoiamanagement.com)

The London Towne Crier is published monthly for the benefit and interest of the residents of London Towne. Contributions of articles, letters, news items, photographs, drawings, and community advertisements are welcome.

The deadline for submission is the 10th of each month.

Written material MUST include name, address, and phone number.

The views expressed in the *Crier* are those of the contributor and do not necessarily reflect the views of the Board of Directors or the Editor.

The *Crier* encourages advertising for London Towne residents who have services to offer, items for sale, items needed, or lost pet notices. There is no charge for this service.

Advertisements will run for one month. Each advertisement must be submitted monthly if a reprint is requested.



*This is an official publication of the London Towne Homeowners Association. Publication in this newsletter of announcements, resolutions, rules and regulations duly adopted by the Board of Directors serves as official notice to the membership and residents of the adoption and implementation of these enactments for the purpose of enforcement.*

*The London Towne Homeowners Association does not endorse, guarantee, or warrant the nature, quality, or attributes of any products or services advertised in this newsletter.*

## Calendar of Events

### JULY

**20** Thursday: HOA Meeting, 7:00 pm,  
Offices of Sequoia Management



# Happy 4th of July!

## Crier Advertising Rates

Business Card	\$25.00
1/4 Page	\$45.00
1/2 Page	\$75.00
Full Page	\$125.00

10% discount for 6-month prepaid ad. 15% discount for 1-year prepaid ad.

Personal classified ads for residents are free.

Business classified ads for residents are \$10.00 with a 3-line maximum.



## Need Info Quick?

Visit our website at [www.lthoa.com](http://www.lthoa.com)  
or email the Board at [lthoa@lthoa.com](mailto:lthoa@lthoa.com)

Did you know that each month's *London Towne Crier* appears on the website about a week before the printed version arrives in your mailbox?



**Check it out!**

## Fairfax County Animal Shelter 2006 Rabies Clinic



The Fairfax County Animal Shelter is offering reduced cost rabies shots for pets during a series of clinics this year—the next one is scheduled for July 9. If you need to get rabies shots for your pet(s) or if you know someone who does, please pass along this information. Reduced cost rabies clinics for dogs and cats only will be held on the following Sundays:

- ✂ JULY 9
- ✂ SEPTEMBER 10
- ✂ NOVEMBER 19

**TIME:** 12:00 to 2:00 pm  
**PLACE:** Fairfax County Animal Shelter  
4500 West Ox Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030  
**COST:** \$10.00

- ✂ For everyone's safety, dogs should be on leashes and cats should be in carriers. No vaccines for ferrets.
- ✂ No rabies tags will be issued!
- ✂ 2006 Dog licenses will be sold separately (\$5 for altered animals, \$10 for unaltered animals).
- ✂ Animal Control Officers will be on hand to enforce leash and license laws.
- ✂ Fairfax County is committed to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability in all county programs, services and activities.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. For information, call 703-830-1100, TTY 711.

## 2nd Annual London Towne Festival!

Last years Festival was a blast so plans are underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual London Towne Festival



to be August 19th in Picadilly Park. People with great ideas are desperately needed for the planning stages of this event. If you are interested in helping coordinate this fun and exciting event, please contact either

Michele McCormack at 703-815-2776 or Robin Peralta at 703-409-8821. Our first meeting will be scheduled very soon.

## Annual London Towne Clean-Up Day!

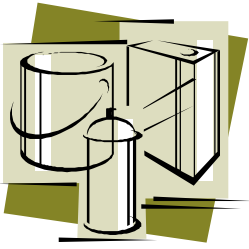


The weekend of May 20th, the Board rented two large dumpsters for the annual neighborhood cleanup. Although we didn't have much neighborhood help this year, we did manage to fill both dumpsters almost to capacity, in just a few short hours. All of the trash that was picked up was found behind Paddington Lane, Gothwaite Drive, Hancock Court, Cardigan Square and Wycombe Drive.

We're hoping that for the next cleanup we can get more neighborhood participation so we can get behind all courts. A big thank you goes out to Logan Sheldon and all of his friends from Westfield High School. We could not have picked up nearly as much trash as we did without them.



# Special Waste Disposal



Have you ever wanted to know how to get rid of special wastes or items that the trash company won't accept? Or how to "recycle" items that don't go in your curbside bin? Hazardous waste like pesticides, paint thinners, swimming pool chemicals, fluorescent bulbs; odd items like computers and electronics, cell phones, cell phone batteries, clothing, linens, and other textiles, appliances and scrap metal, bicycles, and more, all have disposal options identified by the local counties or cities.

For drop-off centers, special collection events, information, and tips, here are links to the local jurisdictions:

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/new-mat.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/recycling/new-mat.htm)

[www.loudoun.gov/oswm/home.htm](http://www.loudoun.gov/oswm/home.htm)

[www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSolidWasteMain.aspx](http://www.arlingtonva.us/Departments/EnvironmentalServices/swd/EnvironmentalServicesSolidWasteMain.aspx)

<http://ci.alexandria.va.us/tes/sw>

[www.co.prince-william.va.us/default.aspx?topic=040038000120003574](http://www.co.prince-william.va.us/default.aspx?topic=040038000120003574)

One timely seasonal tip offered by the counties—yard waste can be composted or “grasscycled” at home, to save bagging and dragging to the curb; websites have more information.



## Customer Service Rep./ Admin. Asst. Wanted

Seeking a person who has good communication skills and is comfortable with the computer to work in our Centreville office. Full time or Part time. Perfect for a stay-at-home mom looking for some extra income. Call 703-266-0117 and leave a message with your contact information.

## Carpenter/Handyman Wanted

Now hiring skilled tradesman with 12+ years experience and own tools. We provide transportation and competitive pay. Call Mr. Handyman at 703-266-0117.

NEW

Jim Faulk/Samson Realty Ad

Emailed to you

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## HURRICANE & FLOOD PREPAREDNESS

Knowing what to do before, during and after severe storms can mean the difference between life and death. The Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management, in cooperation with the National Weather Service and state emergency management officials, offers the following safety tips to protect lives and reduce property damage:

### BEFORE THE STORM:

- ✍ Register for alerts from the CEAN – Community Emergency Alert Network – offered by the county through the Office of Emergency Management ([www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cean)). CEAN delivers important emergency alerts, notifications and updates to county residents during a major crisis or emergency.
- ✍ Know your risk. If you live in a flood-prone area, identify where to go if you are told to evacuate and the safest route to get there. Choose several places – a friend’s home in another town, a motel or a shelter. Remember, public shelters and many motels don’t allow pets in their facilities.
- ✍ Get ready for a possible power outage by gathering a minimum one-week supply of foods that don’t require refrigeration or cooking, such as canned goods, as well as bottled water, flashlights with extra batteries, a first-aid kit and battery-powered radio. If you need to evacuate, make sure you can consolidate these items into a portable “go” kit, such as a backpack or duffel bag.
- ✍ Purchase a NOAA Weather Radio for National Weather Service reports and severe weather warnings.
- ✍ Cut dead trees and limbs that could fall on your home.
- ✍ If your home or business is in a flood-prone area, make sure you have a current flood insurance policy (not typically part of a standard insurance policy). A 30-day waiting period is generally required to purchase flood insurance, so take time now to check with your insurance agent to learn more.
- ✍ Take pictures of your property before the storm to help validate your claim and remember to take your policies with you if you need to evacuate.

### WHEN A HURRICANE IS APPROACHING:

- ✍ Listen to your local radio and TV stations for updated storm information. A hurricane or flood watch means possible danger. If the danger increases, a hurricane or flood warning will be issued.
- ✍ Consider filling plastic containers with water, leaving about an inch of space inside each one. Place them in the refrigerator and freezer. This chilled or frozen water will help keep food cold for several hours if the power goes out.
- ✍ Fill your bathtub with water to use for toilet flushing in case water services are unavailable after the storm.
- ✍ Bring in garbage cans, lawn furniture and other items that could blow away.
- ✍ Fill your car’s gas tank. Functional gas stations will be in short supply in a power outage.

### IF HEAVY RAINS OCCUR:

- ✍ Be aware that floods are deceptive. Avoid already flooded areas. Floodwaters that are above your knees are dangerous. Turn around and go back to higher ground.
- ✍ If you find floodwaters on the road while driving, turn around and find an alternate route.

### AFTER THE STORM:

- ✍ Listen to your local radio stations for official disaster relief information and instructions.
- ✍ Prepare to be without power, telephone or any outside services for a week or more.
- ✍ Watch out for downed power lines, weakened structures, rodents and snakes, and avoid standing water.
- ✍ Avoid drinking tap water unless officials say it is safe. Eat only foods you are absolutely sure are safe.
- ✍ Operate generators outdoors only in a well-ventilated, dry area, away from air intakes to the home. Never use a generator indoors or in attached garages. Poor ventilation can result in carbon monoxide poisoning or death.
- ✍ Avoid using candles as a light source. Deadly fires can result.

For more information on hurricane and flood preparedness, contact the Fairfax County Office of Emergency Management at 703-324-2362, TTY 711 or visit the emergency information page on the county’s Web site at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/emergency).



### London Towne Homeowners Association, Inc. Architectural Improvement Request Form

To: London Towne HOA Architectural Review Committee  
c/o Sequoia Management Company, Inc.  
13998 Parkeast Circle  
Chantilly, VA 20151-2283  
(703) 803-9641

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Improvement:  Fence  Deck  Lighting  Windows  Color Change

Other (please describe):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICANT MUST SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING WITH THE APPLICATION**

1. Site plan showing size, shape and location of improvement to residence and to adjoining properties (including specific dimension of improvement and distances to adjoining properties).
2. Manufacturer's brochure, if available.
3. Color samples, if applicable.
4. Architectural plans/drawings (for major additions/improvements).
5. Grading plan (if applicable).
6. Detailed written description of improvement.

**Applicant hereby warrants that Applicant shall assume full responsibility for:**

1. All landscaping, grading, and/or drainage issues relating to the improvements.
2. Obtaining all required State or County approvals relating to said improvements.
3. Complying with all applicable State and County ordinances.
4. Any damage to adjoining property (including Common Area) or injury to third persons associated with the improvement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Architectural Review Committee**

Date Application Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Approved As Submitted

Request Approved Subject To: \_\_\_\_\_

Request Disapproved Because: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## DIRECT DEBIT

Sequoia Management Company has begun Direct Debit for monthly homeowner's assessments. If you are interested in automatic debit, please fill out the information below and fax your request to Jessica Azzarano at 703-968-0936.

### London Towne Homeowners Association Authorization Agreement for Direct Payments (ACH Debits)

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

*\*\*Instead of completing this form, you may include a voided check and sign and date the form\*\**

I (We) hereby authorize London Towne Homeowners Association, hereinafter called "ASSOCIATION", to initiate debit entries to my (our) { } Checking or { } Savings account (select one) indicated below at the depository financial institution named below, hereinafter called "DEPOSITORY", and to debit the same to such account.

DEPOSITORY NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ BRANCH: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

ROUTING NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

(located on the bottom of your check)

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until ASSOCIATION has received written notification from me (us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford ASSOCIATION and DEPOSITORY a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_ LONDON TOWNE ACCOUNT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_