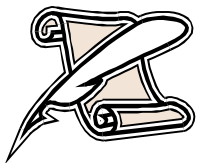




# The London Towne Crier

The London Towne Community Newsletter

July 2007



## Letters from the Community

### Getting the Most INTO Your Home

By Adam Roades, Gatwick Square

As a fellow London Towne resident, I share at least one thing in common with you: I live in a home built around 1970 with "old fashioned" pride and quality. While I love our home, I find the approximately 1,800 square feet of our house seems smaller as my family grows. I would love to hear what solutions you have found to maximize your living space!

We have tried:

- **Simplifying.** We try to minimize the "stuff" we collect.
- **Playing outdoors.** We make the most of our patio during nice weather and keep tools in a shed out back.
- **Rebuilding closets.** Shelving systems help us fit more in every closet, storage space, and nooks and crannies.
- **Using bunk beds.** By using more vertical space, the kids can share a room.
- **Getting into the attic.** Hauling the ladder upstairs can be irksome, but we use our attic to store old baby gear and seasonal or seldom-used items.

We're even considering remodeling the kitchen to get additional cabinet and counter space!

Where do you put that bulky lawnmower? For those with small children—and the large plastic paraphernalia that comes with them—where do you find is the best place to set up their play area? Visit <http://londontowners.blogspot.com> and post a comment to this article with any ideas you have.

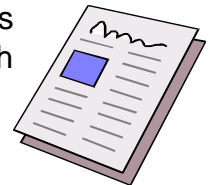


# Happy 4th of July!

## Crier Copy!

*Do you have an article, announcement, letter to the editor, resident comment, etc., that you would like to have published in the Crier?*

If so, please email them to [lthoa@lthoa.com](mailto:lthoa@lthoa.com). The submission deadline for all articles is noon on the 5th of each month.



## Items for Sale

Exercise equipment for sale:

- \* Pilates 4500 machine w/ 2 VCR tapes, \$75
- \* Proform Adjust Stride Elliptical w/ arm handles, \$150
- \* AB Lounge Elite Exerciser, brand new, w/ 2 CDs, \$60

Please call Chris at 703-322-9456

## Summer

## Festival

## Cancelled



Due to the lack of interest, response and volunteers from the Community, the Summer Festival has been cancelled. We apologize for the inconvenience.

## THE LONDON TOWNE CRIER

### SEQUOIA MANAGEMENT COMPANY, INC.

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 Chantilly, VA 20151  
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### LONDON TOWNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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*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  
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### 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

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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 5th 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.*

## 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!**

## 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.



# ANNUAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As the Board plans things, we will try and add them to the Annual Calendar of Events and publish them each month in the Crier so the Community can better plan for any upcoming events. Please note, due to unforeseen circumstances (weather, illness, etc.), some events planned in advance are subject change, so please watch the Calendar each month for any changes.

JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Architectural Inspections	National Night Out 8/7/07	School Begins 9/4/07	Fall Yard Sale 10/6/07 Raindate: 10/7/07	Board Meeting Offices of Sequoia Management 11/29/07	Holiday Decoration Contest 12/12/07
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Summer Yard Sale 7/28/07 Raindate: 7/29/07			Halloween Costume Contest 10/27/07		

## Fairfax County Animal Shelter 2007 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 15. If you need to get rabies shots

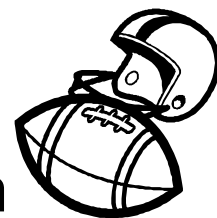
for your pet(s) or if you know someone who does, please pass along this information. Reduced cost rabies clinics for dogs, cats and ferrets will be held on the following Sundays:

- ✍ JULY 15
- ✍ SEPTEMBER 16
- ✍ NOVEMBER 18

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

- ✍ Vaccines are for dogs, cats and ferrets only. Dogs MUST be on leashes. Cats and ferrets MUST be in carriers.
- ✍ No rabies tags will be issued on these dates.
- ✍ 2007 dog licenses will be sold for an additional cost (\$5 for altered animals, \$10 for unaltered animals).

## SYA Youth Football Registration



Online player Registration begins May 15<sup>th</sup> at [www.syafotball.org](http://www.syafotball.org).

A Safe and Rewarding Sports environment for kids to learn the Sound Fundamentals of Football, Teamwork, Discipline and Good Sportsmanship.

- \* Play on the State-of-the-Art Sport Turf Field at EC Lawrence Park
- \* Ages 7-16, All Levels from beginner to advanced
- \* Wildcat Preseason Skills Camp, July 30–August 3
- \* SYA Cheerleading Registration online at: [www.syasports.org](http://www.syasports.org)
- \* Walk-in onsite registration at Wildcat Preseason Skills Camp

## STREETS & PARKING ISSUES . . .

### One Way Streets

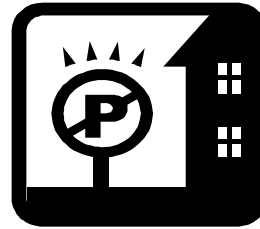


Every court in London Towne is clearly marked by a ONE-WAY street sign. Unfortunately, not everyone who drives our streets pays attention to these ONE-WAY signs. Too often people are seen entering the wrong way on these ONE-WAY streets, sometimes as a matter of convenience because their home may

be located closer to the end of the DO NOT ENTER signs and they don't want to take the few extra seconds to go the right way to get home safely, or sometimes it's a matter of people just not paying attention and not seeing the signs.

With summer upon us, children are going to be out playing and someone coming in the wrong way on one of these courts is taking a chance every time of hitting a child who may be playing and not paying attention because they don't expect vehicles to travel in the wrong direction. Drivers are also taking a chance of running into someone who is coming in or trying to get out of their court by going the correct way. If an accident were to happen because of entering the wrong way the driver who entered the wrong way would be completely at fault, regardless of the circumstances surrounding the accident.

If you are one of these people who enter your court the wrong way, please refrain from doing so. It sets a bad example for our young drivers and can potentially put your own safety at risk. If you have friends who visit London Towne and are unaware, or don't see the DO NOT ENTER signs, please make them aware that they are going the wrong way. If you see someone you don't recognize from the neighborhood going the wrong way, please be careful if you decide to say something to them. Driver's can be confrontational and your safety is more important. The safest thing to do, if you witness a wrong way driver, is to try and get a plate number. That number can then be reported to the Board and the non-emergency police number. The Board is currently looking into options to prevent wrong way traffic on ONE-WAY streets. Although prevention may be a nuisance to some, the safety of all residents is the Board's main concern.



### Parking Reminder

In the last few months, many new families have moved in to London Towne. With summer coming, the

Board has been asked to remind everyone about the London Towne Parking Policy.

Each unit has been assigned one numbered parking space and one parking pass. New homeowners should have received their parking pass at settlement (along with a copy of the Governing Documents and Parking Policy), whereas new renters would have received their pass from their landlord and/or their landlords' acting agent. The Association cannot take responsibility for any vehicles towed because passes were not provided by the appropriate entities. Please remember that in order for you, or your guests/visitors, to park in unnumbered common area spaces, a parking pass must be prominently displayed. Any vehicle parked in an unnumbered common area space without the appropriate parking pass is subject to being towed, without notice. If you do not have a parking pass, or your pass is worn beyond use, please contact Sequoia Management. There is a \$50.00 fee to replace missing passes; worn/broken passes may be exchanged, at no cost, provided the original is turned in at the time of reissue. Additionally, stolen passes will be replaced, at no cost, provided a police report is provided at the time of reissue.

Parking passes are not required when parking in private driveways, however please note that it is illegal to park more than one vehicle unless the driveway is built for more than one vehicle. Vehicle's parked in driveways in tandem (meaning one behind the other) in driveways not built for more than one vehicle, in any part of the private or common yard, blocking sidewalks or encroaching on common property are subject to being towed, without notice. Vehicles parked on State roads (Paddington, Gothwaite, Billingsgate, Wycombe or Regents Park) are under the jurisdiction of Fairfax

## STREETS & PARKING ISSUES . . .

County and, therefore, do not require a parking pass but are subject to ALL State and County laws.

Although signs are posted throughout London Towne, it is the resident's responsibility to inform any guests about London Towne's parking policy. Please do not allow your guest's to park in anyone else's reserved space without permission. Please do not allow your guest's to parallel park in front of your driveway or behind your numbered pull-in space, even for a short period of time. To keep your visitor's from being towed, please inform your visitor's of the rules and be sure to provide them with your parking pass, if they are parking in an unnumbered visitor space.

Unnumbered spaces are extremely limited on each court and are to be shared by everyone equally. Storing vehicles, even with parking passes, is not permitted. Storage constitutes a vehicle parked in the same unnumbered space for 5 days or more. Utilizing an unnumbered space for your continual personal use is not permitted. If you are a large vehicular household with more than 2 vehicles, please park your extra vehicles on the State roads, leaving unnumbered spaces available for guests and visitors. Under no circumstances are residents permitted to use an unnumbered space as "their space", while their reserved space is left empty, regardless of the reasons. Please remember that unnumbered spaces are specifically meant for London Towne guests and visitors. Leaving your space open and parking in, what

may very well be, the only available unnumbered space in your court is not only unfair to all of your neighbors but is a violation of the Parking Policy and may result in your vehicle being towed and/or loss of parking privileges.

If you are uncomfortable with the position of your reserved space, and prefer the space that is unnumbered, please contact the Board and/or Management Company and request a change. Please provide as much information as possible, including where your space is located, where you would like it moved to and the reason(s) for the move; all requests will be considered. Renters will need to submit change information via their landlords or landlord agents. Relocated spaces will revert back to their original location upon vacancy or sale of property.

All traffic signs, including ONE-WAY signs must be obeyed. Any vehicle parked on a curb against the posted traffic flow, whether in a reserved or unreserved space, with or without a parking pass, may be towed without warning. Further, vehicles are only permitted to be parked in designated parking spaces, with one vehicle per designated space. Any vehicle parked on common property, not in a designated parking space, with or without a parking pass, may be towed without warning. Neither the Board nor the Management Company reimburses for any vehicle towed from London Towne. If you feel your vehicle was towed in error, an appeal may be sent to the

## Recycling Yard Debris

- \* DO NOT use dark plastic bags for setting out yard debris. Instead, use transparent plastic bags, re-usable plastic or metal containers, or Kraft paper yard debris bags. This will help your hauler see the difference between your trash and your yard debris. If you have questions concerning this requirement, please contact your hauler or see Chapter 109 of the Fairfax County Ordinance.



- \* Transparent recycling bags and Kraft bags are available at most super markets, hardware stores and garden centers.
- \* When setting out yard debris, please do not include stumps or debris (e.g., rocks, bricks, garden pots). Individual pieces of brush cannot exceed 6 ft. in length.

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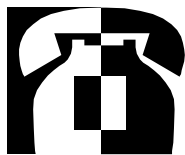
Board. An investigation into the error will be conducted; however, reimbursement is the responsibility of the towing company. Please provide as much information as you can, pertaining to the tow, including the ticket number and copy of the tow slip, if possible.

Please remember that parking is permitted on paved surfaces only (driveways or designated paved common parking areas). Any vehicle parked on unpaved surfaces (including private property) is a violation of the Architectural Guidelines, as well as the Parking Policy. Parking in this manner may result in fines/towing and/or loss of parking privileges. Fairfax County prohibits vehicles from blocking driveways or sidewalks, parking against the traffic flow on a ONE-WAY street, and parking next to yellow/red curbs. Vehicles parked in this manner are subject to towing, without notice. Commercial and recreational vehicles can only be parked on State roads. For a definition of com-

mercial and recreational vehicles please see your copy of the Parking Policy. If you do not have a current copy, please contact Sequoia Management or download a copy from the London Towne website at [www.lthoa.com](http://www.lthoa.com). As a courtesy, large recreational vehicles (campers and boats) should be parked on the service road, as opposed to London Towne's main State roads (Paddington, Billingsgate, Gothwaite, Regents Park and Wycombe). These vehicles are very difficult to maneuver around and can take up more than one space.

Finally, please remember that only the owner of a reserved space may call the tow company if an unknown vehicle is parked in their reserved space. Homeowner/residents may also call to have illegally parked vehicles (as defined above) towed. All other complaints should be made directly to Sequoia Management at 703-803-9641 or the Board at [lthoa@lthoa.com](mailto:lthoa@lthoa.com).

Alcova Mortgage Ad  
Pick up from June issue



## VOICEMAIL MESSAGING SYSTEM

At the December 2006 Board meeting, the Board of Directors voted to approve a voicemail messaging system for the community in order to notify homeowners and residents of last minute changes and/or updates to Board meeting schedules, special meeting schedules, community events, etc. in a more timely and effective manner.

This system is completely voluntary and any households that would like to **opt-in** to this service should check the appropriate option on the form below and return it to Sequoia Management. You may cancel this service at any time without further obligation by contacting Sequoia either by phone or by mail. If you do not wish to opt-in at this time, you may do so at a later time by sending a request to Sequoia in writing with your name, address, and the phone number at which you want to be called. This service will go into effect and will cease, if applicable, upon immediate receipt of the request.

We hope that this system will prove effective in the future and will help to ensure that another method of communication is used when the need to notify homeowners and residents of important information arises. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Samantha Winterstine at 703-803-9641.

### LONDON TOWNE HOA VOICEMAIL MESSAGING SYSTEM

- I would like to **opt-in** to the Voicemail Messaging Service and I understand that I may cancel this service at any time by contacting the management company by mail or phone. I have left the appropriate information on the bottom of this form.
- I am not interested in this service at this time and understand that I may opt-in at any time in the future by notifying the management company.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone number to be called: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please mail form back to:*  
London Towne HOA  
c/o Sequoia Management Company Inc.  
13998 Parkeast Circle, Chantilly, Virginia 20151

*Or fax it to (703) 968-0936*

### Dog Owners:

Please remember to pick up after your pets when taking them for walks. Leaving pet droppings is not only unsanitary, but also against Fairfax County regulations.



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### 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 Samantha Winterstine 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: \_\_\_\_\_