



THE LONDON TOWNE CRIER

The London Towne Community Newsletter

September 2002



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

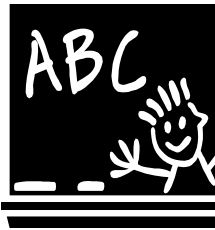
Here we are again, at the start of a brand new school year. No doubt those of us with school-aged children are pretty much all doing the same thing right about now; returning from a much needed vacation perhaps, running from store to store trying to find the never ending list of school supplies, or maybe visiting mall after mall for clothes and shoes. Whatever you happen to be in the middle of, we wanted to take this opportunity to say good luck to all of your children in the year ahead and, to all you busy parents out there—the house is yours again—FINALLY.

We've put this issue together primarily for all of our families with children either starting school in our area for the first time or for those whose children are transitioning from one school to another. We hope you find this information helpful.

London Towne Elementary (Grades K-6)

London Towne Elementary is located at 6100 Stone Road. The office phone number is: 703-227-5400. The Attendance phone number is: 703-227-5454. School hours are from 8:15 a.m. to 2:55 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please visit the London Towne Elementary Website at www.fcps.edu/LondonTowneES.

London Towne Elementary has a new Principal this year; Mr. Andrew Camarda. Mr. Camarda holds a Bachelor's in History from UVA, a Master's in Education from Marymount University and a degree as an Educational Specialist in Administration from Virginia Tech. Mr. Camarda comes to London Towne after having been a substitute at Hunters Woods Elementary, an Instructional Assistant working with high risk students at Hunters Woods, a Language-Arts Curriculum



Teacher for Fairfax County's Instructional Services Department, Assistant Principal at Mosby Woods Elementary, and more recently Assistant Principal at Dogwood Elementary. Mr. Camarda is very excited about being London Towne's new Principal and wants to make London Towne a model school that others will imitate. Having met Mr. Camarda it is clear that he is excited about the new school year, and that he wants to make London Towne Elementary the best it's been in a long time. He holds a true interest in the children and their education and he is interested in forming relationships with the children, their parents and the teachers at London Towne.

Some of the unique programs at London Towne Elementary include Spanish partial-immersion in which students become bilingual in Spanish and English by being immersed in Spanish during math and science instruction taught by experienced, bilingual teachers; full-day kindergarten; reduced-ratio (15 to 1) program in first grade; Reading Recovery; and Gifted and Talented school-based program.



**PLEASE OBEY ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS
POSTED IN LONDON TOWNE.**

**BE CAUTIOUS OF SCHOOL BUSES
LOADING AND UNLOADING OUR CHILDREN. THEIR
SAFETY IS OUR FIRST PRIORITY. WHEN TRAVELING
THROUGH OUR COMMUNITY, STAY ALERT AND SLOW
DOWN!**



Stone Middle School (Grades 7 & 8)

Stone Middle School is located at 5500 Sully Park Drive. The office phone number is 703-631-5500. To find out more about Stone Middle

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

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Trash & Recycling Pickup	4	5	6 Trash Pickup Only	7
8	9	10 Trash & Recycling Pickup	11	12	13 Trash Pickup Only	14
15 Walking Tour 12:00	16	17 Trash & Recycling Pickup	18	19	20 Trash Pickup Only	21 Community Yard Sale 10-3
22	23	24 Trash & Recycling Pickup	25	26	27 Trash Pickup Only	28
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School you may want to visit their Website at www.fcps.edu/StoneMS.

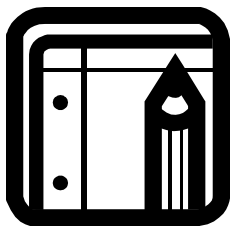
Stone's faculty members are committed to nurturing intellectual, emotional, and social development of early adolescents in the critical years between elementary and high school.

Stone's Principal is Mr. Kenneth A. Gaudreault. Mr. Gaudreault is married and has two children. He has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education, a Master's in School Administration and a Master Equivalency and Certification in School Counseling. He has been an administrator for 14 years and is committed to providing students with the best educational experiences possible.

A message from Mr. Gaudreault: "I want to welcome all of the students and parents new to Stone Middle School. The Stone School Community is a true family committed to their children and education. It has been a pleasure to serve the families of Stone and I look forward to working with our new families this year."

Some of Stone's Unique Programs include instructional technology to support students' learning; Work Awareness Transition (WAT) Program provides practical experience in job-related activities; "Read to Succeed" to enhance and encourage students' cross-curriculum reading skills; Spanish Immersion Program; and Character Education Program.

Westfield High School (Grades 9-12)



Westfield High School is located at 4700 Stonecroft Blvd. The office phone number is 703-488-6300, the fax number is 703-488-6397 and the Activities Hotline is 703-488-6500. Classes begin 7:25 a.m. and end at 2:10 p.m. Westfield HS has an excellent Website, and can be found at www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS.

Westfield High School's Principal is Mr. Dale Rumberger. Mr. Rumberger has been the Principal at Westfield HS since 1999. Prior to this appointment he has served Fairfax County as Principal at Chantilly HS; Assistant Principal at Hayfield Secondary School; Special

DON'T FORGET . . . EACH ONE OF THE SCHOOLS MENTIONED HAS ITS OWN PTA MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE PARTICIPATE AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILD(REN) AND YOUR SCHOOL BY BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE PTA.

Projects Teacher/Director of Student Activities at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; and Teacher at Lake Braddock Secondary. He has been nominated twice for Principal of the Year and was the Semi-finalist for the Agnes Meyer/Washington Post Teacher of the Year. Mr. Rumberger has a BS from Kent State University and a Masters from Virginia Tech.

Some of the courses Westfield HS has to offer are American Sign Language, Japanese, Spanish for Fluent Speakers, Television Production I & II, Marketing, Theater, Music, Advanced Placement/Honors Classes, and Academy Classes.

Upcoming London Towne Events

ANNUAL COMMUNITY WALKING TOUR Sunday, September 15, 12:00 noon



Come join the Homeowner's Association for our Annual Walking Tour of London Towne. Come take a look at your community, make suggestions for improvements, and get to know some of your Board members.

COMMUNITY YARD SALE

Saturday, September 21, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Raindate: September 28

Now's the chance to really get into that fall cleaning before winter sets in.



ANNUAL HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST

Saturday, October 26, 3:00 pm, Picadilly Park

Hey kids! Here's your chance to be whatever you want to be! Put together your best costume and come on out for some fun.



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: _____

Signature-ARC Member

Date

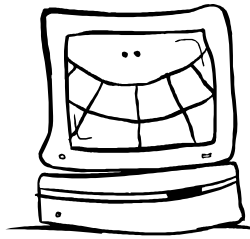
ACC APPLICATIONS

For your convenience, an ACC Architectural Improvement Request Form can be found on the previous page.

The Board of Directors reviews applications once a month at Board meetings, which are held on the 4th Thursday of each month.



And the Survey Says . . .



This is your chance to speak out. Every so often, a question will be posted on the Website asking you for your opinion. Here's your opportunity to use your finger to tell us what you really think.

Go to www.londontowne.web.com and cast your vote today.

Results will be posted in the November *London Towne Crier*.

This month's question:

Are you in favor of reserved parking?



Haidee, the real estate lady



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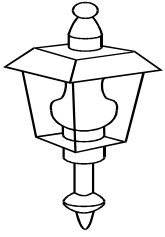
Update

PROPERTY ADDRESS	SETTLED PRICE	SETTLEMENT DATE
14836 Leicester Sq	\$196,000	July 15 2002
14760 Gatwick Sq	192,000	July 22, 2002
14710 Wycombe St	155,500	July 25, 2002
14701 Bentley Sq	200,000	July 25, 2002
14861 Leicester Ct	195,000	July 26, 2002
14767 Ealing Ct	195,700	August 9, 2002

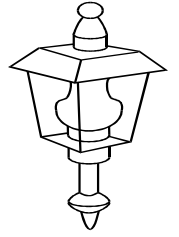
The market is starting to shift a little, prices are still high, but we are seeing sellers helping with buyers closing costs again—this is a sign of a small change in the market!

**To The Newest London Towne Homeowners...
 Congratulations & WELCOME HOME!!**

The above data was taken from MRIS System and does not necessarily reflect the sales of only one agent. This information is deemed reliable, but not guaranteed.



EXTERIOR LIGHTING GUIDELINES



Over the past few months it has been noted that many of the exterior lights in London Towne are either not working, or have been removed altogether. There are specific regulations plainly spelled out in the Architectural Guidelines that must be adhered to as an owner in London Towne with regard to exterior lighting. Failing to follow these guidelines will result in citations and/or fines until the violation has been rectified.

What does the Guideline state?

The Guidelines state that the originally installed gas post fixture or an approved replacement (may be electric) must be in place, be properly maintained, and be illuminated from dusk to dawn.

What does the Guideline mean?

Very simply, the Guideline means that all homes in the London Towne community

must have a pole light that is either gas powered (stays on 24 hours a day) or a previously approved electric pole light (comes on at dusk and goes off at dawn via a light sensor). If your residence is one of the few in the London Towne Community that does not have a light pole, but has wall mounted lights instead, those lights must also come on at dusk and go off at dawn. For clarification purposes, wall mounted exterior lights are **ONLY** permitted on homes that received approval during the power shortage the area experienced a few years ago. Permits submitted to the Home Owners Association for the removal of the light pole and installation of wall lights will not be approved.

Why is having the light on such a big deal?

The reasons for this Guideline should be self-evident. By properly maintaining and illuminating your property you are not only protecting yourself, but your neighbors as

well. Houses and vehicles become vulnerable to vandalism and break-ins when areas are too dark. Darkened areas are breeding grounds for all types of illegal activity. Additionally, by not providing adequate lighting around your home you could be putting your family, your tenants, or your own personal safety at risk.

Why does the Home Owners Association care?

We care because we are concerned about London Towne and all of its residents. London Towne is a family community, and as such, the Home Owners Association wants to make certain that any persons living within the Community feel safe. In order to maintain the expectation of safety, and to keep crime levels at a minimum, the Home Owners Association will do what is necessary to enforce the Guidelines of the Community.



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