



The London Towne Crier

The London Towne Community Newsletter

September 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 4th Thursday of each month, and occasionally the 2nd 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. 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.



Welcome Back to School!

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Towing and Reimbursement by the HOA



Several residents have asked questions about towing and reimbursement. Although this issue has been addressed before, in light of the recent tows due to the restriping and renumbering the Board thought more explanation might be helpful.

When the parking policy first went into effect two years ago, towing was a real issue. Homeowners, residents and Board members alike were unhappy with the result of the policy and the towing company, so both policy and towing company were changed. Since that time, things have gotten better, although some residents are still being towed for various reasons and the Board receives letters asking for reimbursement for the tow by the HOA.

As was mentioned in an earlier Crier article, the Board cannot reimburse a tow from HOA funds. If the vehicle was towed, any reimbursement due must come from the tow company, as they are the one's who collect the funds. The Board, Management Company, and HOA receive zero compensation from the tow company when vehicles are removed from London Towne. If a vehicle

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LONDON TOWNE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Robin Peralta, President
William Sheldon, Vice President
Sally Saucedo, Treasurer
Michele McCormack, Secretary
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

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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.

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

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



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.



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 September 10. 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 these Sundays:

✂ 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.

Vehicle Tamperings



Recently there has been an increased number of vehicle tamperings reported in our area and theft from those vehicles. It's been reported that in most cases the owners of those vehicles left them unlocked.

The Fairfax County Police Department is asking you to please remember to lock your vehicles and place any valuables out of sight or take them inside with you. Do not make it easy for would-be thieves or vandals to steal from you.



Stray Cats



If anyone is feeding stray cats that do not have an eartipped (the ear is flat instead of pointed), please contact Dewey Animals so that they may trap and alter the cats. Contact Dewey Animals at 703-803-6175 or deweyanimals@cox.net.



No Dumping!

DO NOT dump your grass clippings or yard waste, branches, tree limbs and other miscellaneous items in the community common area. PDS provides free non-burnable bulk and white goods (i.e., stoves, washers, dryers, etc.) pick up to all units by calling 703-560-8866. They will dispose of yard waste items on Fridays.



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Need Info Quick?

Visit our website at www.lthoa.com or email the Board at 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!

Capital Petsitters Business Card
Pick up from August issue

Towing & Reimbursement by the HOA, continued

was towed “illegally” or “improperly” the Board will do what it can to intervene to help the resident get their money back, however, the burden lies with the owner of the vehicle to provide the proof that the vehicle was towed improperly. Again, any money returned comes from the tow company, not the HOA.



In a case such as we’ve had during the month of August, where homeowners/residents were asked to move their vehicles in order for the HOA’s hired contractor to restripe and renumber common area parking spaces, notices were sent out in advance announcing dates and times when the numbering and striping would take place. Homeowners/residents were notified when they needed to have their vehicles out of the common area spaces, and in this particular case, the notice also said that vehicles left after the deadline time would be towed at the owners expense.

Letters were received by a couple residents who wanted reimbursement for having their vehicles towed and wanted to know why the HOA doesn’t pay for this service. To clarify, this is a service that the HOA used to provide, however, each time notices were sent out more and more residents weren’t moving their vehicles. The tow company spent hours moving vehicles from parking spaces to State roads and the Board received tons of angry letters from these people because their vehicles were towed and they had to run around London Towne looking for them. For each tow the HOA paid, and for each hour wasted waiting to begin work on painting, striping, numbering, cleaning or paving, the HOA paid. The last time this happened, not only was the cost to the HOA monetarily hefty, but a member of the Management Company and the tow company were also assaulted. It was at that time the Board made the decision that the price was too high.

The Board apologizes to anyone who had their vehicles towed the day their streets were restriped and renumbered, including the Board’s Vice President. We understand the inconvenience, which is why we try to send notices out as far in advance as we can, but not so far in advance they get lost or tossed in the trash. The Board has an obligation to look out for all of London Towne and the London Towne Homeowner’s (HOA’s) funds and we are certain those Homeowners who moved their vehicles on time and didn’t get towed would not be happy about paying or reimbursing the tow for those who “forgot” or “didn’t get the notice.”

Jim Faulk/Samson Realty Ad
Pick up from August issue



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. Please be a scooper, not a pooper.

London Towne Homeowners Association

Approved Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting

Attendance: Robin Peralta, President; Bill Sheldon, Vice President; Sally Saucedo, Treasurer; Michele McCormack, Secretary; Samantha Winterstine, Sequoia Management; Julie Adianto, Recording Secretary

Call To Order: The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Resident Input: A resident expressed concerns about trash, AC units in bedrooms, and lawn maintenance. A resident expressed concerns about children playing in the street at Maidstone. Also the speeding and driving on the wrong side of the road. A resident was concerned about illegal parking.

Architectural Applications: The following applications were presented to the Board: Vera (14808 Hatfield) – Paving, windows, and walkway – Disapproved A Ponchock (6052 Wycoff) – Retractable awning – Approved A Jones (14820 Smethwick) – Replace front door and storm door – Approved A Jones (14820 Smethwick) – Replace windows – Approved A Raskin (14821 Hatfield) – Front door change (black to red) – Approved A Escalante (14741 Ealing) – Roof over front door – Disapproved A Escalante (14741 Ealing) – Shed – Approved A 14709 Cardigan – Remove trees – Approved (Replace) A 14833 Hoxton – Front door (brown) – Approved A 14833 Hoxton – Sliding – Approved A 14833 Hoxton – Windows – Approved

Minutes: The Board reviewed the April 27, 2006 Board of Directors meeting minutes. Mrs. Peralta made a motion accept the minutes from April 27, 2006 as amended, Ms. Saucedo seconded, and all were in favor. The Board reviewed the May 25, 2006 Board of Directors meeting minutes. Mrs. Peralta made a motion to accept the minutes from May 25, 2006 as amended, Ms. Saucedo seconded, and all were in favor.

Management Report: Mrs. Winterstine, read over the management report.

Committee Reports: No committee reports

New Business: August 19th festival A July 21st movie date (rain date: July 29th) A National Night Out: August 8th (short movies) A Meeting moved (July 20th) A 2nd London Towne West Meeting (July 5th ?, 7 o'clock ?)

Executive Session: The Board recessed in Open Session and convened in Executive Session to discuss pending and proposed litigation as well as delinquent accounts at 8:50 p.m. The Board reconvened in Open Session at 9:36 pm.

Adjournment: Mrs. Peralta made a motion to adjourn; Ms. McCormack seconded and all were in favor to adjourn at 9:40 pm.

Upcoming Events in London Towne . . .

October

Community Yard Sale
Halloween Costume Contest



November

Leaf Removal
Street Cleaning



December

Holiday Home Decorating Contest
Community Holiday Potluck Party



LET'S BE CAREFUL OUT THERE . . .

Now that our children are walking to school and loading & unloading from school buses, please be sure to drive slowly and carefully through our neighborhood.



THANK YOU!



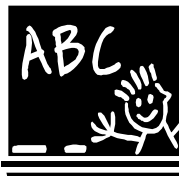
Welcome Back to School !

Yet another summer has come and gone. Labor Day is right around the corner which means, of course, the start of a brand new school year. The Board would like to say "Welcome" to all of our new families and "Welcome Back" to everyone who got the opportunity to get away for a while. Hope your vacations were great! We'd also like to provide you with contact information for the schools in the area that service London Towne. Good luck to all of our children in the year ahead!!

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 8:25 am to 2:55 pm, Monday through Friday. For more information about London Towne Elementary, check out their website at www.fcps.edu/LondonTowneES.



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 PTA MEMBER.

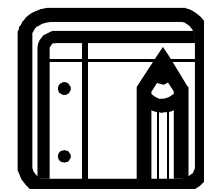


Stone Middle School (Grades 7 & 8)

Stone Middle School is located at 5500 Sully Park Drive. The office phone number is 703-631-5500. The Attendance phone number is 703-631-5597. To find out more about Stone Middle School, check out their Website at www.fcps.edu/StoneMS.

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, the Attendance phone number is 703-488-6316, and the Activities Hotline is 703-488-6500. Classes begin 7:25 am and end at 2:10 pm. Check out Westfield HS's excellent website at www.fcps.edu/WestfieldHS.



Back to School !

- Apple
- Art
- Book Bag
- Crayons
- Kindergarten
- Homework
- Labor Day
- Lunch
- Math
- Music
- Notebook
- Paper
- Pencil
- Pen
- Reading
- Recess
- Science
- School Supplies
- Trapper Keeper

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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: _____

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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: _____