

# KEEPING YOU INFORMED



LONDON TOWNE HOUSES COOPERATIVE, INC.



## WE HAVE A NEW MISSION STATEMENT!

“To provide affordable and sustainable housing for moderate income families and individuals; empower shareholders to cooperatively support and maintain their homes and community; and to work with neighborhood leaders in the greater community.” Adopted March 13, 2014 by the Board of Directors.

## WE HAVE A NEW BOARD MEMBER!

Lucius (Skip) Johnson was elected by acclamation at the Annual Meeting of the Membership on March 27th . He has been a member-owner since 1977; joined the new Men on the Move Committee; loves to bowl, and loves to cook. He’s a family man and he loves London Towne.

## WE HAVE A NEW WEBSITE!!!

Check out [www.londontownehousescoop.com](http://www.londontownehousescoop.com). Membership applications, floor plans, and exclusive Member Page are some of the features. As always the website will be updated with new information and policies going forth. The News and Events page will feature pictures and videos from LTH events, job postings from our external partners, and any other items of interest and reference will be communicated to Member-Owner(s). Please contact the office for the Member/Owner Password.

## WE HAVE AN AWARD RECIPIENT!

Drucilla Pollard received The President’s Award at the Annual Meeting of the Membership for her tireless efforts on committees, as a former board member, and in beautifying the common area circle at the rear of the co-op with a beautiful garden that is now called: Drucilla Circle

## WE HAVE RAFFLE WINNERS! GIFTS AWARDED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING!

Mary Black (1 Month Free Carrying Charges)	Janice Rowe \$25.00 (Panera Bread)
Sandral Woods \$100.00(Carrying Charges)	Mary Lorthridge \$25.00 (Lowes)
Gwendolyn Coleman \$100.00 (ComEd)	Emma McKinney \$25.00 (Lowes)
Sallie Rogers \$100.00(Peoples Energy)	William Davis \$25.00 (Red Lobster)
Shirley Hester \$25.00 (Food for Less)	Helen Lampley (Fire Extinguisher)
Phyliss Watkins \$25.00 (Food for Less)	Adrienne Russell (Fire Extinguisher)

## WE HAVE A NEW GATE!

A gate has been installed in the opening of the fence that separates LTH from Gately Park near Community Bldg. #2. The opening has provided a shortcut in and out of the Co-op; however, it also provided an escape route and dangerous ambush opportunity for those who would prey on our Member/Owner(s). Access through this gate may soon be eliminated. The long way around is safer.

## WE HAVE SPRING CLEANING TO DO: DUCTS, CENTRAL AIR, CHANGE FURNACE FILTERS

Have you ever thought about cleaning out the ducts in your unit? One new member-owner wondered why he wasn’t getting sufficient heat. Stuffed animals, papers, books, debris was pulled from his ducts. After almost 50 years what might be lurking in your ducts that you are breathing in? Change furnace filters, have Central Air Conditioners serviced, open windows and air out your house. Pick up litter, take down Christmas decorations, plant some flowers, dust off your water hose.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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THE DRUCILLA CIRCLE

## WE HAVE 65 NEW MEMBERS!!

The **Orientation Committee** reports that sixty-five (65) new members moved into LTH between March 1, 2013 and March 31, 2014. The **Vacancy Task Force** will be participating as an exhibitor at the Housing Expo in Tuley Park April 12th from 10:00—1:00 p.m. to attract more new members. Member referrals are still honored at \$100.00. It takes all of us working together to fill our units with good people. Do your part by cleaning up around the exterior of your unit. Remove old pots, chairs,

## WE HAVE DOG POLICY VIOLATIONS!

Several Member/Owners called the office April 1st to report 2 pit bulls that were loose in the area around 955 E. 100th Place. They all called: 911;311; and security regarding the issue. Security and the Pet Committee are tracking down households harboring non-documented pets. Two pet owners with illegal pets have had to move out. Letters of violation will be mailed this week to other offenders still on the property. Please report the addresses of pet policy violators to the office or security. **Violations to the Occupancy Agreement may result in eviction.**

## WE HAVE A HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR!

Members suggested having a health and wellness fair as the focus of one of our town hall meetings. With this in mind, President, JoAnn Kenner represented LTH as a member of the 2nd U.S. Congressional District Planning Committee for this comprehensive event scheduled at Corliss High School for Saturday, April 12, 2014 from 9:30—1:30; Congresswoman Robin Kelly is servicing our community with this event. See flyer attached.

## WE HAVE A BIG CELEBRATION TO PLAN!

LTH will officially be 50 years old in 2015. Our charter and Articles of Incorporation are dated 1965. Member-owners began moving in 1966-1967. Many original members still live in LTH and take an active role in sustaining our cooperative. Members are needed to help plan our big celebration Please contact the office (773) 928-4666 to volunteer.

## WE HAVE BYLAWS TO UPDATE!

It takes 51% of our membership to vote "YES" to proposed amendments that would update our bylaws. The board is planning a series of events (including a town hall meeting) to take place during the summer months to familiarize members with the rationale and proposed language. Please be informed— Please be involved.

## ITS SHREDDING TIME!!

We Have a Shredding Machine coming to LTH Saturday, June 14, 2014 courtesy of 8th Ward Alderman Michelle Harris and the **House and Grounds Committee**. Additional details will follow.

## WE HAVE A SUGGESTION BOX!!

Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed and may be submitted via the new Suggestion box located in the reception area of the LTH Management Office.

## WE HAVE POTHOLES!!

The long and brutal winter left the Co-Op with snow woes that continue to impact our budget into the spring in the form of potholes. The most severe of the potholes have been identified and will be repaired soon. Several speed breakers will also be removed and not replaced.

## WE HAVE ADVOCACY!

The **House and Grounds Committee** is conducting a survey to determine member interest in getting a group rate for Central Air, and for glass block windows. A sign up sheet was started March 27th at the Annual Meeting. You may still contact the committee at (773) 468-4291 to sign your name to the list.