

# LONDONDERRY NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2009

## Special points of interest:

- Men's Poker Night  
- Saturday, Sept. 5th at 6:00 pm
- Labor Day Holiday  
- Monday, Sept. 7th
- Monthly LHOA Meeting - Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 7:30 pm
- Scrapbooking Event  
- Friday, Sept. 11th at 6:00 pm
- Family Bingo Night  
- Friday, Sept. 25th at 7:00 pm

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## Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events in Londonderry!

Our next tentative garage sale date is **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>**. So, save the date! If you are interested in participating in our community garage sale, please e-mail Christi Strike at [cstrike@thestrikefamily.com](mailto:cstrike@thestrikefamily.com) with your name and address.



Got Bingo? Has it been a while since you've sat down with your family and neighbors for a game? If so, then Family Bingo Night is for you! We welcome families to join us at the clubhouse for some snacks and exciting rounds of bingo. Bring the whole family! There is no cost – so, it's a great way to enjoy the evening with family and friends. Our next Family Bingo Night will be **Friday, September 25th from 7-9 PM.**



Come meet your fellow neighbors at the next poker night on **Saturday, September 5th from 6-9 PM.** Entry fee is just \$20.



Have lots of pictures in boxes around your house? Come put them in scrapbooks while having a great time! Women's Scrapbooking will be held **Friday, September 11th from 6 PM – Midnight.** Just bring your scrapbooking supplies and pictures and make it a wonderful night of memories! There will be a Creative Memories consultant on site to answer questions, offer products and help get you started if you're new to scrapbooking.

**Do you need help getting your elementary aged children on the school bus in the mornings?**

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**Important**  
**Numbers for**  
**Londonderry**  
**Residents**

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Emergency Dispatch**  
281-376-3472

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Call 911

**Poison Control**  
1-800-764-7661

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**Londonderry Clubhouse**  
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**Londonderry Pool**  
281-255-8025

**To report a street lamp out**  
713-207-2222

**Londonderry Homeowners Association Monthly Meeting**



Tuesday, September 8th  
7:30 pm  
Neighborhood Clubhouse at 8331 London Way

## Chinch Bugs: To Them, Your Lawn Is Dinner

You do everything right. You water your lawn regularly. You feed it when you're supposed to. Yet, here and there, you have what looks like drought damage. If you live in the south and have St. Augustine grass or zoysiagrass, you could be entertaining a whole troop of chinch bugs. These nasty little critters suck your grass blades dry. Then they inject a poison that kills them. They can kill patches or your entire lawn. But you can get even. Treat your lawn with [Ortho® Bug-B-Gon® MAX Insect Killer for Lawns](#).

### Recognize a Chinch Bug

Chinch bugs don't exactly tap you on the shoulder and introduce themselves. You have to look for them. If you don't see them when you get down on your hands and knees in your lawn, try the tin-can method. Cut out both ends of a tin can, making a tube. Push one end of your tube into the ground. Then pour water into the can and keep it filled for 10 minutes. If you have chinch bugs, they'll start floating up to the surface. You may also see chinch-bug nymphs, which range from pink to red and have a white stripe across their middles.

### Recognize Chinch Bug Damage

Grass attacked by chinch bugs looks like grass suffering from drought. Along your driveway and sidewalks, your grass blades wilt, turn yellow-brown, then dry out and die. If you've checked for chinch bugs and are still not sure you have them, call a professional.

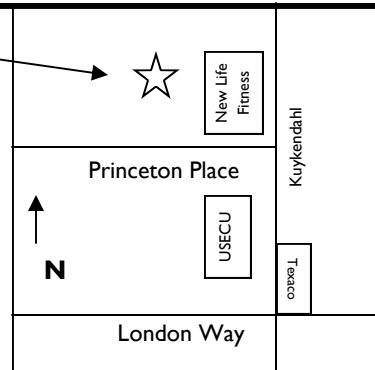
### Control and Prevention of Chinch Bugs

Control chinch bugs by treating your lawn with [Scotts® TurfBuilder® With SummerGuard®](#) in the summer. You can also use [Ortho® Bug-G-Gon MAX® Insect Killer for Lawns](#).

Find this article and other lawn care and gardening advice at [www.scotts.com](http://www.scotts.com).



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## Edward Jones Financial Focus: Millennials, Gen X and Baby Boomers Should Invest for Growth

Is there a "generation gap" today? In some ways, it's possible. While many baby boomers are happy just to understand the basics of Facebook, "Millennials" are busy texting and twittering. And yet when it comes to investing, baby boomers (born between 1946 and 1962), Generation X (1963 - 1981) and Millennials (1982 - 2001) may have a lot in common.

Specifically, to achieve their long-term goals, these groups should structure their investment portfolios to provide some growth potential. However, due to their age differences, they may need to take different approaches in how they invest for growth. Let's take a look at all three groups:

**\*\*Millennials** - One of your biggest objectives may be to save enough money for a down payment on a house. For this short-term goal, you may want an investment whose value won't fluctuate too much. At the same time, don't ignore the need to save for retirement, even though it's likely decades away. Contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k) or other employer-sponsored plan, and if you still have money available, consider opening an IRA. And you may want to fund these accounts with an appropriate amount of growth-oriented investments, such as stocks or stock-based vehicles. (Keep in mind, though, that the value of these investments will fluctuate over time, sometimes significantly, and there's no guarantee you won't lose any principal.)

**\*\*Generation X** - Retirement is becoming more of a reality - so if you have been underutilizing your 401(k) and IRA, now may be a good time to ratchet up your contributions. And although you have less time to make up for market drops than your Millennial co-workers, you're not out of time, either - so you still need to invest for growth potential. Nonetheless, you may want to include a higher percentage of bonds and other fixed-income vehicles in your portfolio, especially if you're an older Gen X'er.

**\*\*Baby Boomers** - Retirement is coming at you pretty quickly. And it's both a short-term and a long-term goal, because even though you may be leaving your career in just a few years, you could spend two or even three decades in retirement, starting a new career, going back to school or pursuing other interest you haven't had time to pursue. So you're faced with a paradox: On one hand, you don't want to invest too heavily in high-growth vehicles, because these are the most risky - and a market downturn could cause the value of your portfolio to drop just when you need to start tapping into your investments. But you can't become too conservative and put all your money in fixed-income vehicles, because over time these investments may lose value to inflation - which means you'll lose purchasing power. Consider investing in quality stocks, which have growth potential, along with a good mix of bonds, Treasury bills, certificates of deposit and other vehicles that may offer the potential for both current income and preservation of principal.

Your need for investment growth never really disappears. But at different states of your life, you'll have to balance this need against competing interests - so review your financial situation regularly, and make the right moves at the right times.

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# LONDONDERRY RESIDENTS



One of the quality features of our community is our beautiful, mature trees. As we saw during Hurricane Ike, fallen trees are dangerous and expensive. L.H.O.A. has noticed there are multiple trees in our community that are damaged or have died. These trees, of course, are more susceptible to fall during high winds. We are asking **all** homeowners to have any damaged or dead trees on your lot removed to avoid costly damage to yours or your neighbors property. The architectural committee is in the process of sending notices for this issue as required in our Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions, however, with the large number of trees within our community, a few might have been overlooked. If yours was overlooked, please be a responsible homeowner and have it removed promptly. If you wait and the tree falls, it will most likely be more expensive to not only have the tree removed, but to repair any damages caused by the tree.

Thank You for your cooperation in this matter, L.H.O.A.

## WASTE MANAGEMENT Holiday Schedule:

New Year's Day	Residential garbage pickup? No. Pickup on next scheduled day.
Day After New Year's Day	Residential garbage pickup? Yes.
Martin Luther King Day	Residential garbage pickup? Yes.
Memorial Day	Residential garbage pickup? No. Pickup on next scheduled day.
Independence Day	Residential garbage pickup? No. Pickup on next scheduled day.
Labor Day	Residential garbage pickup? No. Pickup on next scheduled day.
Thanksgiving Day	Residential garbage pickup? No. Pickup on next scheduled day.
Day After Thanksgiving Day	Residential garbage pickup? Yes.
Christmas Eve	Residential garbage pickup? Yes.
Christmas Day	Residential garbage pickup? No. Pickup on next scheduled day.
New Year's Eve	Residential garbage pickup? Yes.

### THE LHOA BOARD OF 2009

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#### LONDONDERRY COMMITTEES

**ADULT ACTIVITIES:** CHRISTI STRIKE (281) 255-2016  
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Visit the LHOA website at [www.londonderry-hoa.org](http://www.londonderry-hoa.org).

## Londonderry Homeowners Association Meeting Minutes ~ August 11, 2009

### Attendance

Board Members: Guy Chason, Pat Strike, Ken Wheeler, Brian Zultowski, Brandi Morgan  
 Residents: Christi Strike, Susan Wheeler, Darrell Schulze

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm.

### Treasurer's Report

Total balance in checking \$18,310  
 Total balance in savings \$100,454  
 Combined balance \$118,764

There are 22 homeowners owing for 2009, and 11 homeowners owing for 2008 and prior years. All of the above are currently being reviewed by our attorney.

### Committee Reports

**Adult Activities** -- In September, we have a Men's Poker Night planned for Saturday, Sept. 5th at 6:00 pm. There is also a Scrapbooking Night planned for Friday, Sept. 11th from 6:00 pm - Midnight. Lastly, Family Bingo Night is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 25th from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm. There is no Ladies Bunko Night scheduled for September. There is a Semi-Annual Community Garage Sale planned for Saturday, Oct. 17th.

**Architectural Committee** -- Four violation notices were mailed and one is pending. The committee approved two home improvement request for paint in July. Please keep in mind that the Architectural Committee needs 30 days written notice for minor home improvement projects and 60 days written notice for major home improvements.

**Deed Restrictions** -- In July, 22 first notices, 13 second notices, 4 third notices and 1 final demand letter were mailed for a total of 40 notices mailed. 19 items were resolved and were an additional 55 properties under observation.

**Clubhouse** -- There have been four clubhouse rental reservations for August. The cleaning services have been reduced to once a month. The key lockbox code is being changed regularly. Light bulbs have been maintained and the front is well lighted. The swim team has items still located in the pantry and has been asked to have the area cleaned by July 31st.

**Newsletter** -- Currently under review is a proposal to bring the newsletter online. This would alleviate printing and delivery costs to the LHOA, which could save around \$3,600 per year.

### Old Business

- New signs will be posted around the clubhouse warning trespassers that they will be prosecuted.
- The security camera proposal is still under review by the Board and by our attorney.

### New Business

- A motion was raised and approved to spend \$850 to remove a dead tree on the left side of the left entrance to the clubhouse and to trim some of the low-hanging branches around the clubhouse. Work has already been completed by ADF Tree Service.
- Londonderry H.O.A. will once again begin a "Yard of the Month" to show our appreciation for the hard work our residents perform maintaining their yards. It should begin soon and the winner will be posted in the newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.