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Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

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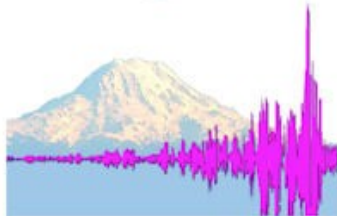
Fiber Arts Saturday, October 1, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

Halloween Dance Saturday, October 29th, 7:00 PM

FREE to the Public LIC Clubhouse 4312 KP Highway South
Longbranch Improvement Club
Thursday October 6 7pm

Presented by Dr. Jeff Tepper of UPS

Northwest Volcanos and Earthquakes



Earthquakes and Volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest

The LIC will sponsor a talk on "Earthquakes and Volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest" by Dr. Jeff Tepper of the University of Puget Sound on Thursday, October 6th at 7:00 PM. Dr. Tepper's research has centered on the dynamics of the molten rock (magma) that lies under the earth's crust, and how this coupled with movements of the earth's crustal plates generate both earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. These are global phenomena (as recent news from Japan, Haiti and Iceland underscore) but have special relevance to those of us living here in the Puget Sound region. This talk is open to the public.

Gayle Brewer

In Memoriam.....

Long time LIC member John Biggs passed away at the family residence in Home on September 24, 2011 in the presence of his loving family. John will be remembered for his many hours of volunteering for the LIC, including serving as President, his guidance of the LIC during tough times, his dry wit, and genuine smile. He will be sorely missed by all.

Your messages of love, support, humor, memories, and your caring have been one of the sustaining elements for Vicki Biggs and the family during the past 9 months as John struggled bravely against the pancreatic cancer to which he finally succumbed.

Now that John has completed this part of his journey, the family invites you to further honor John by making a charitable contribution to the Caring Bridge site, or to:

Multicare Good Samaritan Hospice
C/O Good Samaritan Foundation
MSL 402-1- FND PO Box 5299
Tacoma WA 98415-0299
Phone: 253.697. 5090

A memorial event will be held at the LIC Clubhouse on Saturday, October 15, 2011 , beginning at 3 pm. Please provide any photos that you want to be posted at the event to Doug Sylvers or Joe Barrow.

President's Report . . .

Fall has started and there are several fall activities of interest. While details can be found in other parts of this newsletter, let me mention a few: Fiber Arts, the Tacoma Power Squadron Work Party, the Halloween Dance, and Trunk or Treat. Volunteers are needed for all events, as well as hostessing at the LIC membership meetings. Contact Sandy Black regarding events and C.C. Williams regarding hostessing.

The LIC welcomes Herb Marra. He recently purchased the Knudsen's boathouse and will be an Associate member. Dave Dahl's boathouse is for sale. He can be reached at 253-884-4511. Dave Wickland is again pursuing 100% funding for a floating restroom at the marina. He'll keep us posted on progress.

Francie Carr would like input to the 2012 LIC budget as the LIC Board will bring the proposed budget before the membership for approval this fall, earlier than normal. The LIC will pay significantly more for insurance in 2012, the result of increase replacement values, our loss experience from vandalism last year, and general increase in cost of coverage. We mitigated the increase by raising the deductibles on the marina and clubhouse.

Your LIC Board will meet in October to begin a long range planning process, which the Board hopes to complete by next Spring. Considerations include the long range vision for the LIC role in the community, 30 year plans for the marina and clubhouse, emergency preparedness, and milestones for achieving the plan goals. All are welcome to provide input, so please contact me or any Board member to express your views.

Thanks to all who helped out at the LIC Labor Day Dance. Although we didn't make much money, we learned some lessons that will help us in the future.

Geoffff Baillie, President LIC
884-3951, gbaillie@msn.com

Are you ready for a natural disaster?

If you missed the LIC general meeting on September 21, you may not be aware that the power lines crossing the Tacoma Narrows just north of the bridges are our only source of electrical power. There is no backup or ability to switch to another grid. If the towers and lines go down in a natural disaster, it could be a couple of months before our power would be up again.

If you missed that meeting, you also may not be aware that there is an earthquake fault that runs through the Purdy area over into Mason County, right across the top of the Key Peninsula. It's a fault that has the potential to make us both figuratively and literally into an island.

For these, and a long list of other reasons, the LIC Board feels that it is time to start focusing on emergency preparedness. Two pamphlets were passed out to every member at this month's general meeting. One was about the Pierce County ALERT emergency notification system, which is something that we should all be signed up for. The second was a FEMA pamphlet, which, among other things, talks about the difference between the plans and survival kits needed when you decide to Shelter-In-Place, or when you decide you need to leave the area during a natural disaster.

Valuable information from both pamphlets is easily attainable online. Check it out. It's worth the effort. It just might make the difference in a natural disaster.

Pierce County ALERT: <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/dem/PCAlert.htm>

FEMA Emergency Preparedness: http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/PrinterFriendly_ReadyAmerica.pdf

Kurt Anderson

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES September 21, 2011

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Geoff Baillie, Kurt Anderson, Francie Carr, Sandy Black, CC Williams, Sharon Gearhart

Meeting called to order at 7:19 p.m. by President Geoff Baillie

Geoff called on Rich Hildahl who gave a brief history of the Far-A-Way property and McDermott Point. He included vignettes of some of the early residents of Filucy Bay and why they chose it for their homes. Rich feels promoting the rich heritage of the area would be very advantageous to both the LIC and the Marina.

Secretary: Peg Bingham, substituting for Jan Prichard asked for approval of the minutes of the last meeting. A correction was made by the Treasurer. Performers' script at Beyond the Borders totaled \$100, not \$10 as reported in the minutes. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as amended.

Treasurer: Francie Carr reported that total income is at 72% of budget. The Labor Day Dance will at best be a break even event. There was a low turnout and expenses were high due to purchase of liquor. We are working with the bar manager to determine how to allocate liquor purchases to each event. Total expenses through August are 47% of budget. Committee chairman are doing a great job of keeping costs down. \$30,000 was transferred to a CD due in November. The checking account balance is \$56,194.

The marina and building insurance policy renewals were due September 20th. With Geoff's able assistance and the Propel insurance agent the policies were thoroughly reviewed and discussed. The clubhouse coverage limit was reduced from \$772,500 to \$750,000 with a \$10,000 deductible rather than a \$1,000 deductible. Even with the changes the premium increased \$2,150, probably due to the losses incurred last year. The marina last year was insured at \$275,000, which was felt to be undervalued. The deductible was increased to \$10,000, the new wharf was added to the marina policy and using the square footage as a measurement tool the value of the piers and docks was increased. The premium jumped significantly from \$1,314 in 2010 to \$8,065. With fees and taxes added the marina and clubhouse insurance is approximately \$8,000 more than last year which is a big budget concern for 2012.

Geoff and Francie will be working on the budget for 2012 in October. If you have suggestions, ideas or changes please contact Francie either by phone or better by e-mail.

Reminder: There is one more payment due on Oct 31 for quarterly moorage.

Membership: CC Williams reported a new Associate Member, Herb Marra. Mike and Sandy Maroney have renewed their membership. CC is looking for hosts and hostesses for the October, November and December meetings. Tonight's hostesses are Eloise Colbert and Connie Wick.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart thanked Geoff Baillie for repairing the dividers in the men's room. Denny Prichard fixed a round table and we now have 14. Mike Runyon had a trails work party. Dick Scharf, Ann Runyon and Bill Lloyd helped to clean trails. Bridges need replacing. Mike is hoping to have another work party this fall. The building has bats again and Lynn Carr has built a couple bat boxes to be installed. We may need an exterminator. Sharon reported that Carolyn Wiley has ordered bulbs to be planted around the building. She will be looking for help with planting after October 11th.

The picnic tables are collapsing and Sharon is open to suggestions on replacing them. They are very heavy and that is what is required as the lighter ones are stolen. If you use the building please be sure to lock the doors and arm the security alarm.

Sharon will be out of town the first week in October and also later in the month. There will be a message left on the answering machine that she is gone and will return all calls when she returns. Lynn Carr will cover for her during that time in case of an emergency.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES (continued from page 3)

Marina: Geoff Baillie reported the Board approved the sale of the VanCise boat house to Herb Marra. As he is an Associate Member the Board voted to make an exception to the rule to allow this purchase. This will be reviewed annually. Dave Dahl's boat house is for sale. Members have 30 days from last week to buy it before it goes out to other purchasers. The Tacoma Power Squadron will be here the weekend of October 7, 8, and 9. They have adopted the marina and will be having a work party on the 8th from 9:00 – 3:30. That will be followed by a barbeque. LIC members are welcome to help and then stay for the barbeque. Let Lynn Carr know if you can help.

Events: Sandy Black reported that the Labor Day Dance had extremely low attendance with almost no LIC members in attendance except for the volunteers. He would welcome any suggestions on ways to increase attendance, especially by LIC members. He thanked the volunteers for their work. There are a number of upcoming events.

Carolyn Wiley reported the Fiber Arts Show, October 1st, will be preceded by a three day workshop taught by Cheryl Samuel, an expert on Ravenstall weaving. Although the workshop is full there will be a lecture open to all on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m., September 29. Thanks to a donation from a friend of Carolyn's and another from Two Waters Art Alliance the lecture is free but a \$10 donation would be appreciated. Carolyn is looking for help to set up for the lecture and for the show. She can also use help all day Saturday. LIC members Nancy Carr and Robin Gould will both be show participants. David Wiley will be teaching knot tying. Carolyn is looking for someone to relive David. Antique tractors will also be on display outside the building.

Geoff Baillie will be chairing the Halloween Dance on October 29th. There will be food service and a costume contest and of course, great music!

There will be Trunk or Treat again this year on October 31st. It will be chaired by Debbie Ehrhardt.

Vice President: Kurt Anderson wrote thank you notes to Linda and Young Namkung for donating ice and Susan and David Scott for donating the field across from the LIC to be used for parking. Kurt included LIC cups and hats with the notes.

Nancy Carr has caps, visors and fleeces for sale.

Old Business: Kurt Anderson presented information about emergency preparedness for residents in this area. We must be self-sufficient in the event of a natural disaster or national emergency. He passed out pamphlets regarding the Pierce County Alert System and FEMA's recommendations for preparedness. These will again be available at the next general meeting. He will be sharing more information at future meetings.

New Business: Geoff Baillie reported the Board will start having meetings in October regarding long range planning for the future of the club.

Lynn Carr reported he had reinstalled the ceramic plaque that had been on the old wharf.

On October 6th at 7:00 p.m. Gayle Brewer has arranged for Dr. Jeff Tepper of the University of Puget Sound to speak on Earthquakes and Volcanoes of the Pacific Northwest. This is a free event open to all. Tell your friends and neighbors. Coffee and tea will be served.

Dave Wickland reported that he is working with the county and the state to obtain grants for the coming year for a pump-out station and restrooms at the marina.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peg Bingham, (substitute) Secretary

Building and Grounds Chat Room—October 2011:

Well October and fall are rapidly approaching and there are still things to be done at the LIC. Among them is the fact that Carolyn Wiley will be getting her tulip bulbs in soon and will need some help planting them so those interested in helping should give her a call for time and date. I would like to express my thanks to several people who have done some major work at the LIC.

-Geoff Baillie fixed the partition between the urinals in the men's bathroom. It, indeed, did fall and hit someone but no injury so no harm, no foul. Thanks to Geoff it is now firmly attached to the wall.

-We now have all 14 of our round tables thanks to Denny Prichard who salvaged the parts from the two broken ones to restore a table and built a new top for the other one. Thank you Denny!

-And finally thank you to Mike Runyon for organizing a trail clean-up. He picked a beautiful, hot day and working in the shade near the stream was peaceful and satisfying if sweat producing. It was like a jungle in there. He, his wife Ann, Dick Scharf and Bill Lloyd cleared a good share of the trail and removed ivy from many trees. He is hoping to have another trail work party before winter and will let everyone know.

If you have done work at the LIC and I have not named you please accept my thanks. I don't always know who the good Samaritans are. Also, if you do some volunteer work at the building there are Volunteer sheets on the bulletin board near the front door. Be sure to fill one out and put it back in the folder and I will get it to C.C. Williams. It helps with your volunteer hours and the club's taxes. The next thing will be getting the building ready for the Halloween Dance and Trunk or Treat. Hope to see you all there.

I want to let everyone know that I will not be available from September 30-October 7. I will be 7 miles up-river from Stehekin, Washington; no phone, no radio, no TV, no cell phone reception, no way in or out except by foot, float plane or boat; just fresh air and relaxation. Lynn Carr has graciously agreed to keep an eye on the building while I am gone so if any problems come up please call him. Until next month, thanks again and keep up the good work. I appreciate all your help.

Sharon Gearhart-Building and Grounds Chair.

Marina Report.....

Well the summer is winding down and it is time to think about winter moorage at the marina.

Winter moorage starts on November first and is open to anyone that qualifies even if they are from Fargo, ND. We have opened up our permanent moorage area to include two new small slips on the dinghy dock and the entire outside of 'D' dock. We have two 22' slips open for permanent moorage on Oct. 1st. So you can see we have lot's of opportunities for more boats at the dock which would of course help the coffers. Please let all of your friends know, weather in the club area or not.

We are down on our moorage income somewhat this year due to confusion about our new wharf and the economy, but we still have had most clubs come in to stay and we already have three clubs signed up for next year.

Almost everyone says how much they love our marina, and consider it one of the best destinations in Puget Sound. Everyone is pleased with us having ice available and the income from ice has added to the scholarship fund along with sales of books and placements.

Hope you have wonderful boating experiences.

Your dock master, Pat Thompson

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Halloween is rapidly approaching and for all of you who were wondering, yes the LIC and Evergreen PTA will once again host Trunk or Treat. A fun and safe way for our local children to celebrate a traditional favorite. There are many volunteering opportunities for this event. (Costumes are optional)

When: Monday October 31st

Where: Longbranch Improvement Club

Time: 5:45 to 8pm

(We let the kids loose at 6)

If you would like to participate, donate or have questions about this event... Please contact Debbie Ehrhardt 884-6382





UPCOMING EVENTS!!

- Sat. Oct 1—Fiber Arts, LIC, 10:00 am—4:00 pm
- Thurs. Oct 6—Northwest Volcanos and Earthquakes
Lecture at LIC, 7:00 pm, see page 1
- Sat. Oct 8—Tacoma Power Squadron Work Party,
Marina 10:00—3:00, see this page
- Mon. Oct 10—Columbus Day
- Sat. Oct 15—John Biggs Memorial, see page 1
- Wed. Oct 19—General Membership Pot Luck Meeting,
6:30 p.m.
- Mon. Oct 24—United Nations Day
- Sat. Oct 29—Halloween Dance, LIC, 7:00 pm—Midnight
- Mon. Oct 31—Halloween Trunk-or-Treat, see page 5

Thanks.....

Thanks to Two Waters Arts Alliance and individual donors for their financial support of the 4th Annual Fiber Arts show. The partnership between the 2011 Key Peninsula Farm Tour and LIC has made a huge difference in the promoting the event. One benefit of the local partnership was being included in the 2011 Fall Harvest Farm Tour produced by WSU, Pierce & King County. Pick up a copy and check out p.15 of the tour guide, and find out what is happening in our neighborhood. Hope you will take the tour on Saturday, October 1.

Carolyn Wiley

And more.....

This individual deserves recognition for all the work, assistance and time given to the Longbranch Improvement Club. Unlike many Heroes/Heroines, they are not right up front where everyone can see them and notice their dedication. Rather, they are in the background steadily working at what they

volunteered for and there seems to be no end to their talent. This individual is none other that Nancy Carr. She has been putting the Newsletter together for more than a year and does an outstanding job with the art work so it fits the Season of it's delivery, conserves space as much as possible (without leaving out valuable information) to keep the Newsletter as cost effective as possible without sacrificing information. She recently took over the entire sales, styles, colors, and embroidery options of the hats, vests and jackets for our Club. I say, "Hats off to Nancy!"; and if you don't have one to honor her, she will be glad to provide one for you!

Pat Muchmore

PLEASE READ!

The refrigerator is noisy but do NOT unplug it. That creates problems with the compressor and causes breakdowns and repairs. Your cooperation would be greatly appreciated as we do not want to purchase a new machine. Thank you.

Dave Dahl has a boathouse for sale. For more information, call 253-884-4511

Tacoma Power Squadron.....

The Tacoma Power Squadron is one of the 33 districts that make up the United States Power Squadrons (USPS), a non-profit boating safety educational organization. USPS is a national organization for recreational boaters dedicated to making boating safer and more fun. Members conduct public boating safety classes and vessel safety checks, and provide a variety of social and boating activities. Members of the Tacoma group will be at the LIC Marina Saturday, October 8 to help with some of the Marina maintenance tasks. There will be a BBQ for the USPS and all LIC volunteers in the afternoon. If you wish to participate in this worthwhile and fun effort, please contact Lynn Carr, 253-884-1384



LIC Membership Report

Mark your
calendars for the
**General
Membership Pot
Luck Meeting,
Wed., Sept. 19th
at 6:30 p.m.
Look for
Upcoming
Events.**

Membership needs help with the next two meetings volunteers in the kitchen. They should be at the Kitchen at 5:30 to make coffee and help set up.

Membership Chair
CC Williams
ccwilliams@centurytel.net or 253 884-3332

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