

MEMBER NEWS



Longbranch Improvement Club APRIL 2016

For the Betterment of the Community

APRIL 20— 6:30 PM— DINNER MEETING

President's Message:



At the March LIC membership meeting, we heard a presentation from Erik Pederson of the Great Peninsula Conservancy who explained that as populations grow and residential and commercial development expands throughout our region, our forests, natural shorelines, and open spaces are rapidly disappearing forever. A voluntary gift of land (or a gift of conservation interest in land) is one of the most significant contributions a family or an individual can make to the scenic and natural future of the Great Peninsula region. Melissa Haumerson has been a part of the Longbranch community since the early 1960s. She has always loved the forests and natural shoreline and has witnessed an increase in clear cut logging in our area. When the 46 acres along Mahncke Road were put on the real estate market, Melissa pondered what she could do to stop the development of the narrow lots that were platted from road to shoreline. Melissa finally decided to purchase all the parcels and with the assistance of her attorney donated them directly to the Great Peninsula Conservancy. The Conservancy will permanently hold the land and shoreline to protect it from future development. With the addition of the Great Peninsula Conservancy's recent purchase of land along Reeves Road, the head of Filucy Bay will continue to have untouched property and a natural shoreline in perpetuity.

Melissa not only donated the land but she also recently participated in the Cookbook project by using her artistic talent to paint all the pictures for the section tabs in the "Savories & Sweets South Sound Treats" cookbook. Additionally she has allowed the LIC to use her paintings for notecards and prints which have been a popular LIC revenue source. We are deeply indebted to Melissa for using her talent to enhance the cookbook project and for her generosity to the community through her donation of land to the Great Peninsula Conservancy.

The LIC has a busy calendar of events this spring. I hope that you will use your talents to help at one of the following upcoming events:

April 23rd is the Super Sale from 9 to 3 at the Clubhouse. We need donated items and volunteers to help with the sale. Jan and Denny are "Super" organized which makes the sale go so smoothly! This is an important fund raiser for the LIC's fiscal health this year.

May 7th is Opening Day at the Longbranch Marina. Breakfast will be served and a sailing regatta will leave from the dock. Hands are needed to help cook, set up, haul tables and chairs etc. Opening Day is fun and a great friend and neighbor raiser in our community.

May 28th is the famous Longbranch Memorial Day Dance with the fantastic band "Fingertips". We will need help with set up and take down as well as serving beer and wine. The Dance is also an important LIC fund raiser but friends are made as they dance to the lively music.

Francie

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2016



The 03/16/16 LIC General Membership Meeting was held in the LIC lobby. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

President Francie Carr welcomed guests and introduced the meeting's speaker Erik Pedersen, of the Great Peninsula Conservancy. Erik gave a presentation of the group's recently purchased property and conservation easements to a 68 acre area on the north shore of Filucy Bay. He spoke of other properties comprising of approximately 400 acres on the Key Pen that have been set aside as a conservation area.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dock-Master: Lynn Carr reported that visiting boaters from the Totem Yacht Club met at the LIC Marina for an overnight stay.

The resident pigeon population seems to be going down

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked and it was MSP to accept the Feb. 2016 LIC General Meeting minutes as written.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger gave his financial report.

Jim is working on gathering 2015 IRS tax information for the tax accountant.

The LIC Board approved a new Credit Card Policy. In order to comply with federal regulations, the policy outlines restrictions in credit card use at the Marina and LIC events. A copy of the new policy will be provided to the Membership in the LIC newsletter.

Membership: Nancy Carr has updated the LIC Membership records. With the new Longbranch Foundation, Nancy asked that members be aware of signing the correct volunteer sheets when they are working for the LIC or The Longbranch Foundation. The plan is to color code the sign-up sheets to make it easier for Member volunteers and for Nancy's record keeping. It is important to keep these hours separated for tax purposes. And some of the LIC events will combine volunteer efforts for both organizations. She thanked the hosts for this dessert meeting. And also the people who helped set up tables and chairs.

Building and Grounds: Francie Carr (reporting for Sharon Gearhart) said that Sharon is planning a Spring clean-up work party for the LIC clubhouse and grounds that is scheduled for May 14. Tim Heitzman and Bill Lloyd are working on procuring and installing a sound system for the LIC lobby.

Sharon has ordered (15)-5' round tables for replacement of the existing failing tables. Upcoming projects at the LIC Clubhouse will include new shelving for the pantry area of the kitchen, and driveway work for the parking area.

Larry Bingham reported that there is a plan to replace the stolen fence from the back of the property. This time, barbed wire and plain wire strands will be used instead wire fencing. Unfortunately, the LIC insurance policy does not cover the stolen fence.

President Francie Carr asked and it was MSP by the membership to approve a new fence expenditure not to exceed \$2,000.

Events: Delia McGinnis reported that the Down Key Festival, which raises money for student scholarships, is organizing a dinner theatre for the event this year. The Down Key organizers were planning to use the Key Pen history play that Connie Hildahl and Voski Sprague had written last year for the elementary school. The playwrights were working to adapted it to an adult dinner theatre format. However, it was decided that the playwrights need more time for that ambiguous and creative project. But the show will go on! Instead, a delightful comedy has been chosen for this year's LIC Dinner Theatre.

Jan Prichard gave an update on the plans for The **LIC Garage Sale.** Sign-up sheets were passed around for volunteer recruitment. Bakers are needed for the bake sale. Many other volunteers will be needed for this event. Call Jan or Denny Prichard if you would like to help. 884-2030

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Marina: Mark Runions reported that the Marina committee is taking the last bids for piling replacements. 2 to 5 pilings will be replaced this year.

The Marina Committee also plans to repair or replace the dingy dock and also build finger piers to replace the boat houses that have left the dock. The existing "foot print" of these areas of the dock has now been documented before the work begins. LIC volunteers may be able to do some of the demolition work.

Kelly Hettinger, the captain of the Dock Breakfast, has been sending invitations to yacht clubs to join in the boat regatta. Besides the usual delicious breakfast, there will be live music at the dock this year. The net proceeds from the dock breakfast will go to the Marine Reserve Fund. The entry fee for the regatta will, as always, go to The Mustard Seed Project.

Mark recommends Members to check out the new aerial drone video of the Longbranch Marina on the LIC website.

DNR / LIC Marina Lease Renewal: Denny Prichard reports that he has submitted the application for the 2017 lease renewal. He has spoken with the new contact person at the DNR, who has shown a willingness to work with the LIC through the work scheduling process.

LIC Newsletter: Helen Jamieson asks that articles and photos for the newsletter be submitted to her by the 25 of the month.

The Sunshine Report: Straight from the horse's mouth, Larry Bingham reports that Peg has gone to the UW for some heart reinforcement procedure that promises to keep her in good pumping order.

President: Francie Carr is looking for Members to serve on a nominating committee for LIC Board positions. In this cycle, the Board positions of Events Chair and Secretary will be open for election. Contact her if you would be interested in either of these positions, or if you have any recommendations.

Grant Work

The outside Grant work is being scheduled for June. The next Grant work meeting is scheduled for April. Careful tracking of volunteer work hours is needed in order to receive reimbursement for the Grant work.

The Longbranch Foundation

Clark Van Bogart reports that the Form1023 Application for Recognition of Exemption, was filled with the IRS 02/17/16. The LF is waiting for a response.

The LF, whose sole purpose is to raise money for the LIC, is planning to conduct a silent auction, live auction and raffle at the LIC Garage Sale. Members should contact him if they have items or services to donate for the auction. Also, volunteers are needed for this activity.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*

From the sunshine corner of the LIC ~



The sunshine lady (me) spent 2 full weeks with hubby in real Mexican sunshine. We had a great time, and I was able to talk to custom officials, who allowed me to bring a truckload full of sunshine back to the Key Peninsula. Now I have a good supply on hand and can share it freely with those who need it. Gracias, custom officers!

Marlies Van Ctse (beachwoods@centurytel.net)

LIC SUPER GARAGE SALE!!

**GARAGE "SUPER" SALE
COMING SOON!
Sat, April 23rd, 9 to 3 p.m.**

SPREAD THE WORD! This is a **BIG SALE!** Please tell your neighbors and friends and come join in the fun. Get your coffee and baked goodie and stroll the aisles. Find garage sale treasures, plants and crafts galore! Meet your friends and make new ones. Have lunch and admire your "finds." Take home a dessert for dinner from the **baked food sale.**

HAVE DONATIONS? Bring them to the LIC on Thursday 4/21 or Friday 4/22 between 3 and 8 p.m....or call 884-2030 for pick up. Your donations are tax deductible through the Longbranch Foundation this year!

BAKED GOODS? Bring them to the LIC on Saturday before 9 a.m. Contact Shirley Brewer at 884-0787 or email her at gbrewer124@yahoo.com for information.

HAVE SOME TIME TO GIVE? We can use more helpers pricing and sorting on Thurs. and Fri. and helping out on Saturday, especially in the morning. Give us a shout at 884-2030 or email us at jan@pacinfo.com.

Besides the LIC tables there are 17 community members selling from tables indoors and at least 15 folks selling items outdoors. **(A VERY FEW MORE SPACES ARE AVAILABLE OUTDOORS.** Call 884-2030 to register.)

See you there!

Denny and Jan Pritchard, Garage Sale Chairs
884-2030



Dockmaster Report.....

We had a float plane come in to the Marina on March 25th about 3:00 PM to pick up a passenger. It was a surprise and exciting to watch. No, I didn't take a picture!

Marina Water is ON!!

Work on the summer water is complete and the leak is fixed (cross your fingers). It took a couple of days to fix the fixes and at one point we had to start all over again.

There are electronic gate cards available for purchase. Let me now if you are interested. If not using the electronic cards, the code has changed. Call if you need it.

Lynn Carr



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CREDIT CARD POLICY

LEGAL LIMITATIONS

Federal law and regulations, and/or the contractual agreement with the LIC's credit card processor (Merchant Services) provide for the following:

Officers of the LIC prohibited from operating the credit card terminal.

Officers of the LIC, or anyone else who operates the credit card terminal, are prohibited from processing any payment using his or her own credit card on the LIC terminal.

No one may charge marina or any other rental fees consisting of more than a three month period on an LIC credit card terminal.

The LIC limits acceptance of credit cards to the following: VISA, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

GUEST MOORAGE

The LIC and Marina can only accept the credit cards listed above for guest moorage payments.

PERMANENT, TEMPORARY AND WINTER MOORAGE

The LIC and Marina can only accept the credit cards listed above for moorage covering periods of 90 days or less. Temporary and Winter moorage rules require prepayment of the entire moorage amount, which if longer than 90 days, may not be processed for payment via credit card. The maximum payment that can be accepted per quarter for Permanent moorage is \$2,450.00.

Adopted by the LIC Board of Directors on March 9, 2016.

Food Drive



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



OPENING DAY THE LONGBRANCH WAY!



Come celebrate the Longbranch Marina on opening day of boating season.

Dock breakfast complete with eggs, sausage, pancakes, muffins and fruit.

There will be live tropical music, a raffle, T-Shirts and Hats and an informal sailboat regatta.

All this starts at 8AM May 7th. Breakfast served until the food is gone or the people are gone.

Regatta starts at 11. Bring your sailboat or just come prepared to sail and we will locate a boat for you to sail on.



OPENING DAY THE LONGBRANCH WAY REGATTA REGISTRATION FORM – MAY 7th

SKIPPERS NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

BOAT NAME: _____

BOAT LENGTH: _____

CREW NEEDED? _____ IF YES, HOW MANY: _____

REGISTRATION FEE - 20.00 per boat

REGATTA T-SHIRT: Long Sleeve \$22.00, Short Sleeve 18.00, LT Gray, Dark Green or Navy

SIZE _____ QUANTITY _____ COLOR _____

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PLEASE SEND REGISTRATION FORM AND CHECK TO:

LIC – KELLY HETTINGER

PO BOX 111

LAKEBAY, WA 98349

SKIPPERS MEETING SATURDAY MAY 7th AT 10 AM, REGATTA STARTS AT 11 AM

Course to be determined the morning of the regatta depending on the weather and tides.

The Longbranch Foundation – April Update

The application for 501(c)(3) tax exempt status was filed with the IRS on February 17th. Our tax advisor indicates the approval process typically takes about two months, so we hope to hear in the next 2 – 3 weeks. The exemption is very important because it means your donation of cash or other valuable items to the Foundation will be eligible for deduction on your federal income tax return to the extent allowed by law.

In that regard, the Foundation is co-sponsoring the Longbranch Community Super Sale with the LIC. The Foundation will assist in receiving and pricing donated merchandise, provide donor receipts and manage the sale and silent auction/raffle. If you have an item you are planning to donate for the Sale, and it is either unique or may have higher than nominal value, please call me so we can consider your item for the silent auction or raffle. You may also call Jan/Denny Prichard – see the “Garage Super Sale” article elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Similarly, we are contemplating a silent auction component in conjunction with the Down Key Festival / Dinner Theatre. We are most interested in your ideas for items we can include in the auction – we would like to focus on experiences as opposed to things.

The LIC board recently discussed volunteer hours for events co-produced by the Foundation and LIC. They have decided that you, as an LIC member, will receive credit for your volunteer time regardless of whether it performed for the LIC or the Foundation. We may use different colored paper to differentiate activities of the two organizations, but this is only for ease of internal recordkeeping.

Finally, just a reminder that if you ever have a question, comment, or idea for fundraising, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Clark Van Bogart, President



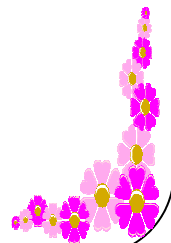
NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:

Thank you everyone for being so quick to get your articles in to me on time.! It makes my job a little easier!

FYI- When sending pictures, posters, signs, etc. PLEASE send them in docx. or jpg. format- I can't seem to convert pdf's back to a format I can insert in the NL.

I love getting pictures to print btw- how about some of those wonderful sunrises, sunsets and just plain terrific Longbranch photos!! Thank you!

Helen



Building and Grounds Chat Room:



Here we are almost a quarter through the year 2016. Time sure flies. We are waiting for the good weather and hopefully the start to our grant 'renovation' project. We will need several people to help with the work that has been allocated to the 'volunteer' portion of our grant share. This will include helping to clean the siding and plug holes caused by birds etc., cleaning out the bottom portion of the chimney in the meeting room, helping to hang the new doors in the main room and helping to paint the building. If you are handy in any of these areas or simply interested in helping and would like to earn volunteer hours, ***we need*** you. I cannot express enough how important your help is needed to get our grant work done. Please let me know what you are interested in doing. On another Front-I am planning on having an LIC spring cleanup day on May 14 and will post a list of projects in next month's newsletter. This is a fun and extremely successful day so mark your calendars and flex your muscles-lunch will be provided. We are working on how to replace the fence that was stolen and hope to have some answers soon. Meanwhile keep your eyes open for any suspicious activity around the LIC. You can call me if you see something that concerns you and I will check it out. I am fortunate that the lawn adopters have agreed to continue their mowing and weeding activities for 2016 and I cannot express my thanks enough to Susan Quigley, Bill Lloyd, Mike Isbell and Dee and Brian Born. If you are interested in adopting a project let me know. Until next month-stay dry, keep smiling and thanks for all you do. Sharon

Projects room:

- there is a window pane behind the kitchen three tub sink that needs to be replaced-if you would like to do the work let me know. We have additional panes.
- There is a broken round table outside the main room north doors that needs to be dismantled and taken to the dump-anyone interested-contact me-you will be reimbursed for the landfill charge.
- If you see any projects that you think need to be done and you are interested-contact me. ***Sharon***

A best friend is like a four leaf clover: Hard to find and lucky to have. Author unknown.

The LIC will be serving hot dog baskets (hot dog, chips and soda or water) at the garage sale on April 23 and we will need kitchen help to do so. The food set up and serving hours will be from 9:30AM to 3:00PM. Peg will be starting coffee at 7:30AM if anyone is interested in helping out early. Clean up will be from 3:00PM to 4:00PM. If enough people volunteer we can keep the hours reasonable and everyone can have fun 'looking' and or 'shopping'. We will need cooks to keep the hot dogs rolling, servers and someone to keep the coffee carafes filled and fill in as needed either cooking or serving-so three to four people per shift should work. It would be nice to keep the work hours to three or less per person. We will also need someone to act as cashier. Please let me know if you are willing and able so that can get a schedule together. I appreciate you all and thanks.

Let's make this work!!!! Sharon

WHATS HAPPENING



The LIC Super Sale is ready to rock and roll. All booths inside and out have been rented. Keep an eye out for posters to go up this week. We still need folks to bake for the bake sale. Jan is looking for items to be donated for three raffle baskets. They are putting together a Garden basket, a Toy basket and a House Beautiful basket. Please contact Jan at (253) 884-2030 if you have any items to donate.

Kathy Barrett and Kathy Lyons have been going great guns to get the play for the dinner theater cast. There is now a full complement of cast members. Rehearsals will begin very shortly. We will be looking for folks to help with set design and other tasks. If you are interested please contact either me at (253) 884-1163, Kathy Barrett at (253) 884-1592 or Kathy Lyons at (253) 884-2134.

Delta



LIC Membership Report

Thanks for the March helpers: Setup - Kelly Hettinger and Denny Prichard; Kitchen - Jan Prichard, Barbara Floyd, Jane Eiseman, and Ann Dearing; Bar - Kelly Hettinger.

If you can volunteer for the April 20th pot luck meeting, please e-mail or call me 253-884-1384, ncarr44@centurytel.net.

If you have not yet paid 2016 dues, please do so. Forms are available on the website and the sign-in table at each meeting.

Thanks, *Nancy Carr*



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