



# MEMBER NEWS

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

AUGUST 2020

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: AUGUST 19, 2020 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



## President's Message

Does it seem to you that time is moving really quickly and standing still at the same time? For me, it feels like we have been in this pandemic forever with no end in sight, and yet all of a sudden, I'm writing another President's message. I feel very fortunate to live in this community and that I'm able to keep busy and not have to sit in some city apartment and not be able to get outside. However, Covid is increasing folks, and getting a little too close to home in some cases. I urge you to stay the course, mask up, wash your hands and respect social distancing. We have many months to go before a vaccine, and we all need to pitch in and do our part to try to control this disease and protect each other.

Brett Allen and his team are making great progress on our pump out station and Marina expansion project. On July 15, several members attended the Key Peninsula Advisory Council (KPAC) meeting, and emerged with a very successful outcome and full support from the committee. I received an email from one of the KPAC members this week. He stated: "for the record your team put on one impressive KPAC presentation. I have been on the KPAC for six years and that presentation was the best by far". Next step is county permitting. Thanks to all who wrote letters of support. They will be critical as we move through this process.

We continue to make progress on the Preservation Grant for the new roof. We have an initial engineering report, and we will be gathering further information regarding the structural integrity of the buttresses, foundational supports and timbers. We will be engaging some professionals to help with these aspects of the project, so expect to see some activity around the building.

I want to extend a big welcome to our new board members Sheryl Low (secretary) and Allen and Marcel Ballinger (events). Also thanks to David Zeigler and Bob Perry for being willing to continue in their roles as Vice President and Building and Grounds Chair respectively.



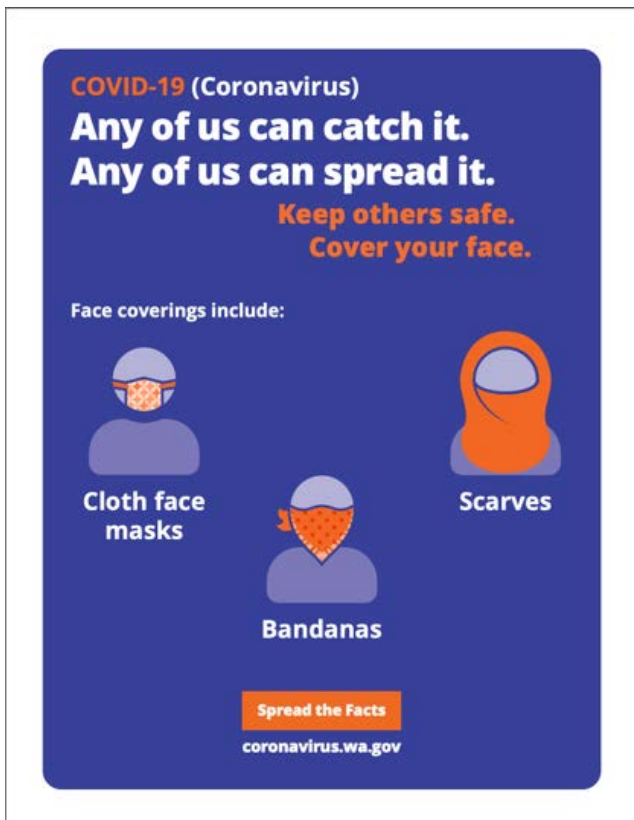
## President's Message (continued)

Those of you who attended the last member meeting heard a presentation from Bob Wise of the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington Marine Conservancy. This organization has a contract to purchase The Lakebay Marina and plans to completely restore it and then turn it over to the Washington State Parks to manage as a community and state resource in perpetuity. Covid-19 has significantly impacted their ability to secure funding and so they are looking for support from our community. There have been many great ideas put forth for turning the marina and its surrounding property into a facility that we can all be proud of and that we can all enjoy. If you can make an individual contribution please go to <https://www.rbawmarineparksconservancy.org/initiatives/lakebay> to donate. The Waggoner Group and the Northwest Marine Trade Association will be holding a virtual fundraiser on Thursday August 6th. An invitation will be sent out in a blast as soon as it becomes available.

If you haven't filled out your census, I'm bugging you about it again.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!! Ballots are due by August 4.

Marsha Kremen  
marsha@marshakremen.com  
206-419-0503



<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for/you-and-your-family/face-masks-or-cloth-face-covering>



## Thank You Clark

One of the key individuals behind the creation of The Longbranch Foundation in January 2016 was Clark Van Bogart. Clark retired from the TLF board on June 30. Thank you, Clark, for your leadership and service.

### New Board Members

The Longbranch Foundation is happy to announce the appointment of Michele Gorman to the board. Michele and her husband moved to Longbranch over two years ago. She brings to us lots of non-profit experience and a fresh perspective – welcome Michele!

As you may know, the four LIC officers are automatically members of the foundation board. Of these, to date, the secretary and treasurer have assumed their roles for both the LIC and TLF. Kim Robinson retired after one year as secretary of the LIC/TLF following Jane Eiseman who served for three years, thank you Kim and Jane for the hard work and a great job! We welcome Sheryl Low as the new LIC/TLF secretary.

### KP Community Support

Donations through the foundation's Covid-19 web page, from individuals and a major donation from the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, has supported giving to over ten Key Peninsula non-profit organizations. Please consider a donation of whatever amount, our community continues to care for those in need.

## Food Market

*A reminder, please continue to save your Food Market receipts for when we meet again.*

### Support Longbranch Foundation.

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), Amazon donates.

[Go to smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)

 **amazonsmile**





## Fundraising & Super Sale News

The Longbranch Foundation has three major fundraising events.

1. We hold a “Celebrate the South Key” campaign once a year to solicit donations by mail. The foundation is unique in that we ask to which charitable cause you would like your donation dedicated and we set your donation in a reserved fund for that cause.
2. In addition to this yearly campaign, every other year we hold an Auction. This is a major event which to date has raised funds for our scholarship & student programs initiatives – stay tuned for what we will be doing at our next Auction on April 10, 2021.
3. On alternate years we hold a “Super Sale”. This year, after multiple cancellations, and out of caution for everyone involved, we are cancelling the formal sale which was scheduled in September. Kelly Hettinger and her crew have collected many great items, sold many of them to date, and they have raised over \$5,000. Thank you, Kelly and crew!



## PLEASE STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY

The virus seems to be making it way down the KP Peninsula. To date we have been blessed as a community with very few cases, but the number is rising, and it seems we have more challenges ahead.

## Please follow the recommended guidelines:

- wear a mask - indoors and out
- wash your hands frequently
- maintain at least a six-foot distance

This is a simple way to show respect and kindness to others.

If you have any questions about or input for The Longbranch Foundation please do not hesitate to talk with one of our Board members: Randy Carr, Jim Hettinger, Don Swensen, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler, Sheryl Low, Michele Gorman or call me. Contact information can be found on our web site. [longbranchfoundation.org](http://longbranchfoundation.org)

**Thank you for working with us to make a difference in our community.**

Barb Floyd  
President  
[bjf.4969@yahoo.com](mailto:bjf.4969@yahoo.com)

[longbranchfoundation.org](http://longbranchfoundation.org)  
home: (253) 884-3796  
cell: (206) 920-3273

The Longbranch Foundation  
P. O. Box 111  
Lakebay, WA 98349

## Dockmaster Report

Hello from the dock, July was a fun month, warm weather and many people enjoying the marina. We had the KP painters come down and create works of art, the Classic Yacht Club, and Edmonds Yacht Club also came for a visit.

I want to thank Jim and Diana Craig for prepping and painting the office at the marina, it looks fabulous! I also want to thank Jenniffer Guyler and Claude Lee for painting in the pavilion, it looks fabulous also! And thank you to Dennis Stuhaug for repairing and painting the life ring station on A dock! We are working on replacing dock boards and Andy Gano and Bruce

## Membership

We are fantastic LIC members consisting of 135 memberships comprised of families, individuals, lifetimers, and associates. And we are a really great group – yes, pat yourself on the back!!!

During the first six months of 2020, we have accumulated over 1640 volunteer hours of service! This is amazing considering we have had a lot of events, meetings and get togethers cancelled. Because of limited 'normal' LIC activities, we have directed our efforts to helping our friends, neighbors, and community with over 130 community service hours. Thanks, everyone, and keep it up!!

Through the Greater Gig Harbor Foundation, we are displaying 'Student of Distinction' banners for two qualifying Peninsula High School seniors, Lena Janson and Daniel Shurr. These banners were displayed in Gig Harbor for a few weeks, then given to community business and organizations to display for a couple of

Jeglum have volunteered to do that, thank you very much guys!

A couple of reminders;

- All dogs must be leashed and with their family at all times.
- Please place your 2021 registration sticker on your boat.
- Face coverings are required at the marina when 6 feet distancing can not be maintained, this includes passing each other on the dock. Thank you for your help and understanding.

Katie Harrison  
Dockmaster

weeks before they go home with their respective graduate. We are pleased to display two banners, one at the LIC and one at the marina. Take a look as you drive by. Some of the other organization displaying banners include Children's Home Society, Goin' Postal, Key Peninsula Community Council, Key Pen Parks and the Key Center Fire Station.

Stay safe, mask-up and keep your distance.

Nancy Carr  
Membership Chair





## Buildings & Grounds

Quick update – as you may have seen, the new container is temporarily in place on the grounds, we are working on a survey and lease from an adjoining land-owner so we can place the container behind the LIC building. Then we can do the refurbishment on the container. This week we expect that our volunteers can mow the LIC, and weed-whack along the roadway. In late August we would like to form a trails clean-up day, please let me know if you can volunteer.

Bob Perry  
Buildings & Grounds

## Events

Marcel and I are beginning our term as co-chairs of the Events Committee and look forward to making new friends as we learn the ropes. It appears that we will be starting more slowly than we had anticipated as many activities have been cancelled due to the Corona Virus restrictions. The Farm Tour and Fiber Arts Show were previously canceled. The decision was made by the LIC board at the July meeting to also cancel the Labor Day weekend dance.

Planning will continue for the LIC Centennial Celebration in 2021. We are looking to arrange a variety of activities

and events that will occur over the course of 2021, and involve the community, as well as tell the story of the Key Peninsula, and the history of the LIC. We are in the process of forming a subcommittee to collect ideas and plan events. Let us know if you have ideas and/or would like to participate on the subcommittee.

We are looking forward to working with all of you!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger  
Events Co-Chairs



*Just living is not enough... one must have sunshine, freedom, and a little flower.*

*~Hans Christian Andersen*

## From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month I sent out a get-well card and flowers to a member that had an unexpected hospital stay in the ICU.

Cheril Allen,  
Sunshine Representative



## LIC General Meeting July 15, 2020



Marsha Kremen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Guests & New Members Introductions – Allan and Jeanne Vogel introduced themselves, and have Celt's Cupcake down at the Marina

Guest Speaker – Marsha introduced, Bob Wise CEO of the Recreational Boaters Association of Washington (RBAW) who is working on a conservancy project for Lakebay Marina.

Bob Wise presented a power point, which gave the history of RBAW. Current focus of the organization is lobbying in Olympia about boating issues. Lakebay is an historic Mosquito fleet location, with an historic building on the pier. The property has been eyed as a potential state park through public conservation. RBAW has started a campaign to raise 1.3 million for the acquisition, and then will need another 1.3 million for the renovations. The facilities include land which could be used for a potential septic field, which would be required for the conversion to a state park. Presently, the utilities no longer work, the docks are at the end of their life, and many of the buildings/structures are decaying. Katrina Lassiter is the rep for the lease holder (DNR) and they want to work with RBAW. The potential plan is for new docks with a 40 year life span. A community pavilion with solar power, new docks for boaters, uplands for community

use, boat launch ramp for human powered vessels, adequate parking, and an historic multi-purpose building over the water. The focus would also include cleaning up the shoreline habitat. All of this is preliminary as there are a number of steps to complete. Only \$400,000 of the 1.3 million needed for the purchase has been raised and they only have two more months till the sales agreement expires on Sept 30, 2020. They are working with Waggoner Guide and NMTA to do a fundraiser later in the month and Marsha will forward the link. They need to raise \$900,000 in the next two months. The organization would love support and is looking for donations large or small.

Questions were raised from the members and Bob Wise reported that anyone can have a copy of the Powerpoint on request at [bobwise98110@gmail.com](mailto:bobwise98110@gmail.com). If a contribution is made and the project does not meet the timelines or come to fruition, the money can be returned.

### BOARD REPORTS

**Secretary:** Sheryl Low asked that the minutes of the June Meeting be accepted as written and submitted. MSP

**Treasurer:** Jim Hettinger is attending the KPAC meeting for the pump-out station. Marsha reported for him. Moorage finances: We had some rental income in June, and we also had guest moorage and are at budget for this point of the year. For permanent moorage we are over budget and we still have the fourth

## LIC General Meeting July 15, 2020



quarter yet to be paid, temporary moorage is low compared to budget, Katie has done a good job with permanent moorage. Our net income was over \$7,000 for June so we are doing fine.

**Membership:** Nancy Carr asked us to keep volunteering and sending your hours in.

**Events:** Supersale update – we are doing well and have raised \$5,000 so far. We are ready for the final leg and hope to hold an event on September 19<sup>th</sup> [*this has been officially cancelled*]. Allen and Marcel, labor-day dance is cancelled. Artist will not carry deposit over to next year but will give us a good price if we book.

**Building and Grounds:** Bob Perry offered a thank-you to everyone who is working on the grounds and mowing. A large number of people have reached out to mow and weed whack, so thank you. Side entrance lighting has been upgraded, thanks to those who worked on that. A local resident gave us a storage container, which is now on the property and will be mounted and painted over the next few months. Looking for volunteers for this project. The goal is to have storage and lighting inside of container. We acquired for free, saving \$4,500. We will need to fix or run new gas lines, so there will be a disruption to the gas lines and it will be scheduled to minimize the rental plan. All volunteers are welcome, if you send an email Bob will get you hours, and thanks to all who volunteer.

**Marina:** Please abide by the government rule to wear masks in public if closer than six feet. If you are by yourself you don't need a mask, but if you talk to Katie or Robert and are closer than 6 feet please wear a mask. You don't need a mask on your own boat.

**Trustee at Large:** Nothing to report

**Newsletter:** Get info to Tanya by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**Historian:** Lynn is thinking about our Centennial and we need ideas for that.

**Vice President:** Marsha reported that David and a committee of committed volunteers worked on the results of a member survey and identified 3 major themes focused on outreach and new membership integration and mentoring. The focus is on making people feel more welcome.

**President:** Marsha Kremen reported that the Pump out station committee is presenting to the KPAC meeting for permits. Thanks to those who wrote letters of support. In the documents from the county they were very supportive of Phase 1 of the project but had some reservations on Phase 2 and 3 We should know more later tonight or tomorrow.

**Preservation Grant:** Bart Wolfe did a presentation to the Board, we will be able to put a new roof on and add insulation. We will need to add purlins, our next step is to x-ray the buttresses and footings to determine the structural integrity. We have to have a timber grader examine the trusses to make sure they are sound. All of this is moving forward.



# LIC General Meeting June 17, 2020



## THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION:

Barb talked about changes to the TLF Board. Clark was the original president, and she thanked Clark for his leadership and his service and offered a virtual toast to Clark. The Board has a nine member board charged with the charitable support of the LIC, Student Programs and Scholarships, and in general, support to the community to improve the quality of life for adults and children. This includes the four LIC officers; Treasurer and Secretary, President, and Vice President, and an appointed member from the LIC. Clark is stepping down as the LIC

appointed member and Michelle Gorman has accepted that position on the board. Barb also offered thanks to Kim Robinson retiring from the secretary position and welcomed Sheryl Low as the new LIC/TLF Secretary.

### Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- Virtual Meeting August 19, 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by:  
Sheryl Low  
Secretary



*Summer breeze, makes me feel fine,  
blowing through the jasmine in my mind*

## LIC Contacts:

PRESIDENT: Marsha Kremen  
253.884.2254  
[marsha@marshakremen.com](mailto:marsha@marshakremen.com)

VICE PRESIDENT: David Zeigler  
858.945.8913  
[zigd@windrivermedia.com](mailto:zigd@windrivermedia.com)

SECRETARY: Sheryl Low  
805.340.7914  
[sheryl.a.low@gmail.com](mailto:sheryl.a.low@gmail.com)

TREASURER: Jim Hettinger  
253.235.9009  
[jehettinger@gmail.com](mailto:jehettinger@gmail.com)

BLDG/GROUNDS: Bob Perry  
714.345.7745  
[bobperrypersonal@outlook.com](mailto:bobperrypersonal@outlook.com)

EVENTS : Allen & Marcel Ballinger  
206.208.8076  
[Allenandmarcel@hotmail.com](mailto:Allenandmarcel@hotmail.com)

DOCK : Robert Theisen  
253.682.7993  
[roberttheisen2000@gmail.com](mailto:roberttheisen2000@gmail.com)

MEMBERSHIP: Nancy Carr  
253.884.1384  
[ncarr44@centurytel.net](mailto:ncarr44@centurytel.net)

TRUSTEE-AT LARGE:  
Clark Van Bogart  
253.549.9129  
[cvb@vanbogart.com](mailto:cvb@vanbogart.com)

Advisor to the Board: Phil Johnson  
720.596.4064  
[kpjohn0425@yahoo.com](mailto:kpjohn0425@yahoo.com)

Francie Carr  
253.279.0532  
[francie68@gmail.com](mailto:francie68@gmail.com)

LIC OFFICE ADMINISTRATION:  
Kim DeCamp Robinson  
253.514.0533  
[kdecamp66@gmail.com](mailto:kdecamp66@gmail.com)

LIC CLUBHOUSE RENTAL AGENT  
Katie Harrison  
253-202-2056  
[licclubhouserentals@gmail.com](mailto:licclubhouserentals@gmail.com)

LIC CUSTODIAN: Kitty Voyce  
360-649-3594  
[kbsvoyce@yahoo.com](mailto:kbsvoyce@yahoo.com)

MOORAGE MGR: Robert Theisen  
253.682.7993  
[roberttheisen2000@gmail.com](mailto:roberttheisen2000@gmail.com)

DOCKMASTER: Katie Harrison  
253.202.2056  
[Tightlinesandsunshine@gmail.com](mailto:Tightlinesandsunshine@gmail.com)

KITCHEN SERVICES: Mary Lemon  
253.884.5255  
[marylemon@centurytel.net](mailto:marylemon@centurytel.net)

ADOPT-A-ROAD: Barb Green  
206.802.8848  
[bfg14012@gmail.com](mailto:bfg14012@gmail.com)

NATURE TRAIL: Larry Bingham  
253.884.1124  
[bing6178@gmail.com](mailto:bing6178@gmail.com)

LIC HISTORIAN: Lynn Larson  
253.884.3951  
[llarson@laasltd.com](mailto:llarson@laasltd.com)

“SUNSHINE LADY”: Cheril Allen  
425.877.7883  
[brettandcheril@gmail.com](mailto:brettandcheril@gmail.com)

LIC NEWSLETTER: Tanya Perry  
206.778.6647  
[tanyaspersonal@outlook.com](mailto:tanyaspersonal@outlook.com)

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION:  
Lynn Carr  
253.884.1384  
[ncarr44@centurytel.net](mailto:ncarr44@centurytel.net)

NEWSLETTER PROOF READERS:  
Nancy Carr and Pat Muchmore

RECYCLING ALUMINUM CANS:  
Celia Emens & Marion Henrich  
[Emenscelia31@gmail.com](mailto:Emenscelia31@gmail.com)  
(253) 225-6394

LIC Grocery Receipts:  
Connie Hildahl  
253.884.1400  
[cahildahl@gmail.com](mailto:cahildahl@gmail.com)

WEBMASTER: Rob Hord  
[rhtechllc@gmail.com](mailto:rhtechllc@gmail.com)

**The Longbranch Foundation:**  
PRESIDENT: Barb Floyd  
253.884.3796  
Cell: 206.920.3273  
[hozro\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:hozro_99@yahoo.com)

SCHOLARSHIP: Don Berger  
253.686.9097  
[donberger42@gmail.com](mailto:donberger42@gmail.com)

YOUTH PGMS:  
Jan Prichard  
253.884.2030  
[jan@pacinfo.com](mailto:jan@pacinfo.com)

[www.longbranchfoundation.org](http://www.longbranchfoundation.org)






LIC Clubhouse  
4312 Key Peninsula Hwy SW  
Longbranch, WA 98351  
253.200.0308

Marina  
5213 Key Peninsula Hwy SW  
Longbranch, WA 98351

Longbranch Improvement Club  
 PO Box 111  
 Lakebay, WA 98349

**PLACE YOUR AD HERE**

LIC ads are FREE for members. Donations accepted from the community. Submit your ad copy to [LICmembernews@gmail.com](mailto:LICmembernews@gmail.com) no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

 <p><b>BRUCE TITUS</b> AUTOMOTIVE GROUP</p> <p><a href="http://www.BruceTitus.com">www.BruceTitus.com</a></p> <p>New, Used &amp; Certified Pre-Owned Parts, Accessories &amp; Service We Service ALL Makes and Models</p> <p>*Come On In, for all of your vehicle needs!  <b>1.866.99.MOTOR</b></p>	 <p>Aspen Land Surveying, LLC      at The Landing in Key Center  <a href="http://www.AspenLand.com">www.AspenLand.com</a></p> <p>Daniel B. Johnson, PLS      Managing Director</p> <p><a href="mailto:danjohnson@aspenland.com">danjohnson@aspenland.com</a>      phone: 253.303.0270 • fax: 253.303.0273      15510 92<sup>nd</sup> Street KFN • Gig Harbor, WA 98329      P.O. Box 124 • Vaughn, WA 98394-0124</p>	 <p>COUNTDOWN      BOOKKEEPING</p> <p>253.235.9009</p> <p>Jim Hettinger      Certified QuickBooks ProAdvisor</p> <p><a href="mailto:jim@cd-bookkeeping.com">jim@cd-bookkeeping.com</a>      Longbranch WA 98351</p>
 <p><b>Char &amp; Don Berger</b>      Char-Don@CruisingCo.com      Owners</p> <p>CharB@CruisingCo.com      DonB@CruisingCo.com      13108 Thomas Road KP N      Gig Harbor, WA 98329</p> <p>Char Cell: 253-686-4069      Don Cell: 253-686-9097      Office: 253-853-6264      Agency: 253-891-1138</p> <p>Cruising Company Etc. &amp; MouseEar Vacatjons  <a href="http://TravelsWithChar-Don.CruisingCo.com">TravelsWithChar-Don.CruisingCo.com</a></p>	<p>EQUINE, LIVESTOCK &amp; RESIDENTIAL FENCING • SINCE 1989</p> <p>Warwick &amp; Janice Bryant</p>  <p><b>KIWI FENCING COMPANY, INC.</b>      Custom Farm &amp; Fence Solutions</p> <p>cell 360-340-4646      office 253-851-5494      fax 253-851-5550      toll free 800-598-3374  <a href="http://warwick@kiwifencing.com">warwick@kiwifencing.com</a></p> <p>13108 125th St Ct K.P.N.      Gig Harbor, WA 98329  <a href="http://www.kiwifencing.com">www.kiwifencing.com</a>      #KIWIFCIO55DA</p>	<p><b>North Bay Construction</b></p> <p>Mark Lemon      253-314-6998  <a href="mailto:marklemon@centurytel.net">marklemon@centurytel.net</a></p> <p>New Construction, Renovations      Architectural Millwork and Cabinet Installation      Cabinet Making</p>
<p><b>ARMORED LOCKING MAILBOX INSTALLATIONS</b></p> <p>David Zeigler      253 432-0053  <a href="http://www.armoredmailboxes.com">www.armoredmailboxes.com</a>      Lic #ARMORLM818Q7</p>	<p><b>BUILT by BRADLY</b></p> <p>AFFORDABLE   RELIABLE   DETAILED      Kitchens, Bathrooms, Repairs, and more      949.372.9873  <a href="mailto:BuiltByBradly@outlook.com">BuiltByBradly@outlook.com</a>  <a href="http://www.BuiltByBradly.com">www.BuiltByBradly.com</a></p>	