



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

JULY 2015

For the Betterment of the Community



The July program will be presented by Tarin Todd of *Citizens for a Healthy Bay*. He will discuss the CHB Derelict Vessel Prevention Program (and perhaps a bit about the demise of the iconic ferry, the Kalakala).

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June Meeting BBQ. The traditional June membership meeting featured BBQ hamburgers and hot dogs, served up by Head Griller Lynn Carr and Asst. Griller Clark Van Bogart. Numerous delicious pot-luck side dishes and desserts were provided by the membership, and the bar was manned by Delia McGinnis.

Leadership Election. At the June meeting, the following persons were unanimously elected to two-year terms: President : Francie Carr, Treasurer : Jim Hettinger, Membership : Nancy Carr, Marina Chair : Mark Runions.

Outgoing Board Members. Many thanks to those completing terms on the Board of Directors: Eloise Colbert (Membership), Denny Prichard (Marina), Phil Johnson (Trustee). Phil is especially deserving of recognition and thanks as he has just completed **eight years** of service as a Board member, well above and beyond any real or imagined call to duty. His generous legal advice and solid common sense have been invaluable.

Grant Application. As I write this, we are putting the final touches on our application for a Pierce County Historic Preservation Grant to meet the submission deadline of July 1st. Based on findings in the Historic Structures Report prepared last year, we are requesting matching funding for four clubhouse projects: 1. Repair of our badly deteriorated chimney (at risk of collapse in an earthquake); 2. Repair, cleaning and staining of exterior siding and woodwork; 3. Replacement of our sagging, weathered auditorium doors (which allow wind, water and vermin entry); 4. Repair, glazing and painting of selected windows.

We may or may not be selected to receive a grant, but we are fortunate to live in a county that does offer them, as many Washington counties do not. With Sharon Gearhart's leadership, a committee including Lynn Lloyd, Susan Quigley, Clark Van Bogart, Lynn Larson, and myself has worked for several months on assembling information for the grant application. Special thanks to Lynn Larson for preparing the final draft of our application (about 80 pages). We won't hear if we have been successful for a few months, so fingers crossed.

Final Message.- Preparing this message is among my final tasks, as I complete my term as your President, and I want to extend my thanks to the membership of the LIC for your support. It has been a great honor and a pleasure (mostly) to do this job. I've had the sense that the LIC increased its unity and forward momentum as it responded to the wharf crisis and Geoff Baillie's masterful leadership. I have applied myself to continuing that momentum and hopefully building upon it. The LIC has a smart, capable and hard-working membership, and I think it has a bright future. *Gayle Brewer*

**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
June 17, 2015**



LIC Membership Meeting on 06/17/15 in the LIC Hall was called to order at 7:00 PM, preceded by a delicious BBQ and potluck dinner. Guests were introduced.

Christine Anderson announced the three LIC scholarship recipients, along with a summary of college plans for each.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reports that as usual, the Memorial Day weekend had a big boater turnout at the Longbranch Marina. This whole month was very busy with visiting boaters, including a rendezvous of the Fox Island Yacht Club and an outboard motor club. The Fircrest Yacht Club and the Seattle Yacht Club are both planning to visit the LIC Marina in the coming weeks. A lot of ice is being sold at the dock during our exceptionally warm weather.

LIC Rental-Agent, Lori Deacon reported that there have been 16 rental bookings for the Clubhouse this year.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked the membership to accept the May 2015 LIC Board Meeting minutes as written. It was MSP to do so.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger reported good news, in that the total Clubhouse rentals are currently 235% over what was expected in the budget. And income as well, is greater than 100% of the projected budget.

Membership: Eloise Colbert was absent this meeting.

Events: Delia McGinnis reports, that the Memorial Day Dance was a big success with 225 people attending. Lots of drinks were sold, but hardly any food. Even so, the Club netted \$4,500. The Down Key Festival was a big success for the kids, family and friends. There was standing room only. The LIC contributed \$500 to the event from an Angel Guild grant for kids programs.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart thanked the volunteer grounds keepers for the beautiful job they are doing.

Marina: Clark Van Bogart congratulated MR and Harry Faas for the sale of their beautiful boat, which greeted visitors for many years at the LIC dock, as they walked down the ramp to see the big classic boat on the right at the bottom.

Trustee at Large: Phil Johnson had no report.

Sunshine Lady: Marlies Van Cise, who is herself rebounding from illness, reported that Virgil Iversen was in the hospital for a gall bladder operation.

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Newsletter: Helen Jamieson asks ,that members submit articles for the newsletter to her by the 25th of the month at (theprplelady@gmail.com).

Historian: Lynn Larson had no report.

Vice President: Clark Van Bogart had no report.

President: Gayle Brewer had no report.

OLD and IN PROGRESS BUSINESS

Gayle reports, that the 2016 Pierce County Historic Building Preservation grant paperwork will be submitted by July 1, 2015. The LIC is applying for a \$12,000 grant for building repairs, that will require some volunteer labor on our part. There was a big thank you round of applause for the committee that worked so hard on this project.

Phil reports that The Marso / LIC property sale should be completed by the end of the month.

NEW BUSINESS

Susan Quigley reported for the Board Member Election Committee the slate of candidates, who were then voted in by the LIC Membership.

President: Francie Carr
Treasurer: Jim Hettinger
Membership: Nancy Carr
Marina: Mark Runions

Gayle announced, that the speaker for the July General Membership Meeting will be from Citizens for a Healthy Bay presenting a program on Derelict Vessel Prevention.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*

Dockmaster Report -

June has been a pretty good month for the marina with boaters coming in every weekend. Last weekend Fircrest Yacht Club brought in 23 boats and there were 3 independents joining the fun.

For people needing volunteer hours, there is a to-do list. Please see me if you can help.

Lynn



Upcoming Events

July 4– Independence Day

July 10 & 11- Blue Willow Lavender Festival

July 15-LIC Meeting-Dessert Social-7:00pm

July 21– LIC Boater’s Outing

July 25-Blugrass & BBQ Festival @LIC

July 26– Marge Radonich Memorial Service (at Vaughn Civic Center)

Greetings from the LIC sunshine corner:



Several people needed a little sunshine in their lives:

Linda Miriam had a hip replacement and seems to be doing fine, since she was able to attend the LIC Barbeque. Keep up the good work, Linda, so you can work in the yard again and play with your puppy.

Virgil Iverson scared his family with a temperature of 105. That is high for an old man, so they rushed him to the hospital, where they determined, that his gallbladder needed to be taken out. He is home now and recovering well.

I am learning to adjust to a different lifestyle and am a good girl, by following all I need to follow, due to doctors orders and medications. Thank you all for your cards and calls.

Respectfully submitted -*Marlies Van Cise*

Building and Grounds Chat Room: {June report}

I am happy to report, that the grant project is complete, and the paperwork will be delivered to the proper authorities at the end of this month. Huge thanks and kudos go to Gayle Brewer, Clark Van Bogart, Lynn Larson, Lynn Lloyd and Susan Quigley, who worked so diligently and put in multiple hours to make sure we selected critical projects, estimated the cost of each and met the deadline on time. It was a very interesting process, to say the least, and at times felt a little like we were herding cats!! The four projects we have submitted for grant consideration are: Repair the chimney, fill in bird damage to the siding and paint the entire building, replace both sets of double doors in the main room and finish deglazing, caulking and painting the lower windows on the west side of the building. Please stay tuned-we will let you know as soon as we hear anything and what you might do to help. On another note, I want to thank Tom Osborne profusely for building a frame and pouring the concrete for the platform at the base of the flag pole. He meshed it in with the existing concrete platform, and it looks great. We will be moving on to the next step soon. Also thanks to all those worker bees, who have been keeping the grounds looking tidy. I really appreciate the effort. Lynn Carr may have found a post that we can use to replace the rotten one on the front porch. He will get back to me as soon as he knows for sure. We hope to get this repaired pronto. Until next month, continue to enjoy your summer and pray for rain.

Projects Room:

Pour concrete base for flag pole-DONE

Paint address post-DONE

Needs to be done:

- Rehang right hand dumpster gate, so that it hangs straight and closes properly
- Fill in holes at the end of each driveway with gravel. Let me know if you are interested, and we can work out the logistics
- Sand and paint wood backing for historic plaque.
- Weed eat around the back of the building and along entrance to trail.

Sharon

Blue Willow Lavender Festival

Friday/Saturday July 10, 11

10615 Wright Bliss Rd. Kpn, Gig Harbor, WA 98329

253 225-9030- email: www.bluewillowlavenderfarm.com

Join us, as we celebrate the summer splendor of lavender at our local lavender farm - Blue Willow Lavender Farm! There will be hundreds and hundreds of lavender starts in many different varieties available for purchase. Shop in our lavender store for lavender and lavender products, stroll through the vendor court, where you will find wonderful products for sale, listen to live music, make a lavender wreath or discover how to make lavender vinegar, (fee applies) or u-pick your own fresh lavender bouquet (fee applies), attend free lavender classes and demonstrations, and enjoy the fragrance of over 4,000 lavender plants blooming in 15 fields!

The admission is free, and the memories will last a lifetime.



~2015 LIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS~



16 May 2015

Dear members of The Longbranch Improvement Club,
 Thank you so much for the \$1,000 scholarship!
 I'm so grateful to be granted this scholarship
 and plan to use it towards my attendance
 at California State University Long Beach
 which I will be attending this year in the
 fall. I'm majoring in English Education
 to become an English teacher. Thank you
 so much again!
 Sincerely, Karlee Wilkinson

Dear Members of the Longbranch Improvement Club,
 Thank you so much for the generous \$1,000
 Scholarship! This scholarship meant a lot for me to
 receive. I have spent much of my childhood at the LIC.
 From Trunk-or-Treat to Christmas Workshops to school plays,
 the LIC has been a part of my life. I plan on
 attending Washington State University next year to major in
 athletic training. Thank you for helping the community
 and for helping me achieve my dreams! It is greatly
 appreciated!!

Sincerely,
 Megan Ross

Dear members of The Longbranch Improvement Club,
 Thank you very much for your
 generous \$1,000 scholarship. I am grateful
 to have been selected to receive your
 donation. It will be very helpful to me for
 keeping the cost of college down as much
 as possible. I will be attending The
 University of Washington and I plan to
 pursue a degree in Architecture. Once again,
 Thank you and know this will be a great
 help towards my college education.
 Sincerely, Souk & But



Karlee Wilkinson



Savek Butorac & Megan Ross

Congratulations!

"Everyone is invited to the fourth annual Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival on Saturday, July 25th, from 2:00–6:00 pm, at the Longbranch Improvement Club (4312 Key Peninsula Highway South). Featuring Coyote Hill Bluegrass from Oklahoma, along with the Day Brothers and the Key Peninsula's own Bluegrass Minstrels. There will be delicious food available for purchase. There will also be a silent auction and face-painting, as well as other activities for kids. Proceeds support the ministries of Longbranch Community Church."



THE FARAWAY CENTENNIAL

August 8th

2:00p.m. – 4:00p.m.

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Photo courtesy of Kurt Anderson

Remember the on-going Food Bank donation box at the LIC Monthly meeting. Thank you.



JULY BOATERS OUTING DATE CHANGE



The date of the July Boaters Outing has been changed, from the 14th to Tuesday, the 21st. As of right now, all of our passenger seats are spoken for. So, if you have a boat, and are willing to take a couple of passengers along with you, please let me know as soon as possible. We will be heading over to Steilacoom, to eat at Topside Grill (one of the group's favorites). We will meet at the marina at 10:00am, and should be seated on the outside deck by about 11:00. If you have any questions, please text, email, or call ([253 350-0309](tel:2533500309) / hound356@gmail.com). - Also, if you would like to go as a passenger, but have not let me know yet, please do so. That way if we get more boats, we can reserve a seat for you.

Kurt Anderson

July 15th-
Meeting @ LIC-
Dessert Social- 7:00pm

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