



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

The Longbranch Improvement Club: Improvement is Our Middle Name

We experienced perhaps our strongest surge of growth and development in 2019 as we worked to provide resources in the community while improving and preserving our facilities and the environment.



Membership. Longbranch Improvement Club (LIC) membership grew to 272, a new record. We offer

membership opportunities to everyone, no matter where you live, see www.licweb.org for benefits and details on LIC activities. We are 100% volunteer-run; in 2019 members donated more than 6,800 hours to support the LIC, The Longbranch Foundation (TLF) and programs and projects of both.

Monthly meetings include dinner or dessert/appetizer potlucks, friendly socializing and, in odd-numbered months, feature a short presentation ranging from local interest to world-wide adventures. Everyone is welcome at LIC meetings — usually on the third Wednesday of the month starting at 6:30 pm.

Preservation. A Pierce County Preservation Grant allowed restoration of windows high on the west side of our historic building; removing lead-based paint, broken glass and deteriorated glazing



completed the repairs. Another Pierce County grant will fund researching the feasibility of adding insulation under a new roof. We made improvements in our parking area and security system and upgraded our sound

system, among other projects. The trail system was improved, with a grant from TLF, and we are exploring the possibility of adding a community playground on our grounds.

Community. We held numerous events in 2019, including Suds & Spuds in March, and always-popular Memorial Day and Labor Day weekend dances. We participated in the Livable Community Fair, entered a float in the July 4th Home parade and helped sponsor the Key Pen Parks 4th of July celebration.

As part of the Farm Tour, the LIC hosted the Fiber Arts Show and included our Marina on the tour. With Evergreen Elementary PTA and local Girl Scouts, we co-hosted more than 400 kids at Trunk or Treat in October. For Adopt-a-Road, LIC volunteers cleaned three miles of KP Highways twice in 2019. Delivering on our pledge of a gift for every child, our Kids & Christmas program included

a visit from Santa, hot meals, brightly wrapped gifts, and 67 Girl Scouts helping more than 173 attendees make their own ornaments and gifts.

The big event last year

was the Biennial Auction benefitting The Longbranch Foundation, netting over \$60,000 for educational support of Evergreen Elementary student programs and scholarships for local students graduating from Peninsula High School.

Fun afloat. Our Longbranch Marina offers 44 moorage slips ranging from 22' to 40', plus a dinghy dock float for visiting boaters. With one-third of marina space allotted for guests, we hosted 743 moorage overnight visits in

2019. The Marina is open daily from 8 to 8 in summer and 8 to 5 in winter.

You're welcome to stop by and enjoy the nautical ambience — bring a sack lunch and enjoy the mountain view from our covered pavilion and picnic tables.

A grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation will fund a new pump out station at the Marina, currently in the permitting

process. A pump out facility will be a valuable convenience for boaters and will support our mission of improving water quality in Filucy Bay and the greater Puget Sound.

With a \$240,000 State of Washington grant, we completed new finger piers, three new galvanized pilings and significant float replacement. The LIC funded \$40,000 for new electrical and upgraded fire suppression systems, also adding the only kayak racks and kayak launch on Filucy Bay. We continue to improve this jewel for the benefit of our members, the community and the many South Sound visitors who enjoy the wonderful location



Join us and become an improver. The Longbranch Improvement Club continues to refine its mission of Bettering Our Community Since 1921. Next year we'll celebrate 100 years as a driving

force for good in our community. Plans for special events to mark this achievement are underway as well as planning ways to improve and enhance our community for the future. Thanks to the support of our tireless members and the entire Key Peninsula community we have been able to build on the mission of our original founders. **Thank You!**

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