



NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: OCTOBER 21, 2020 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

Are we having fun yet? Let's see, we have an ongoing pandemic, a week of smoke from devastating wildfires that have burned more than 5 million acres in the west, not to mention the deaths of at least 30 individuals and incredible losses of homes and security. And to top it off a significant invasion of termites here on the KP. Not exactly a plague of locusts but close. Just don't ask what else can happen.

So, after that gloom and doom opener, here's some good news:

- Thanks to some creative folks on our events committee, the Evergreen PTA and the KP Fire Department, we will be having Trunk or Treat this year. This is definitely one of my favorite events, and one I know that kids will really appreciate given our circumstances. Look for details in the events committee report and stay tuned as they design this fun event in a new and different way.
- Our pump out station project continues to move forward. An archeological survey was performed, and we are awaiting the final report on that. We have submitted shoreline permits with site plans. Final design is in progress and additional permits will follow after that. A huge thank you to Brett Allen and the committee. This is a complicated project, and they are all working hard to move this forward.
- Progress also continues on the Preservation Grant project. We have engaged Bart Wolfe as a paid project manager. He is a retired architect and has a great deal of experience with historic preservation. We have engaged Bart because we anticipate that this project will go on for multiple years, and over multiple presidential terms. Given that, having a consistent project manager, especially with his level of expertise will help insure a successful outcome. Bart has already done some excavation work around the pilasters that support the building walls and determined that there is a good concrete base there. More exploration will be done in that area, and a big thanks to Bob Perry for providing his equipment to assist with that phase of the project. Bart is also meeting with contractors to determine the best approach to replace the roof without damaging the cedar shingles which are an integral part of the historic structure.
- Pierce County will be holding another Covid-19 mobile testing site at our location on Tuesday October 20th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



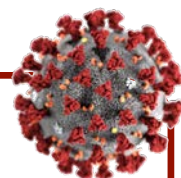
President's Message (cont'd)

When you receive this letter, we will be a month or so away from the November 3 election. We are fortunate in this state that vote by mail is standard and has been in place for many years. I have seen much in the news about making a plan and figuring out how to vote. We are privileged not to have to do that. We had Julie Anderson, Pierce County Auditor as a presenter at our September member meeting and she was extremely reassuring about the integrity of our election process. So, **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!** And get your ballot in as early as possible. It will make life much easier for our elections workers.

Marsha Kremen
President



COVID
Testing at
**Longbranch
Improvement Club**
Tuesday October 20th
from 10am to 3pm



**NOT REGISTERED TO
VOTE?**

3 WAYS TO REGISTER

ONLINE

VoteWa.gov

BY MAIL

Call (253) 798-VOTE and we will mail you a form.

IN PERSON

Pierce County Election Center
2501 S 35th St
Tacoma, WA 98409

REGISTRATION DEADLINES

OCT. 26, 2020 Online/Mail
NOV. 3, 2020 In Person

STAY HOME. STAY SAFE. VOTE FROM HOME.

Many services can be provided by phone or online rather than coming to the Election Center in-person.

Voters are encouraged to:

- Vote the ballot mailed to you.
- Call if you need help.
- Order ahead for pick-up of replacement ballots.
- Don't wait until the last minute. Election Day is a deadline. You can vote up to 18-days in advance.
- Allow time for a ballot to be mailed to you.

VOTER SERVICES

Pierce County Elections Center
October 16 - November 3, 2020

- Register to vote.
- Update voter registration.
- Replacement ballots for lost, damaged, or mismarked ballots.
- Disability assistance - Large font, color contrast, and audible ballot options.

DRIVE-THRU SERVICES

2401 S 35th St. Tacoma, WA 98409

Saturday, October 31	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Monday, November 2	8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday, November 3	8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

BALLOT DROP BOXES



Ballot Drop Boxes are open around-the-clock from October 16 until 8 p.m. on November 3.

Don't be late!
Boxes close at 8 p.m. on November 3.

CLICK HERE to find a drop box

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Pierce County Auditor





Is 2020 over yet? We hope you are doing well and, now that the air has cleared, we can enjoy our beautiful fall weather before the rains set in.

Annual Celebrate Campaign

Once a year we ask you for a donation to support the work of your Foundation. We mailed our annual "Celebrate Campaign" letters on October 1. We have designated accounts so you can tell us where you want your money spent: Scholarships; Building; Grounds; Marina; Greatest Need. You will note that our spending has increased this year, as it has every year since 2016, due to your encouragement and support!

We increased our spending on Higher Education by 23% by adding a vocational/trade school scholarship. Our support to Evergreen Elementary has increase 46% over last year by adding food coupons to families in need.

Your support is critical to improving the quality of life for these students.

Student Program Support

Jan Prichard, Student Program chair reports: School opening has been a challenge for every student, parent, teacher and administrator this year. All Evergreen students began learning remotely. Now, because virus levels have been trending down, Kindergarteners and 1st graders are attending school in person. Bette McCord, Evergreen Secretary, let us know there was a real need for 42 newly minted Kindergarteners to get supplies for their first year at school. Thanks to the generosity of our community, TLF was able to provide the funds for a special box full of supplies for each of these beginning students. Imagine, if you will, your first-ever day at "real" school and opening a box of colored pencils, scissors, markers, paints, alphabet and number flashcards, regular playing cards and a little container of play dough...just for you. Woo-Hoo!!

Market Receipts

Thank you for saving and turning in your KP Food Market receipts!

Every month Connie Hildahl spends hours on the math involved in figuring out the value of your purchases so the Market can donate a % to the foundation. This month the value was **\$5,848.15** and year-to-date the total is **\$23,789.46**. Thank you, Connie!!



PLEASE STAY SAFE – STAY HEALTHY

The virus continues to haunt us, and Pierce County continues to see too many infections.

Please follow the recommended guidelines: wear a mask - indoors and out, wash your hands frequently and 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

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

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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, Amazon donates.

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



Events

With cancellation of the Labor Day Dance (and the continued border closing keeping us from visiting our grandchildren in Canada), we chose to backpack in the North Cascades over Labor Day Weekend. We enjoyed beautiful weather with sunny days and moonlit nights. Luckily, we finished the hike into Stehekin before the smoke rolled in! After several days of being cooped up inside due to the unusually bad air quality, we are more thankful than ever for our clean fresh air here on the KP.

And as additional events continue to be cancelled (LIC Supersale, Farm Tour and Fiber Arts Show), we are glad to have an activity on board for October. Trunk or Treat is currently scheduled for Friday, October 30 from 6 – 8PM and planning is underway together with the Evergreen PTA and the Key Peninsula Fire Department.

Dockmaster Report

Hello from the dock. Labor Day weekend was fun at the marina! We had returning guests stay with us and they had a wonderful time. Two out of the three yacht clubs canceled last month, mostly due to the horrible smoke we had from the fires around the PNW. The Trawler Crawlers who come every year did keep us on their cruise calendar for September. They are a fabulous group of people, I always enjoy their visit.

The activity this year will be a drive-through version in order to meet the CDC guidelines for COVID-19 prevention. Preliminary plans are for vehicles with Trick or Treaters to enter LIC grounds and traverse through a concourse of decorated “trunks” and then proceed to a drive-through Haunted House at the Fire Station. We expect to need volunteers for some setup, cleanup, and traffic control. The number of trunk vehicle spots are still being evaluated and will need to be reserved ahead of time this year.

Kids and Christmas is still on the calendar for December, but plans have not been worked out yet on how to do this activity within COVID-19 prevention guidelines.

Allen & Marcel Ballinger
Events Co-Chairs

We are looking into some security upgrades at the marina for the gate, more cameras, and lighting. We did have a vehicle broken into in the marina parking lot. Please report any suspicious activity at the marina to either myself or Robert.

Katie Harrison
Dockmaster





Our Key Peninsula – the protection of the rainbow.
Courtesy of Richard Hildahl

Membership

I can't believe it's October already. However, the vegetables in the garden are slowing down, which is good because I thought I had used up all my jars canning beans. But a trip to the loft to gather the fall decorations, and a GREAT FIND – over two dozen canning jars!! Wow!

I think I have been capturing all participants that have been on the monthly Zoom meetings. I appreciate the e-mails from those of you whose square is not easily identifiable. That helps a lot so I can credit all of you that are on the call. We are having around 40-45 folks call in, which I

think is good – it is great to see everyone, and without a mask so we can see smiles.

We have one new member this month, Kip and Emily Wills who live on Mahncke. Thanks for joining us and we hope to see you soon!

We are actively working on the best way to communicate the LIC Bucks for 2020, and hope to have some good words and current status for the meeting on October 21st.

Stay safe everyone, and happy fall!

Nancy Carr
Memberships

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month I sent out 2 get well cards to members and a bouquet of flowers.

Cheril Allen,
Sunshine Representative



“May the flowers remind us why the rain was necessary.”

~Xan Oku

Buildings & Grounds

Happy Halloween! Fall is here and we see the changes everywhere!

On the Building and Grounds scene, we have retrenched the LP gas lines to our new tank and installed heavy-duty underground conduit. In the next couple of days, we will be running new gas lines through the conduit, making connections and then we will be prepared to heat the building as needed. On October 10th we have a work party starting at 10:00am to help prepare the new container for painting. Once painted, it will be moved into place at the rear of the LIC, hidden from view. Then our next steps will be to replace the doors, and install lighting and shelving. Then we can move clutter from inside the LIC to the container! If you would like to help, and have not put your name in the hat, please let me know. And bring your 8'~10" stepladder. We are supplying wire brushes, sandpaper and primer.

We continue to collect data on the "as built" of our clubhouse so that we can develop a plan for replacement of the roofing, hopefully with the addition of insulation, without disturbing the beautiful shake ceiling on the inside. Once we have

a plan, then we have to find the money, and we have great volunteers working on grants now. So, over the coming months we hope to be able to announce plans and timing.

Due to COVID-19, our typical rental revenue this summer was dramatically reduced, and we have enacted new policies for our rentals to ensure the lessee is aware of the COVID-19 meeting restrictions, and agrees to follow them. As part of this, you may have noticed on Sundays we are renting the LIC to Waypoint Church. This unique rental relationship allows the LIC to preempt the Church so that we can continue to serve the community's needs for other uses, including on Sundays. Waypoint Church is aware of the current COVID-19 rules for religious services, and has agreed to follow them. Their rental serves the community, and provides much needed revenue to the LIC so we can continue to operate and serve the broader community.

Have a great October, and reach out to me if you have any thoughts or questions on Building and Grounds!

Bob Perry
Buildings & Grounds

LIC General Meeting September 16, 2020



Marsha Kremen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Guests & New Members Introductions – Marsha introduced guests Kip and Emily Wills.

Guest Speaker - Pierce County Auditor Julie Anderson. Summary:

Julie Anderson spoke about the coming election. She chose the format of questions and answers utilizing the chat box.

Julie reassured everyone that everything is fine in the local and regional area. No changes in the delivery standards, and no changes in Washington State that might affect vote by mail. The County works very closely with the mail service about all aspects of the ballots. They are picked up personally by county staff at the post office. So the election officials retrieve and bring back to the election center. The post office has a checklist of security features, so that no ballots are left or forgotten at the post office. Please call the phone number 253 798-VOTE if there are any questions regarding not receiving voting ballots or pamphlets. She reassured us about the security of the ballot drop boxes located throughout the county.

Regarding security at the Post offices, what are they doing regarding several break-ins at the post office: Julie was unaware of that, but they have alternative

boxes available temporarily for the election. In areas that the drop boxes are dropped, they tend to have camera surveillance. They have tamper-resistant evidence seals to make sure they haven't been broken into. There are oath logs, using two people to open the drop box for business, and seal the doors. They can tell when the boxes were unofficially opened. There is fire suppression in the boxes to prevent someone from burning the ballots. Ballots are picked up every 48 hours and several times a day as we get closer to the election.

There is a statewide voter registration management system to push out notifications of those who have died or are no longer on the voting rosters. On a 2-month basis they check with the Department of Corrections to remove someone from the rosters once due process is verified.

We are part of ERIC, Election Record Information Consortium, in which we share voter records with other states, to make sure we have accurate voter rosters.

Julie encouraged people to use the social media toolbox on their website under the resources link.

Military members need to decide which state they need to vote in and go to FVAP to get all the information they need. They can get ballots 45 days in advance.

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Ballots must be counted and tabulated by November the 23rd.

The LIC will send out a one-page flyer with this information to all the membership.

BOARD & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Treasurer: Review of August 31, 2020 Financial Report. Jim reported our net income was good and we also made good money from the guest moorage this month. No one is past due on permanent moorage. We are doing quite well financially.

Membership: We are working on the best way to distribute LIC bucks.

Events: Trunk or Treat - Allen and Marcel reported that the event is on, though it will be different. We will be collaborating with the Fire Department. People will drive through the LIC parking lot and get their treats, and then head to the Fire Department for the drive-through haunted house. We will be looking for volunteers to hand out candy and to help set up the haunted house.

Building and Grounds:

- Storage Container: We need volunteers to wire brush and sand and

then paint. Please send your dates of availability to Bob at his email. Nancy Carr will send out a blast.

- LP Gas Line trenching/sleeves: Underground conduit is installed and covered. There is more work to do, please don't drive over that area for any reason.
- Noxious Weed – Tansy Ragwort Update: David Zeigler and his group of volunteers pulled the noxious weeds. Thanks to them.
- We have entered into a long-term rental agreement with Waypoint Church. If we get a rental for the weekend, we will give them notice to allow for event rentals. They have agreed to our COVID addendum, and this will provide needed income.

Marina: Marina Security update: We are seeking bids for increased security at the Marina.

Trustee at Large: Nothing to report

Newsletter: Get articles to Tanya by the 25th of the month.

Historian: No report

Vice President:

- Member survey committee: tabled for now waiting until we can have in-person meetings.

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- Centennial Committee: We had a great committee planning for the events for all of next year, contingent upon being open. The Centennial celebration would start with the Foundation auction event in April, and proceed with an event each month until the culmination in August. We will be providing more information as the events are planned and we can move forward with in person activities.

President:

- Pump Out Station Update: There is currently an archeological assessment underway and we are waiting for those reports.
- Preservation Grant update: Bart Wolfe met with Bob Perry and found very well sized footings under the concrete. So we believe we have good structural integrity for the extra weight on the roof. Bart is pursuing information on the feasibility of the roof repair in regards to the Shake shingles.

Lakebay Marina Update: Bob Weiss and his group have raised \$521,000 towards the purchase of the Marina. They have been in conversation to extend the contract with Mark Scott to raise the rest of the money required to purchase the Marina.

The Longbranch Foundation:

Barb Floyd reported: As you may know,

Jan Pritchard is the head of the student program and works closely with Betty McCord, the school administrator at Evergreen Elementary. The Kindergarten teachers asked for art supplies and we supplied 42 kits. The Foundation will be sending out the yearly Celebrate letter on October 1 soliciting funds. You can contribute and designate which program you would like to support. Please consider a contribution.

Old Business:

New Business:

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

Virtual Meeting October 21, 6:30 pm

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm

Respectfully submitted by:

Sheryl Low

Secretary



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