



# MEMBER NEWSLETTER

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

August 2024

## President's Message

Happy August!

The heat of the summer is upon us, and air conditioning and the coolness of the Sound seems to be our only escape, unless of course you are traveling. For many of us, this is the time to accomplish all those tasks that we have been putting off, waiting for truly dry weather. And for the LIC, this is also the case as our new Building and Grounds Trustee is getting familiar with his new role, and planning the execution of all the maintenance we need to complete before the fall. Repairing irrigation systems, cleaning up the facility and grounds, and planning for our improvements is a major focus. In the coming months, we will be connecting our new generator to our electrical system, and we hope to also finalize our plan for roof replacement. We just finished meeting with an architect to guide us through the process, and once we have a plan we will present this to the membership for input.

Our events team, lead by Barb and Bob Green have been hard at work, preparing for the coming Labor Day dance which will be a wonderful time for us all to get together. You can advance purchase your tickets at <https://LIC.ticketspice.com/longbranch-improvment-club-labor-day-dance>, which is highly recommended – that way we can plan the attendance and make sure we can serve everyone properly. I hope you have a chance to relax, spend time with friends and neighbors, and take advantage of all the LIC and our community have to offer!

Sincerely,  
 Bob Perry  
 LIC President – [president@lic-kpwa.com](mailto:president@lic-kpwa.com)



## Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- ✿ Pickleball & Ping pong  
Tuesdays 10 AM - 6PM
- ✿ Thirsty Thursdays  
4:30PM on the dock.
- ✿ Two Waters Art Alliance  
Art Walk – Key Center  
Friday, Aug. 2nd 4 - 8PM
- ✿ Events Committee meeting  
Aug. 7th 4PM
- ✿ Open Mic  
Aug. 13th 6:30 PM
- ✿ Membership Meeting  
Aug. 21st 7PM  
Pot Luck
- ✿ Labor Day Dance  
Aug. 31st 7:30PM



Photo by Cindy Evans



## Hello from the Dock!

We had a fantastic July at the marina!

4th of July weekend we had the Mack Family and friends in. They are great group of people and we love seeing families enjoying the marina.

July also brought the Salish 100 back to Longbranch! I kept hearing from the participants that “the Longbranch Marina is the highlight of the entire journey”. We were able to accommodate 43 vessels, and thank you to Jack Dunne for bringing down bratwurst and grilling for them. Larry Force brought carmel corn both were much appreciated and a big hit!

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## From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,  
Since my last report, I sent out three cards to members. Two were sympathy cards, and one was a get-well card for a member that was in a vehicle accident. Remember, if you are aware of a member that needs a bit of Sunshine, please inform me. If you don't, I may not know.

Thank you.  
Cheril Allen  
Sunshine Representative  
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*“Every sunset brings the promise of a new dawn.”  
~ Ralph Waldo Emerson*

# Events

Your Events Committee has been hard at work getting ready for our upcoming events. August 2nd is the Two Waters Art Walk in Key Center. The Longbranch Foundation and your club will have a booth giving us a chance to engage with our local community and promote the Club.

The Labor Day Dance is Saturday, August 31st featuring the Buck Ellard Band. These are always fun events with guests from the Marina as well as people who may not be familiar with our Club. Les Foss is the lead on this event and can answer any questions you may have. The Volunteer sign up is up and running on Track it Forward, your help will be greatly appreciated.

Fiber Arts and the Farm Tour is Sept. 28th this year and preparations are well underway. There will be a food truck and a vaccination clinic as well. The inside vendor spaces are already filled, and we are anticipating another big crowd this year. We would love to have more members involved in the volunteering and planning so that this event can continue into the future. The volunteer sign up will be in Track it Forward, closer to the event.

The Events Committee meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM and we would like to invite you all to join us and get involved.

Bob & Barbara Green  
Events Chair [events@lic-kpwa.com](mailto:events@lic-kpwa.com)

presented by The Longbranch Improvement Club

## Labor Day Dance

### Saturday Aug. 31st

featuring the award-winning

# Buck Ellard Band



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8-11pm

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## Membership News

This year is half over and the Christmas in July ads can be an annoying reminder!

Here are some numbers for the LIC's first half of the year:

We have 250 paid members. Volunteer hours total 1993.

I know there are some folks that are not current on entering hours. Please take a minute and bring your records up to date. You can enter via laptop, phone app or The Longbranch Foundation website.

Nancy Carr  
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## Building the South Key Community

The Longbranch Foundation has given support to:

**The Longbranch Improvement Club • Children's Home Society • Community in Schools • The Mustard Seed Project • Bischoff Food Bank • Key Free Clinic  
KP Firefighters • KP Community Services • Angel Guild  
KP Civic Center • Food Backpacks for Kids**

If your community organization has a need, visit [www.mytlf.org](http://www.mytlf.org) to apply for a grant

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# Membership Meeting Minutes

## **Meeting:**

Wednesday, July 17th

Meeting called to order at 7:01PM by LIC

Treasurer, Jim Hettinger

Additional introduction of our newly elected Board Members! Bob & Barb Green – Events, Roy Miller – Building & Grounds, Ashley Perry – Secretary

## **Secretary:**

MOTION: Accept minutes from June Meeting. Passes.

## **Treasurer:**

Financial report distributed for review.

Findings: Revenue was up +128% YoY, Gross Profit was up +129% YoY, Annual expenses are down by 15% so far in 2024, Net Income is up +227% of budget year to date.

## **Events:**

Art Walk: Will be on August 2nd from 4:00-8:00pm in Key Center! In addition to the art booths, there will be live music onsite and drinks for purchase.

Open Mic: June was a hit, thank you to all those that joined in on the fun. Next Open Mic is August 13th!

Labor Day Dance: Doors open at 7:30 on August 31st for the award-winning Buck Ellard Band who will be playing country, rock, and blues! Tickets are \$20 per person both online and at the door.

Fiber Arts and Farm Tour: Sept. 28th both within the LIC building and outside in the lot. Farm Tour will have a stop at the LIC near the building entrance. Reminder that these events are from 10:00-4:00PM and Artist reservations for outdoor spots can still be made for \$30; no fee for non-profit organizations. In addition to the many artists that have already reserved a spot, this event will feature the Tacoma Pizza Company, raffles, and a vaccination clinic (Flu and CV19).

Trunk or Treat: Sponsored by the Evergreen PTA, will be on Oct. 24TH.

For all volunteering opportunities, please check out TrackItForward!

## **Marina:**

Ice Cream bars are now available for purchase for \$3 a piece thanks to Katie!

Fire Boat: The Key Peninsula Fire Boat is newly housed in our Marina.

Moorage Waitlist: Twenty-six boats on the list currently, recent movement for our list as two transfers have just been completed.

Registration: Boat registration ended in June and a current registration is required to be in the Marina. Registered boats will feature a blue tag, if you still have a red tag please complete the necessary registration soon.

Security: Multiple cameras onsite for safety, please do not let others into the Marina if they do not have a FOB. If access is needed, connect with Katie.

## **Membership:**

No updates

## **Building & Grounds:**

Ivy Clean Up: Major reduction on paths next to LIC, if you see Ivy crawling upwards on a trail, feel welcome to help us by safely pulling it down.

## **President Closing Statements:**

While we see LIC building progression, it is important to note we are making repairs to support the original building layout and integrity. In our most recent update, new chairs are onsite and ready for use. As always, the LIC Board appreciates your support and time spent volunteering. Looking forward to seeing you at the next LIC member meeting!

Ashley Perry  
LIC Secretary

# Building & Grounds

Greetings! As the new Building & Grounds Chair, want to introduce myself to you.

My name is Roy Miller. I have been a contractor for decades and have been on the KP, off and on, for eight years but visiting in the summers since 1996.

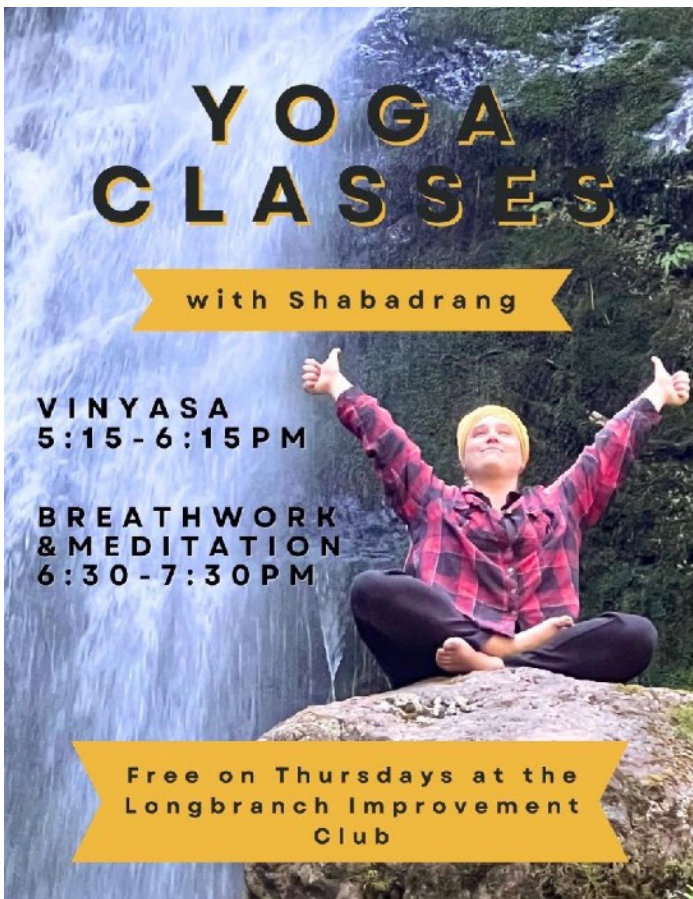
I hope to add to the LIC's overall positiveness in this position. Please do not hesitate to share your thoughts and suggestions.

Now, I have to give a big "shout-out" and "thank you" to my predecessor, Chris Wright. Chris and Laura were new to the KP and decided to get involved with LIC. And, when asked, he stood up and took on this position. During his tenure, he tried very hard to solve whatever problems, ongoing and unexpected "gremlins", that he had to confront. He brought a lot of hands-on experience and knowledge to our community. Many thanks, Chris...

Finally, if you are so inclined, check out the weekly yoga classes starting August 8th at 5pm. The instructor is very experienced and we are very lucky to have her here at the bottom of the KP since similar options are a long drive away...

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# Community News & Events



My name is Shababrang. My yoga journey started in 2004 and I took my first teacher training in 2007. I am trained in Hatha, Vinyasa and Kundalini Yoga. I have worked with hundreds of people over the years. The top two comments I receive from people who take my classes

consistently is that their back pain is gone and they feel lighter after class. Yoga isn't a workout, it is a tool to help you align. This alignment creates healing, excellence and fulfillment in life. I am grateful to offer two free classes on Thursday nights at the LIC, 5:15-6:15PM Vinyasa Flow and 6:30-7:30PM Breathwork and Meditation. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a rug or mat and something comfortable to sit on, like a small cotton blanket or cushion.

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