



MEMBER NEWSLETTER

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

December 2024

President's Message

Happy Holidays!

With Thanksgiving on our minds (next week as I write this), and preparing for the holiday season, it's a great time for reflection.

I could not be more thankful for my family and my extended LIC family. While the year has whizzed by, I am blessed to be around so many people who are so



committed to each other, our great community and treating everyone with respect and caring. It's why the LIC was founded, and after more than 100 years, we are still here with the same mission.

I hope as you go about planning the holiday you reach out to friends and neighbors, and where possible ensure that no one is alone or missing a great holiday dinner and companionship.

And at the LIC, we will all be together for our holiday dinner at the December member meeting – I look forward to seeing everyone and finding joy in the season with you. And for those of you who have not visited our new website or were not at the November member meeting, please take a few minutes to visit and explore. While we are still tuning up the details, our hope is this new website and interface will make it easier to get the information you need, and for the community to learn more about the LIC. Our thanks to Stefanie Warren, webmaster as well as the Board for working so hard on this project, and to the members who also worked and supported our efforts! I hope this holiday season is everything you dreamed it could be, and reach out to us if you are in need!

Sincerely,
 Bob Perry
President
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Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- * Pickleball & Ping pong
Special Hours for December, please see article on page 3.
- * Lighted Boat Display & Chili Potluck at the dock
Dec. 7th – 3PM
- * Events Committee Meeting
Everyone is welcome!
Dec. 4th – 4PM
- * Member Meeting
Dec. 18th
Holiday Dinner 5:30PM
Meeting 7PM



Hello from the Dock!

It is that time of year, The annual Lighted Boat display and chili feed! (We will not be doing a parade this year.)

Bring your famous or not so famous chili to share at the marina Saturday Decs 7th starting at 3PM. Best way to sample all of the wonderful chili is to bring a muffin tray. Bowls, napkins, and utensils will be provided. This is BYOB and you are welcome to bring desserts or snacks to share. Get into the holiday spirit with friends, music, laughter, and good times had by all! We hope to see you there.



Boaters! Please decorate your vessel for the lighted boat display, there will be a contest for best dressed vessel and a great prize, so do not delay get those lights on today!

The marina is also doing a food drive for the senior center in Home. Please bring canned goods to the event, or drop them off at the marina pavilion and they will be collected daily until Dec. 7th.

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Membership News

The Membership Christmas dinner is Wednesday, Dec. 18th. We normally start a little earlier, so social starts at 5:30PM with dinner after that and then a very short meeting at 7:00PM. This month is a time to visit with friends and have fun.

The dinner is potluck with the Board providing turkey, ham, and two lasagna's, one of which is vegetarian. Please bring a side dish and if one or two of you could bring mashed potatoes and gravy, please send me an email so we know that is covered.

At the November meeting Stefanie Warren took us through the new website and explained the new features available. You can now renew your LIC dues online. YEA!! When you go into Membership, there is an option at the top to renew your dues. And, dues are now due for 2025, isn't that convenient!! Also, you can report your volunteer hours through the website. In the Volunteer page in the Membership section, the 'Report Volunteer Hours' option takes you into Track It Forward where you can not only enter your hours, you can see your previous hours. At the top of the page to the left of the Organizer Dashboard tab is the word 'Events' and you can sign up for upcoming events. Please try this, it is really easy.

If the Report Volunteer Hours page has no information, look to the right of the 'Organizer Dashboard' and see if your name is shown as being logged in to Track It Forward. If you are not set up completely in Track It Forward, send me an email we will get that fixed.

This has been a very good year and even though we have said goodbye to some longtime members, we are privileged to have new friends join us.

Thanks everyone for all your help, Merry Christmas and see you next year.

Nancy Carr
LIC Membership Chair
membership@lic-kpwa.com

Events

It seems like December has snuck up on us. It's hard to believe that another year has slipped by! December is when we celebrate the holidays with a festive atmosphere in the clubhouse.

Naturally the next month will take a lot of involvement from our membership. Track It Forward details all of the opportunities available for your participation. As was noted at the last membership meeting, TIF can be accessed from the LIC website. <https://www.licweb.org/>. Just open the membership tab, click on Volunteering and Report Volunteer Hours and then Events. This will bring up the calendar for December. Pick a day or two and sign up!

We cannot plan or execute our activities without participation and ideas from Membership. We need recommendations from members for bands for the dance on Labor Day weekend as well as input and ownership for any other events that members are interested in.

Our next Events Committee meeting will be Dec. 4th at 4PM in the Clubhouse. We hope you will join us! Your feedback is important to us.

The other plans for 2025, some of which are tentative are:

March 15th, Suds and Spuds

May 3rd, Opening Day

May 24th, Memorial Dance

July 4 Home parade Pancake breakfast

Aug. 30th, Labor Day Dance ???

Sep. 20th Apple Cup Tailgate party???

Sep. 27th Fiber Arts ???

Oct. 11th, TLF Auction

Oct. 24th, Trunk or Treat

Oct.31st Halloween Dance

Dec. 6th Deck the Halls

Dec. 14th Kids & Christmas

Dec. 20th De-deck the Halls

Cathy Curtis

Marina

Needs leadership

Jim Hettinger

Kelly Guenther

Mary Clift

Need leadership

Sheryl Low

Evergreen PTA

Tanya, Ashley Perry

Needs Leadership

Needs Leadership

Membership

Bob & Barb Green

Events Chairs events@lic-kpwa.com



To accommodate holiday events our normal 9AM–5PM Tuesday pickleball sessions will move to Thursdays the weeks of Dec. 19th, Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd. We will also be down to one court after the first week of December. Once we go back to two courts, one court will be the “We Just Want to Have Fun” court and the second court will be the “Competitors” court.

Thank you,
Tom

LIC Centennial Garden

Long, long ago (about 2021), David Shinnars had a concept of a garden area at the end of the north field of the LIC. It would be used to grow vegetables and flowers and be a nice place to sit, reflect and enjoy life. It took a few years, money, donations, lots of muscle and volunteer hours to be where it is today, and there is more to be done. This year, there were beautiful flowers in the summer and vegetables in the summer and fall. There were so many vegetables, Lisa and Daniel Wolcott made weekly trips to the Key Peninsula Community Center Food Bank. Lisa would pick the ripe vegetables on Sunday and deliver to the Food Bank on Tuesday. After a few trips, the food bank gave her some of the bins they have for vegetables so she did not have to lug heavy bags. The amount of food delivered to the food bank this year is amazing! Here are the totals for this year

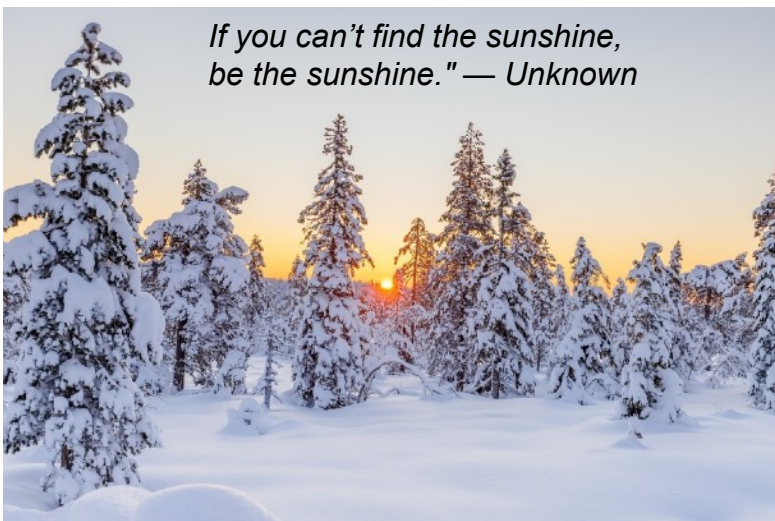
Carrots 17 lbs.
Garlic 2 lbs.
Green Bean 55 lbs.
Green Onions 4 lbs.
Jalapeño Peppers 2 lbs.
Lettuce 29 lbs.
Potatoes 50 lbs.
Radishes 4 lbs.
Shallots 1 lbs.
Squash (11 varieties) 700 lbs
Tomatoes 7 lbs
Total 871 lbs of fresh produce



Thanks to David Shinnars, Lisa and Daniel Wolcott, Barb Richers, and Klaus and Laur Topbjerg to the work this year to achieve 871 lbs of fresh vegetables for the food bank. Kim Robinson contributed to the many flowers. There are many more to thank to get the garden to where it is today.

Nancy Carr
LIC Membership Chair
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From the Sunshine Corner



*If you can't find the sunshine,
be the sunshine." — Unknown*

Hello All,

This month, I sent out three get-well cards and one encouragement card to members. 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. You can email me at sunshinereplic@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Alex Oh
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*Thanks to all who support
our work in the community.*

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

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Introduces website and highlights key pages include where membership dues can be paid, guest moorage, volunteering opportunities, and our events calendar. Check it out! <https://www.licweb.org/>

Buildings & Grounds:

No notes this month.

Treasurer:

Over budget for planned net income last month, over income for the year and under budget for the year! 2023 Tax returns filed in October, Board is working on 2025 budget. Proposed budget to members will be ready for the January meeting.

Secretary:

Minutes listed in last month's newsletter approved, motion made and carried.

Marina:

Security risk at Marina; there was robbery at a construction site near the Longbranch Cemetery & 158th and the thief, who was captured on the site's security footage, then visited the Marina.

While they were unsuccessful in stealing or causing damage at the marina, the LIC is asking for any tips related to a vehicle of this description: 1987-1991 Ford F-Series pick-up, two-tone blue with silver in the middle, and a job canopy. If this vehicle is seen, please contact the Marina chair, Rick Harrison, or Police.

Reminder that registration and insurance is required on vessels at all times. If there's a change in policy provider, please inform the Marina team and respond to their inquiry outreach.

A 40 ft. slip had recently opened and was filled with someone on the waitlist; continuing to see progress in waitlist movement.

The dock was partially damaged after the storm on 11/19, no vessels damaged. Thank you to those who came to aid keeping boats safe during the storm.

Membership:

Next meeting is the LIC Christmas meeting! Board provides main dishes and members provide sides. Turkey, Ham, Lasagna (vegetarian option and meat) will be available.

Pickleball:

Tom Nosenzo came to discuss the pickleball upcoming events and recent survey. With two courts, there are opportunities for brand new players as well as frequent players.

Report on garden productivity by Lisa Wolcott:

Donated 871 pounds of fresh product to the food bank. Thank you to all who support the garden and community!

Events:

Check out our calendar on TrackitForward for volunteer opportunities. Many events in December, join in the fun!

Trunk or Treat had a high turnout, thank you to the PTA for their partnership in hosting the event.

Tentative 2025 events shared on tabletops during the meeting (will be posted in LIC events calendar on site in the coming weeks). Looking for volunteers to lead events in 2024, event chairs will help you. If interested, reach out to Barb and Bob Green.

Upcoming events:

Kids & Christmas: for all kids in Evergreen district - both in-school and home-schooled students. Pictures with Santa, make-it-and take-it gifts, and snacks.

Lighted boat display is on Dec. 7th, there will be a chili potluck, members are welcome to come join in!

Opportunity to help deliver the LIC Christmas Tree and set it up onsite. Sign up to help load/unload the tree on TrackitForward.

Seahawk Sundays: Come watch the Seahawks in the LIC lobby.

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Meeting Minutes Continued:

Foundation:

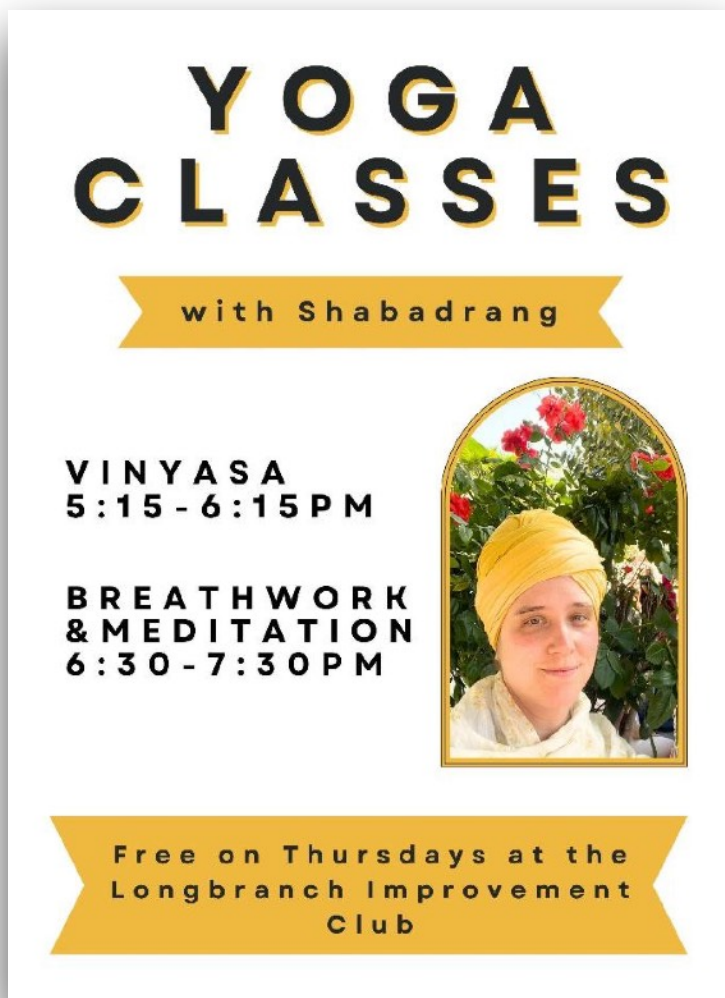
Sheryl Low discussed the Foundation's recent outreach for donations which were both sent via letter and email. These donations directly support children on the KP through grants, events, and field trips. Please take a look at opportunities to support!

President:

No notes this month, thank you to all for volunteering!

Thank you,
Ashley Perry
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Community News & Events




**YOGA
CLASSES**

with Shabadrang

**VINYASA
5:15 - 6:15 PM**

**BREATHWORK
& MEDITATION
6:30 - 7:30 PM**



Free on Thursdays at the
Longbranch Improvement
Club

The flyer is a vertical rectangular graphic with a white background and yellow accents. At the top, the words 'YOGA' and 'CLASSES' are written in large, bold, black letters with a yellow drop shadow. Below this, a yellow banner contains the text 'with Shabadrang' in black. To the left, two class offerings are listed: 'VINYASA 5:15 - 6:15 PM' and 'BREATHWORK & MEDITATION 6:30 - 7:30 PM', both in bold black text. To the right of the text is a portrait of a woman wearing a yellow turban and a white shawl, framed in a gold arch. At the bottom, another yellow banner contains the text 'Free on Thursdays at the Longbranch Improvement Club' in black.

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