



President's Message

Hi Everyone!

March was a wonderful month at the LIC, and I'm happy to gush about the success of Suds & Spuds. First and foremost, we had an amazing turnout, with almost 170



attendees. Our volunteers worked hard and were totally dedicated to making our guests feel good and appreciated. The music was wonderful, the bar churned out the beverages to everyone's delight and the massive potatoes were a hit. A personal note of thanks to everyone who worked so hard in planning and executing the event – you hit it out of the park! And our marina was busy as well, with two weekends packed with the boaters from the Totem and Viking yacht clubs. Moving into April, we have a lot of happenings for your social calendar, with the LIC Super Sale on Saturday the 6th, Trivia night (exact date TBA), TGIF on the 19th, and Pickleball every Tuesday. On the 17th is our monthly member meeting and everyone should mark your calendars for Opening Day at the Marina on May 4th.

Thanks for everything you do, and it's great seeing you!

Sincerely,
 Bob Perry
 LIC President – president@lic-kpwa.com

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- ◆ Events Committee meeting
 April 2nd 6PM
 All are welcome!
- ◆ Super Sale April 6th
 9AM to 3PM
- ◆ Open Mic April 9th
 6:30 to 9:30PM
- ◆ Adopt-a-Road Cleanup
 Saturday, April 13th 9AM to Noon
- ◆ Next Membership meeting
 April 17th 6:30PM
 Potluck Dinner
- ◆ TGIF April 19th 6:30 to 9:30PM
- ◆ Pickleball every Tuesday
 9AM to 5PM



Photo by Pat

Events

Thanks to everyone who helped make Suds & Spuds a very successful event. I was not able to attend, but I loved hearing that it was fun and there was quite a crowd.

There will be an Events Committee Meeting Tuesday, April 2nd at 6PM at the LIC. Please join us if you are interested in finding out more of what is coming up in April and where you can help.

This month's events are:

Super Sale Saturday, April 6th – 9:00AM – 3:00PM. If you have questions, call Kelly Hettinger, 253-220-7808 or email LICSuperSale@gmail.com.

Open Mic, Tuesday, April 9th from 6:30 – 9:30PM at the LIC, with music, poetry and lots of fun. Contact Cathy Williams, for more information, email tedandcathywilliams@gmail.com.

TGIF, Friday, April 19th from 5:30 – 8:30 pm at the LIC. Members and guests welcome, BYOB and feel free to bring an appetizer, or an instrument if you play. For more information, contact Tom Nosenzo, nosenzo@mac.com.

If anyone is interested in learning about the Events Chair duties and willing to help, you can email me at membership@lic-kpwa.com. I would love to share the little I know!

Thank you.
Nancy Carr
Still Temporary Events Chair
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Saturday 9 to 3 APRIL 6

SUPER SALE

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4312 Key Peninsula Highway S

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Indoor tables \$35

Outdoor spaces \$15

Space is Limited!

Or Donate!

Help a good cause and give your collectibles and clean and usable castoffs to the Super Sale. We'll even pick up.

For details, call (253) 220-7808 or email LICSuperSale@gmail.com

Donations made to The Longbranch Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, may be tax-deductible.



Suds & Spuds Photos by Pat Atree-Myers



Membership News

We have elections coming up and per our Bylaws, Regular members must have their dues paid at least 30 days prior to elections in order to vote for members to the LIC Board.

I want to thank some folks who have been helping out – Ernie Evans is doing a lot with the new name tags. Thank you, Ernie! Carolyn Wiley will be at the sign-in desk for the April meeting. She knows way more LIC history than I do, and I believe once upon a time long, long ago she was Membership Chair! Don't hesitate to ask for help!

If anyone is interested in learning about the Membership duties and willing to help, you can email me at membership@lic-kpwa.com.

Nancy Carr
Membership Chair
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Adopt-a-Road Cleanup

Saturday, April 13
9AM-Noon
Meet at the LIC

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The Ivy League Redux

Sweet summer fruit, lovely green ground cover, both growing without a care in the world in the rich sunny woodlands of Longbranch. What could be wrong with that? Ask anyone who manages more than a bed of roses. Blackberries and English ivy will apparently outlast and overwhelm all other life forms, including our own. So, The Ivy League to the rescue!

Born in the mists of time (or at least a few years ago, depending on who you talk to), brave volunteers are once again taking to The Trails of the LIC, to defend our precious land, our trees and our quiet refuge, heroes all.

Many of you have experience, and techniques. All are welcome anytime, but let's agree on a few basics. No pesticides. Let's keep our work contained, out of the creek, away from the various migratory friends, the handy work of labor, not chemistry. The primary goal is saving trees, which means cutting the climbing vines and doing the best we can about clearing ivy and blackberries from the ground around their bases, so that bark and root have a chance against the various pests that hunger for them. We won't even hope to eradicate ivy or blackberries, simply keeping the enemy at bay will be enough for our volunteers for some years to come.

The work is waiting for you, pretty satisfying and not too difficult given patience and good will. The worst of it is very near the front of The Trails where the sun shines brightest. If you enjoy company, several of us have chosen Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons. Maybe other times make more sense, but the key is to begin. Maybe we can make it more social, beer on Fridays? Donuts in the mornings? Of course the work will count as volunteer hours. I bet we can make a lot of progress in just a few months.

Thanks for your interest,
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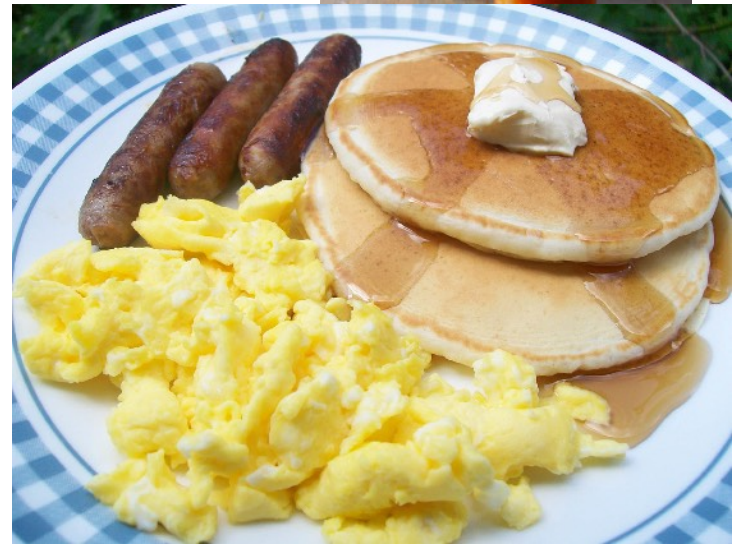
Hello from the Dock!

Opening Day is Saturday, May 4th from 9AM to 11AM.

Please come down and enjoy the morning at the marina with a wonderful pancake breakfast with sausage and eggs. Warm up with some coffee; boozy or boring. We will also have mimosas and the famous Enders' made Bloody Marys! Hang out with your fellow members and invited guests for good times, food, and magnet fishing. All donations go to marina improvements.

Rick Harrison
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From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report, I've sent out a get-well card to a member that had surgery, and a sympathy card and flowers to Peg Bingham.

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.

Thank you.
Cheril Allen
Sunshine Representative
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History Speaks

More than one ferry came to the Longbranch area to help local residents have access to life off of the Key Peninsula. From 1937 to 1943 was the run from Taylor Bay to Puget, an area on Johnson Point in Thurston County. This ferry allowed state government from Olympia to connect with Bremerton during the years of WW2. It also allowed KP residents access to offerings in Thurston County and an easy route to the coast. A story that I was told a few times by Wes Rickert who lived along the Longbranch Highway was of a presidential motorcade for FDR going from Olympia to Bremerton. Not sure if that is true? The ferry run was discontinued because the dock at Puget was in bad shape and Thurston County commissioners did not want to pay for the cost to repair it.

Timothy Kezele

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FILES APPLICATION TO INSTITUTE FERRY

Proposing to institute a ferry service between Johnson's Point and the mainland near Longbranch, Agaton Olson filed application for a certificate of public necessity with the department of public service Wednesday.

Olson had been operating his ferry over Deception Pass route but the new bridge terminated his operations there.

The ferry is diesel powered and will accommodate 75 passengers and 10 vehicles. Its speed is eight miles an hour. Valuation of the boat was placed at \$10,000.

A date of hearing on the proposition is to be set by the department.

The service, Olson believes, would draw a large number of residents from the mainland to Olympia and would also provide a new route to Bremerton. A ferry now operates from Longbranch to Steilacoom.

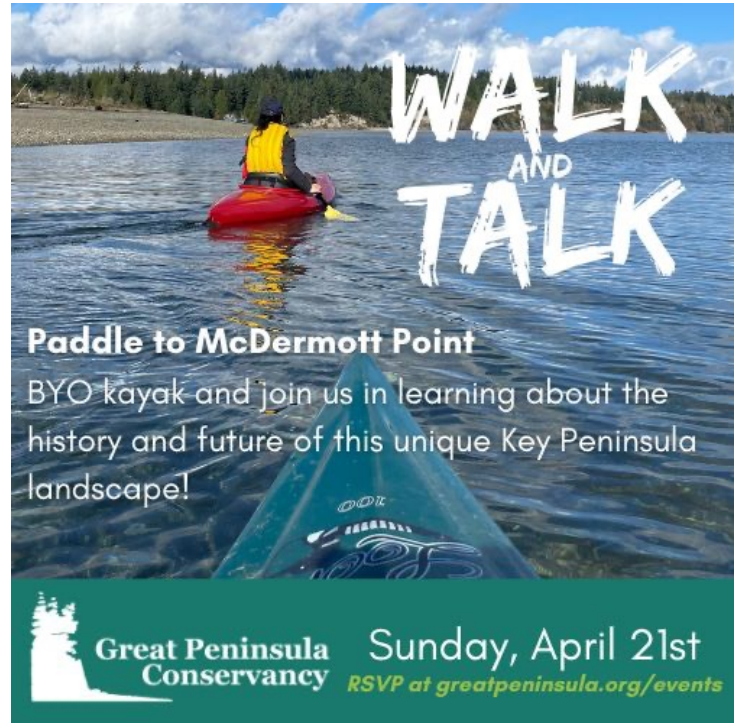
Olson said he would make a minimum of eight round trips daily. The route is two miles long.



Community News & Announcements

Save the date!

Great Peninsula Conservancy will host a tour of the McDermott Point Preserve on Sunday, April 21st, from 10AM – Noon. This new preserve is publicly accessible by non-motorized boat, so bring your own kayak and enjoy a short paddle to the Point where we'll have the opportunity to learn about the history and future of this Key Peninsula gem. Special guests include Nisqually Reach Nature Center's Terence Lee, Key Peninsula Historical Society's Tim Kezele, and members of GPC's 2023-2024 Forage Fish Survey Team. Learn more and RSVP at Great Peninsula Conservancy's event page here: <https://greatpeninsula.org/events/>. Questions about the event? Email Claire Voris at claire@greatpeninsula.org.



Lakebay Marina Redevelopment

OPEN HOUSE

APRIL 29TH @ 5 PM

KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER

17010 South Vaughn Rd NW, Vaughn

Join us to learn more about the historic Lakebay Marina Redevelopment Project and get involved!



TO ACCESS THE PROJECT WEBSITE, SCAN HERE:



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<https://www.dnr.wa.gov/programs-and-services/aquatics/aquatic-lands-restoration-team/lakebay-marina-redevelopment>

Calling all Photos!

Did you capture a beautiful, fun or interesting photo in our community? We would love to share it here. Simply submit to licmembernews@gmail.com

Thanks, Pat

Membership Meeting Minutes

LIC Member Meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by President Robert (Bob) Perry.

President:

Bob Perry announced Tom Nosenzo as the Volunteer of Quarter.
New members were introduced.

TLF

No report

New Business

Bob Perry spoke about the upcoming election for board members. The 2024 Election Cycle begins in May with the final nominations from the floor and elections at the June membership meeting. The Nominating Committee is Kelly Hettinger, Carolyn Wiley and Tom Nosenzo. They are listed in the directory. Please reach out to one of them with your nominees.

The following board positions will be voted on: Vice President, Secretary, Events Trustee, Building & Grounds Trustee.

Secretary:

MOTION: Accept the February minutes – **MSP**.

Treasurer:

Jim Hettinger provided an updated financial report. Quarter 2 invoices will go out the week of March 25th.

Suds & Spuds was very successful! Thank you to all who attended and volunteered.

Building & Grounds:

Chris Wright spoke about the recent tree removals on the trails. The trails were closed while this was happening. There is some green alder available if anyone would like it. Please reach out to Chris. Volunteers are needed for general trail clean up and ivy removal.

Volunteers are needed to work the Centennial Garden. A volunteer who is able to simply open the garden every morning and then secure it in the evening is also needed.

Marina:

Rick Harrison was unable to attend the meeting. Bob Perry gave the following comments:
There is a 22' slip open to the membership. The water system is back up and running, please conserve water when possible.
The Opening Day merchandise order is going in on Friday, March 22nd. Please contact Katie Harrison with any order requests or questions.

Membership:

Nancy Carr reported that new name tags are available. You can take yours home or you can drop them back off and they will be available.

Events

Kelly Hettinger spoke about the Super Sale. Donations can be dropped off beginning April 1st. More volunteers are needed for this event. Kelly also announced Trivia at the LIC. The first trivia event will be Wednesday March 27th. The goal is to have this every week in the foyer. Teams should be a max of six people. The bar will be open and participants are encouraged to bring snacks. There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. April 13th 9AM – Noon is the first Adopt-A-Road cleanup event of the year. Please sign up in Track It Forward to help out. This event will reoccur quarterly.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Pickleball & Board games – every Tuesday 9AM – 6PM
- TGIF – March 22nd
- Trivia – March 27th
- LIC Super Sale – April 6th
- LIC Board Meeting – April 10th
- LIC Membership Meeting – April 17th
- TGIF – April 19th

Meeting adjourned at 7:35PM

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