

MEMBER NEWS



Longbranch Improvement Club MARCH 2016



For the Betterment of the Community

Dessert Social & Meeting March 16, 6:30 pm



President's Message:

I am standing in this month for our President, Francie Carr, who, I hope, is enjoying a much deserved break in Hawaii. It's raining and dreary as I write this, but it wasn't very many days ago that mother nature provided a taste of spring, that made some of the early flowers pop out of the ground. It is also the time of year, when the LIC Events Committee is hard at work planning great events for the year. Coming up very soon will be the **"Longbranch Community Super Sale" on April 23rd** and the **"Memorial Day Dance" on May 28th**. In addition, the Marina Committee is coordinating the **"Opening Day the Longbranch Way" on May 7th** (the dock breakfast and regatta for LIC members and their guests only). Please put these events on your calendars so you don't miss an opportunity to attend, and please volunteer when asked.

At the membership meeting in January, we presented The Longbranch Foundation proposal, and it was ratified by our membership. The Foundation is moving forward on a number of fronts and additional information about this appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Francie wanted to be sure the membership is aware of some recent very generous donations, and that we publicly acknowledge them. First, we want to recognize the generosity of Warwick Bryant and his company, Kiwi Fencing Company Inc., for their donation of 900 feet of fencing on the LIC's western property boundary along Erickson Road. Second, we want to acknowledge a similarly generous donation of surveying services by Daniel Johnson and his company, Aspen Surveying. Aspen determined the property lines between the LIC and the Morso properties, acted as the escrow agent for the sale transaction last fall, and set the LIC property boundaries along Erickson Road, so the fence could be installed correctly. Finally, a really big "Thank You!" goes to Larry Bingham who has worked on these tirelessly for more than a year to make the donations happen.

Don't forget, our next membership meeting (dessert) is March 16th. See you there!

Clark Van Bogart
Vice President

Editor's Note: This article was written for publication prior to the incident of the fence theft.



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Feb. 17, 2016



The LIC General Membership Meeting on 02/17/16 was held in the LIC lobby and was called to order at 7:00 PM by Clark Van Bogart, Vice President, because President Francie Carr is out of town.

CONTRACTOR REPORTS

LIC Dockmaster: Lynn Carr reported a low level of guest moorage activity again this month at the Marina. Pigeon deterrents are needed for the dock pavilion even though eagles have been preying upon them. Lynn added some netting in an attempt to keep them out of the Pavilion. Lynn and Robert established a winter water outlet at the dock.

Special Announcement: Virgil Iverson invited the LIC members to attend the Key Peninsula Veterans Association meetings which occur the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 PM at the Lutheran Church located just off KPN HY on the corner of Lackey Rd and Jackson Lake Rd. Virgil said they are doing good work to help Veterans in need.

BOARD and COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary: Judy Riggs asked and it was MSP to accept the Jan. 2015 LIC General Membership Meeting minutes as written. A lovely thank you card from Delia McGinnis for flowers and well wishes from the LIC was read to the membership.

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger gave his financial report. He is starting to work on the 2015 annual taxes. As LIC Membership renewals are due, Jim reminded marina tenants to include an emergency phone number in case of boat trouble.

He gave a report on the issues resulting in using the marina credit card machine. The credit card contractor, Merchant Services, and Federal regulations require the LIC a policy regarding payment that can be accepted for the LIC Marina and Clubhouse.

Jim thanked Larry and Eloise Colbert for the \$40 worth of can recycling they contributed to the scholarship fund.

Membership: Nancy Carr is recreating the sign in sheets for the Jan 2016 General Meeting as they have been misplaced. Please remind her if you attended this meeting. She thanked the kitchen crew for hosting the dinner potluck meeting.

Building and Grounds: Sharon Gearhart reported that Kiwi Fence donated a fence that they installed on the back of LIC property along Erickson Road as a deterrent to garbage dumpers. Aspen Service donated the surveying for the project. Larry Bingham added barbed wire to the top of the fence. Sharon thanked Larry for organizing this project. She and Pat Muchmore cleaned up the last pile of garbage dumped there, which required a 500 lbs. dump run. "No Dumping" signs and "Surveillance" signs will be added to the fence.

The dead tree on the NE corner of the clubhouse property has been cut down and removed, thanks to Bill Lloyd and Eric Clement.

The gutters on the roof had so much volume of water coming through the down spouts that they pulled apart. The gutters need to be cleaned again.

More gravel needs to be added to the back gate area.

Lynn Carr has a tall post for the flag light that will allow the spotlight to reach the height of the LIC American Flag.

Tim Heitzman and Bill Lloyd are designing a sound system with a cordless mic for the lobby.

Sharon is researching the replacement of tables and chairs for the LIC.

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Grant Work

The Grant Committee and the Building and Grounds Committee have combined and met to schedule the grant work. Sharon will be the main coordinator and oversee the work to guarantee that each project meets the Commission specifications. Others will be the leaders responsible for each of the projects. Sharon is researching the building permits needed and the procedure for documenting the completed projects with the Commission. She will be soliciting LIC volunteers for some of this work. The outside work is being scheduled for June.

Events: Nancy Carr (for Delia McGinnis) reported that there will be a meeting with the Down Key organizers.

An event coordinator and a bunch of volunteers are needed for the Memorial Day Dance.

The LIC Garage Sale plans are well underway. The Prichards passed around volunteer sign-up sheets. They advised to reserve a seller's booth now before the inside ones are all gone. Outside booths are also available. Thank you to Tim Heitzman for creating the posters and flyers.

The Dock Breakfast/Boat Regatta will be the first event for the summer at the marina and will be coordinated by the Marina Committee.

Robin Gould is looking for a coordinator to help with the Fiber Arts Fair this Oct. She explained that this job comes with a very good notebook outlining everything that needs to be done, and also comes with an experienced and dedicated work crew.

Marina: Mark Runions reported that LIC Marina moorage tenants need to resubmit their updated proof of boat insurance. Also, moorage slips are currently available at the Longbranch Marina.

The Marina Committee continues to get bids for piling replacements.

There is now a year round water source at the Marina due to an upgrade in the system (see above LIC-Dockmaster report).

Kelly Hettinger has volunteered to be the captain of the Dock Breakfast this year and will be looking for volunteers.

The Marina Committee is investigating how to control the pigeons roosting in the Pavilion and the otters which live around the dock.

Trustee at Large: Gayle Brewer reported that the speaker for the Mar. 2016 LIC General meeting will be someone from the Peninsula Conservancy Project.

Newsletter: Helen Jamieson reminded members to get their submissions for the LIC Newsletter to her by the 25th of the month.

The LIC/DNR 2017 Lease Renewal

The LIC/DNR 2017 Lease Renewal paperwork has been submitted to the DNR and the LIC Marina Committee is waiting for a response.

The Longbranch Foundation:

Clark Van Bogart reports that the LF has met with the LIC Garage Sale committee to coordinate tasks between the two organizations. The LF and LIC will co-sponsor the sale and the LIC will be responsible for advertising the event.

There will also be a meeting between the Down Key organizers and the LF to review the arrangements for that event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully submitted; by LIC Sec. *Judy Riggs*





Longer days, better weather - can "boating season" be at hand? If you pick the right day, the answer is yes! Meanwhile, the Marina is slowly waking up from the usual Winter hibernation. Thanks to Dockmaster Lynn and able assistant Robert, we now have water on the dock fulltime from one spigot at the foot of "A" dock (right under the ramp). This is set up to work even while the main system is shut off in cold weather. Plenty of hoses available to reach wherever needed.

We still await word from the DNR about the lease renewal. The current lease expires Jan. 30, 2017. We have submitted a long term plan to update the marina to meet the new regulations, which include increasing light penetration to the bottom, and eliminating Styrofoam flotation that can ultimately break down and enter the water. We are hoping to reach agreement with the DNR to allow us to operate, while we address these new requirements over the next 10-15 years. We have submitted a list of improvements already made to indicate our good will and interest in maintaining a safe and well-managed marina.

And in that regard, we are currently meeting with marine contractors to get bids on piling replacement. The marina needs to do this before anything else, since the recent engineering survey of the marina indicates that 3 pilings are rated at zero percent longevity (!), and 5 more are rated at 25 percent or less. We are finding, that this will be an expensive job, regardless of how it is done, and who does it. We are trying to move quickly on this, so that the permitting process can begin, which in many cases can take up to a year (or more) and is also expensive.

Meanwhile, we are also dealing with contamination around the pavilion from the pigeon population. We have had some success by limiting access to the pavillion with curtains and netting, but as boating season gets into gear, this will not be an attractive option.

Finally, Kelly Hettinger is already at work planning for the Dock Breakfast and Regatta, scheduled for Saturday, May 7, with the theme "Opening Day the Longbranch Way!" Something tells me this will be an Opening Day to remember! Be on the alert for more news, and be ready to pitch in when help is needed.

Mark Runtons, Marina Committee Chair

Dockmaster Report

The net is in place in the pavillion and the pigeon count is down to 8. The water to the finger piers is still off, but looks like it can be back on sometime in March. I have been cleaning the pavillion and tables and chairs of pigeon residue.

Lynn



The Longbranch Improvement Club FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

It is extremely distressing to report that our new fencing along Erickson Road was stolen overnight Saturday to Sunday (Feb.20-21). Yes! You read that correctly. Nearly the entire 900+ foot length of brand new fence donated by Kiwi Fencing Company, Inc. has disappeared. The fencing may have been cut in lengths of approximately 200 – 300 feet, perhaps to make it more manageable by the thieves.

The theft has been reported to the Pierce County Sherriff's office. President Francie Carr is out of town, but she is aware of it as well. If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of the fencing, please call the Pierce County Sherriff's office on their non-emergency phone line (253) 798-4940 or (253) 798-4721. The case number assigned is 16 052 00520 and the investigating officer is Deputy S. Decker (Badge # 418).

Clark Van Bogart, Vice President (253) 549-9129

March 2016 Building and Grounds Chat Room

Well, we had a wonderful fence installed at no cost to us by Kiwi fence company along 900 feet of Erickson road to try to discourage 'folks' from placing their garbage etc. on our property. The key word here is HAD. Someone decided they needed it more than us and removed all 900 feet sometime between 6:00PM Saturday night and Sunday morning (Feb.20-21). Now that is a feat of herculean effort and personally I hope they all got hernias. Larry Bingham suggested we cut a trail from the current one up to where the garbage was dumped so we could wheel barrel it out instead of heaving it over the new fence but he got so excited at the prospect that I had to call 911 to calm him down. He is doing fine and we did cut a trail so I guess it was worth the effort. As to the garbage, Patricia Muchmore assisted me in removing it, and we found many really disgusting items to include dirty diapers, drug syringes and sundry other wonderful items. My, oh my, *ain't we got fun?* The tree got removed without incident and Bill Lloyd and Eric Clement had it sectioned, split and removed by the next day. I thank them heartily, as I think the project took on a life of its own, due to the size of the tree (which had red heart disease and needed to be put to rest.) I am planning on a spring cleanup at the building hopefully in April and will keep you informed. We will be working on scheduling work parties for the grant work this summer so keep your eyes and ears open. We will need you and you can earn those coveted volunteer hours. Until next month. *Sharon*

Projects Room:

-I will be painting the stage doors the second week in March, so let me know if you are interested in helping. I will send out a blast e-mail with date and time

"What do we live for, if it is not to make life less difficult for each other?" George Elliot

Food Drive



Remember the food bank donations and please collect Food Market receipts to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



Note from Event Chair Delia:

We're working on the play for the dinner theater and will start casting calls soon. *Delta*

LIC TREE REMOVAL!

Photos- Sharon



Bill Lloyd & Eric Clement



MARCH MEETING PROGRAM

The program will be presented by representatives of the Great Peninsula Conservancy group, a local non-profit organization, that has purchased or obtained easements to a block of land at the north end of Filucy Bay. They will explain who they are, what their plans are for the land, and how this project fits into their overall effort to protect and conserve natural lands in Skagit, Grant and western Pierce County. Good opportunity to hear about this project happening in our own "backyard".

Gayle Brewer



Update on The Longbranch Foundation

The concept of creating an organizational structure, that would preserve the attributes of the LIC's 501(c)(4) not-for-profit status, while adding the benefits of a charitable tax deduction for donors had been discussed for a number of years. The board that developed the Long Range Plan for the LIC recognized this as a priority, and it quickly became one of the key components of the LIC Plan adopted last year. The present LIC board worked to bring that goal to fruition and, as a result, The Longbranch Foundation was formed on January 5, 2016.

The Longbranch Foundation has a "brother – sister" relationship with the LIC, which means they are affiliated, but stand-alone not-for-profit corporations with separate boards, separate bank accounts, etc. In other words, neither organization owns the other such as found in a "parent – subsidiary" corporate relationship. The formation of the Foundation was ratified at the January 2016 LIC membership meeting, so now it can begin moving forward.

Following that January meeting, the Foundation's board of directors met for the first time and adopted Bylaws, a Conflict of Interest Policy, approved banking relationships, and elected officers (Clark Van Bogart, President, Francie Carr, Vice President, Jim Hettinger, Treasurer, and Judy Riggs, Secretary). These four individuals, plus Gayle Brewer, make up the Foundation's current board of directors, but it is expected, the board will expand in the near future.

The Foundation's board also approved filing the IRS' Form 1023, Application for Recognition of Exemption, which seeks 501(c)(3) status for the Foundation. Granting of the exemption by the IRS means your donation of cash or other valuable items to the Foundation will be eligible for deduction on your federal income tax return to the extent allowed by law. This will be a benefit, because the Foundation may have access to funding opportunities otherwise not available to the LIC.

In addition, the Foundation's board approved, exploring how they can best be involved with the co-sponsoring events with the LIC in a manner, that would enhance the success of these events. Two prime examples, where it may be appropriate to involve the Foundation, include the Longbranch Community Super Sale and the Down Key Festival / Dinner Theatre. We are already working with the Sale organizers, so that donation of items to be sold at the event can be eligible for tax deductibility. We will soon be meeting with the DKF / Dinner Theatre organizers to explore how the Foundation can provide a greater benefit to the LIC, and we will look into the possibility of making a general community-wide funding appeal later this year.

I plan to keep you abreast of developments involving the Foundation in LIC Newsletter articles from time to time and through verbal reports at the LIC membership meetings. However, if you have a question, comment, or idea for fundraising, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Clark Van Bogart, President



Notice for boaters: please include a valid mobile/emergency contact number.

2016 LIC Membership Renewal Thank you, due Jan 1, 2016

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Any changes?

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Your LIC depends on your volunteer help. Check all the boxes for activities that you'd like to do.

EVENTS

- Set up/decorate/host
- Food prep/kitchen

ACTIVITIES

- Road crew pickup

FACILITIES

- Building
- Grounds/garden
- Marina

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
- Office
- Musical
- Publicity

Membership Renewal Dues

- Individual..... \$25
- Couple/Family..... \$40
- Associate Member..... \$25

GARAGE SALE "UPDATE!"



Saturday, April 23, 9 to 3 p.m.

It's time to reserve an indoor or outdoor space for our Longbranch "Super Sale"! There is a lot of interest, so be sure to send in your payment as soon as possible to guarantee your spot!

Want a Space? Indoor spaces are 8'x9' to 10'x10' (depending on how many spaces are sold.) They cost \$25 and come with a 6' table and as many chairs as you need. A second table is \$5. Set-up is the night before and/or the morning of. Outdoor spaces are \$15 and set-up is the morning of.

Like to Bake? Calling all members to bake some of your **delicious creations** to benefit the LIC! Shirley Brewer is in charge and would love to hear from you. Phone her at 884-0787 or email her at gbrewer123@yahoo.com. Baked goods should be well wrapped and need no refrigeration.

Have too much Clutter?" Donate some for the LIC sale. Housewares, furniture, clean "gently used" clothing and linens, toys, tools, fishing gear, DVD's, luggage...?!* Items can be brought to the LIC on Thursday and Friday, April 21 and 22, between 3 and 8 p.m. or call 884-2030 for pick up.

Feeling Neighborly? Spread the word. April 23rd will be a fun day of bargain hunting; eating a deliciously inexpensive lunch made by our kitchen mavens; finding that special craft, plant, or "must have" to brighten your day; and welcoming Spring with your neighbors and friends.

Like to Help? The baked food sale and LIC sale tables need volunteer sales people. Help is needed with set up, sorting and pricing donations, parking and clean up. **All offers of help gratefully accepted!** Call Denny or Jan Prichard at 884-2030 or email them at dp@pacinfo.com or jan@pacinfo.com.

*Note we can no longer accept donations of exercise equipment, baby cribs, car seats, or electronics, as no other donation center will accept them if they do not sell.

From the sunshine corner of the LIC



February practically flew by, and my greeting cards were sent a little bit later than usual.

Peg Bingham's ticker needed some help from a pacemaker, and she is doing fine.

Delia McGinnis had to have a second hip replacement, since she fell and damaged the one that was previously installed. She also is healing and both ladies turned me down when I offered to bring some "meals on wheels" to their homes. They shared, that they had received so much food, that they did not know where to store it all.

I think that is wonderful, and I remember, when I was the lucky recipient many years ago. My husband and I froze part of what was coming in and saved it for later. This shows again, how amazing our community is. I would not want to live anywhere else.

Respectfully submitted ~*Marlies Van Cise*

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LIC Membership Report

Thanks to the volunteers for the February Meeting, Ann Dearing, Barb Floyd, Dick and Dee Scharf. I'm looking for volunteers for the March dessert meeting. Please call me!

It is membership renewal time, and there are still some folks we'd like to see renew. This is the last month the renewal form will be in the newsletter, but there will be copies on the sign-in table, and the current form is on the LIC website.

Please let me know if you can volunteer for the March meeting, 884-1384, ncarr44@centurytel.net.



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