



MEMBER NEWS

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

JULY 2020

NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: JULY 15, 2020 – DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

As life continues to unfold in strange and mysterious ways, I am reminded of the first line from the theme song from Cheers. "Makin your way in the world today takes everything you've got." Seems so appropriate in our "interesting times." The good news for us is that our organization is doing well and our members are supporting each other.

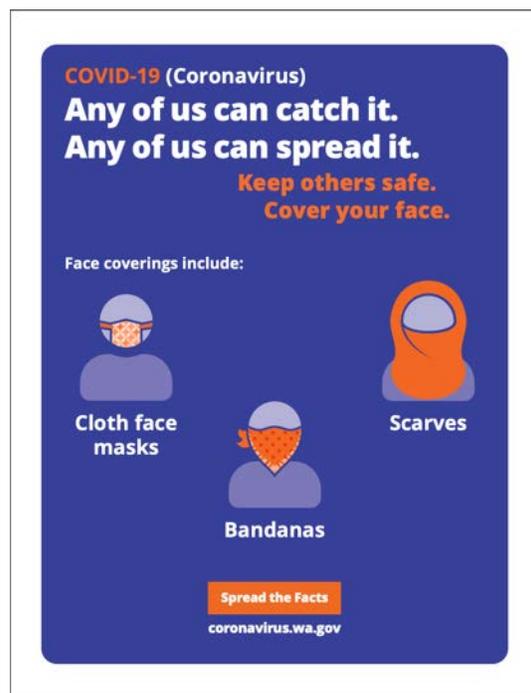
Based on everything I read we have a ways to go on this so keep it up folks. You are all amazing.

Speaking of amazing, if we could hold an in person meeting we'd give Kelly Hettinger and her crew a standing ovation for their work on the Super Sale and the garage sale that was held last weekend. Kelly and company have already generated more revenue than the last sale and there's more to come. Thanks to all for your efforts.

We had 42 people attend our last Zoom member meeting. Thanks to all who braved the technology to join. It's really great to see faces even though we can't meet in person. Based on the way things are going I'm pretty sure our next member meeting will also be on Zoom.

I want to extend a big welcome to our new board members Sheryl Low (secretary) and Allen and Marcel Ballenger (events). Also thanks to David Ziegler and Bob Perry for being willing to continue in their roles as Vice President and Building and Grounds Chair respectively.

As of Friday June 26, masks are now mandatory both indoors and out. Masks will be required in public indoor areas and public outdoor areas where 6 feet of distancing cannot be maintained. (Continued on next page)

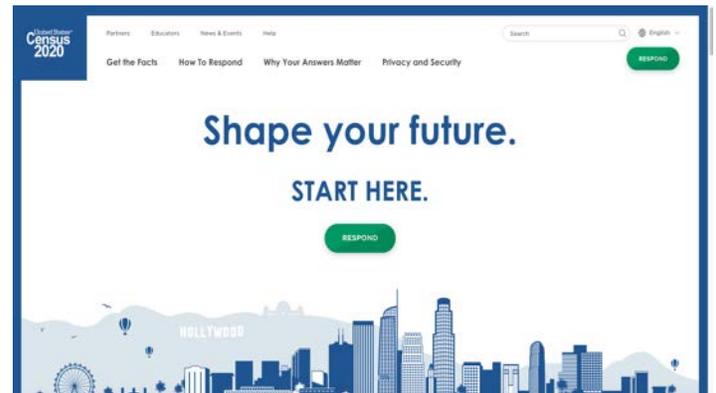


<https://coronavirus.wa.gov/information-for-you-and-your-family/face-masks-or-cloth-face-covering>

President's Message (continued)

There are some exceptions for young children and those who are deaf or hard of hearing. Outdoor recreation by yourself and with your family will not require a mask provided you can distance from others. Failure to comply will be a misdemeanor. The governor and the health department have taken this step due to an uptick in cases since the state has started to open up. There is good evidence now that wearing a mask protects you and those around you.

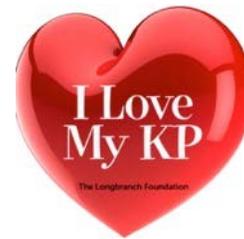
Have you filled out the census yet? I mentioned this in the member meeting, but it bears repeating. The data gathered from the census has a direct impact on the amount of funding we get from the federal government, and the amount of representation that we have in Congress and the electoral college. There are just 10 questions regarding how many people were living in your household as of April 1st of this year. It appears that if you have a PO box you probably did not get a census form, but you can still file online, or by phone. Go to 2020census.gov. There is a wealth of information there. I did it and it took just a few minutes.



Stay safe and stay healthy folks.

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HAPPY
4th of July



KP Community Support

Donations through the foundation's Covid-19 web page, from individuals and a major donation from the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation, has supported giving to the following Key Peninsula non-profit organizations: Angel Guild, Bishoff Food Bank, Children's Home Society, Community in Schools, Food Backpacks 4 Kids, KP Community Council, KP Community Services, KP Fire Firefighters, Key Free Clinic and Mustard Seed. Donations ranged from \$125 to \$1,000. Donations to Angel Guild and the Fire Department were matched by the LIC.

The Longbranch Foundation created a web page to accept donations for Key Peninsula nonprofit organizations coming to the aid of the KP community during the coronavirus pandemic. If you choose to donate you can pick one of the following options: you may fill out a donation form and pay by check or credit card; use PayPal; or you may click on the name of the non-profit to which you would like to donate and you will be taken to their web site. To donate go to: <https://www.longbranchfoundation.org>

Please note: The newly passed CARES Act allows you to deduct up to \$300 in charitable donations even if you use the standard deduction.

Student Programs

The Foundation supported the wonderful efforts of Two Waters Art Alliance this month with a cash donation. Many of you may know that Two Waters has been putting together "Art Kits" which are distributed twice a month to Evergreen Elementary students when they pick up their free lunch. In addition, Two Waters is working with KP Rotary on a Key Center beautification project by supplying Key Pen Middle School students with supplies to produce new banners.

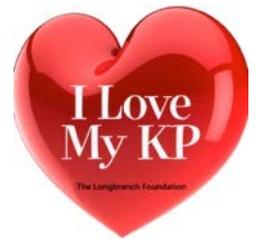
Fundraising

Hard work, innovation and lots of participation - that is what it takes for successful fundraising. When you cannot hold the event as planned, what do you do? Kelly and her crew of fun-loving volunteers have collected, stored and now sold, both on-line and by holding a garage sale (in the rain!), items that have brought in more money than our last Super Sale. The "live" event is now scheduled for September 13. Kelly assures us that they still have many great items for sale. Thank you to the many folks involved; what a job!

Happy 4TH of July

The LIC and TLF have a wonderful ad in this month's Key Pen News, please do not miss it.

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PLEASE STAY SAFE, STAY HEALTHY

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, Kim Robinson, Clark Van Bogart, Don Swensen, Marcia Harris, Marsha Kremen, David Zeigler or call me.

Contact information can be found on our web site. longbranchfoundation.org

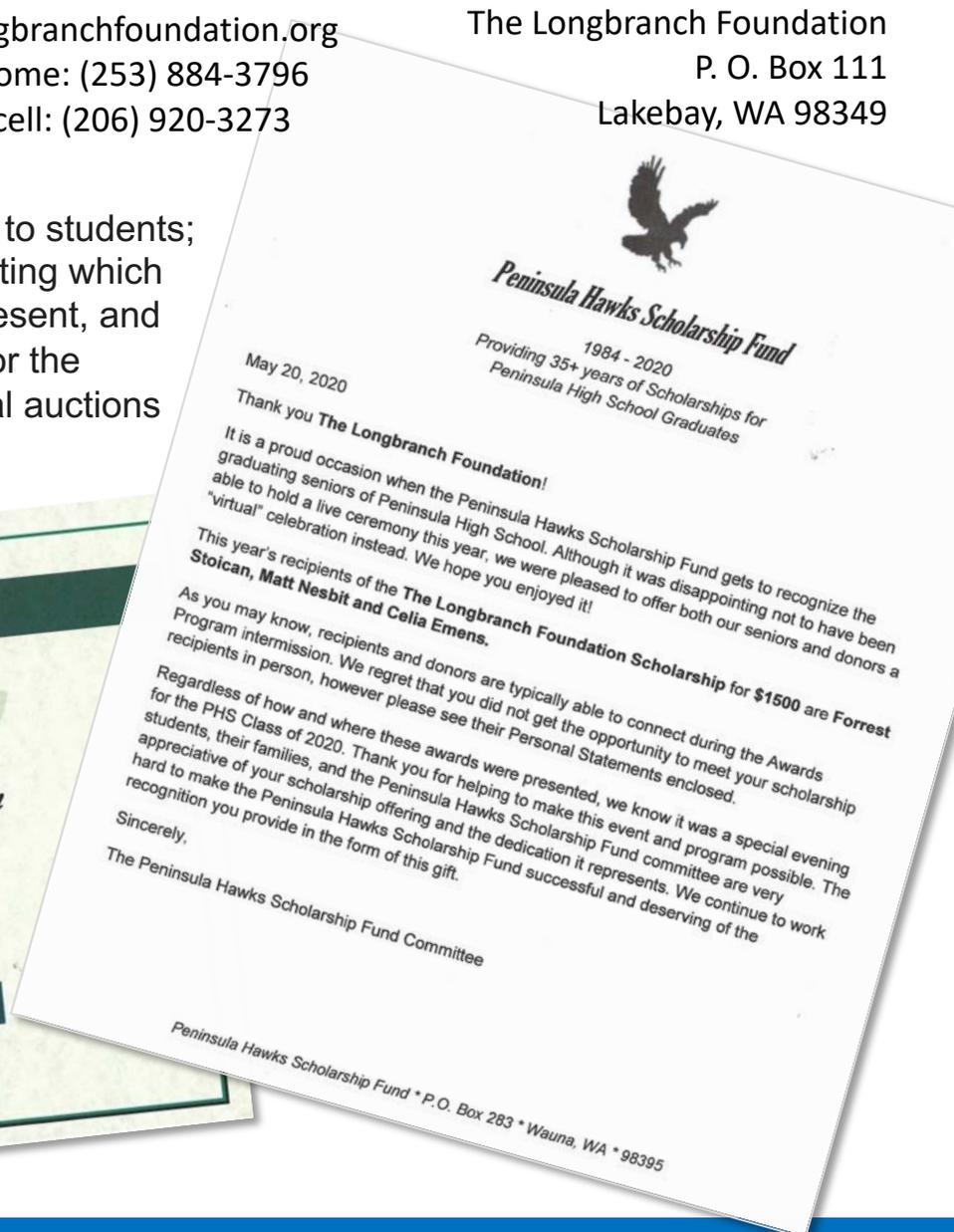
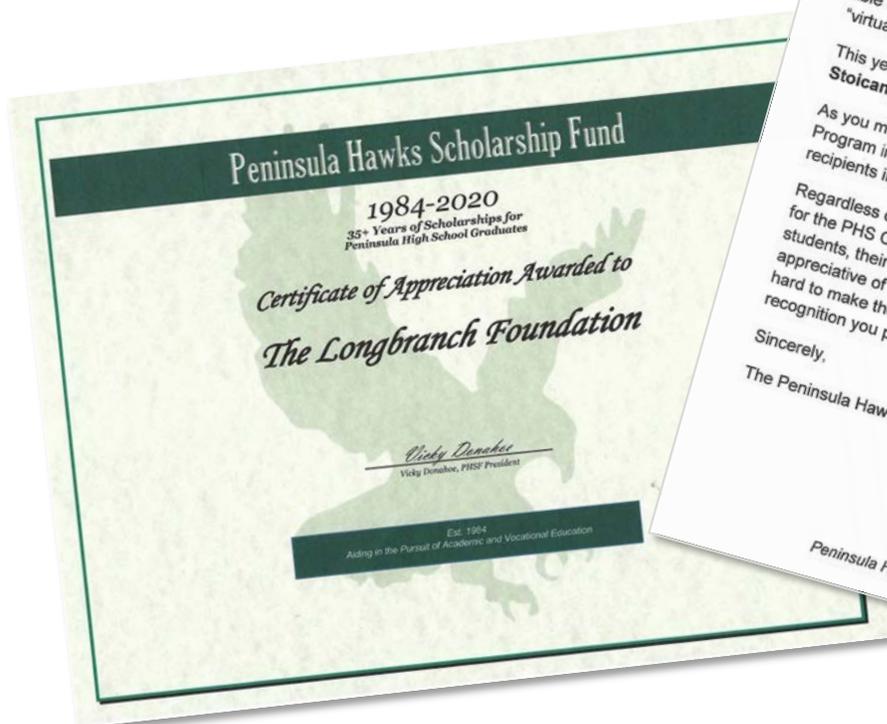
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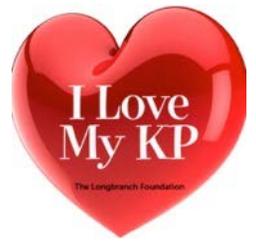
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In total, the Foundation gave \$9,000 to students; three scholarships to seniors graduating which is what the certificate and letter represent, and three to recurring students. Money for the scholarships comes from our biennial auctions and from our Celebrate Campaign.





The Longbranch Foundation Scholarship Program for 2020 includes three scholarships to deserving Peninsula High graduates (two academic and one vocational). Those students were recognized in last month's newsletter. In addition, the foundation has continued its commitment to support qualified previous scholarship recipients as they pursue their post-high school studies. Last year's scholarship recipient was Emily Ehrhardt. Her letter to the scholarship committee requesting renewal of her scholarship follows;

I am currently attending Tacoma Community College and working towards earning my Associates degree. I have completed one quarter and earned a 3.8 GPA and am looking to hold that GPA through this next quarter. I have been asked to be apart of the honor society, but due to the virus we haven't had the meeting for it yet. This quarter I finished my finals a week early in order to go to camp with the 5th graders from Evergreen Elementary. I was in charge of finding all of the counselors and finishing college a week early was challenging, but worth it. I have also been awarded the position of an adult leader for middle school youth group at Believers Fellowship and continue to volunteer for After Ours at Evergreen as well. My first quarter at TCC was also filled with rehearsals for the Christmas Play production put on by Wellspring Fellowship. In addition to my volunteer hours I also work at Camp Colman after school, and fill in as the Nursery Attendant at Wellspring Fellowship on some weekends. After TCC I am looking into pursuing social work with CPS and helping kids as a full-time career, I am hoping to continue my education after TCC at Gonzaga University.

Thank you for the consideration in renewing my scholarship,
Emily Ehrhardt

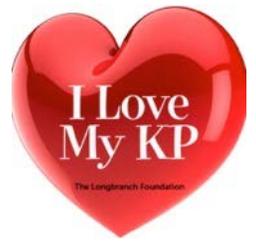


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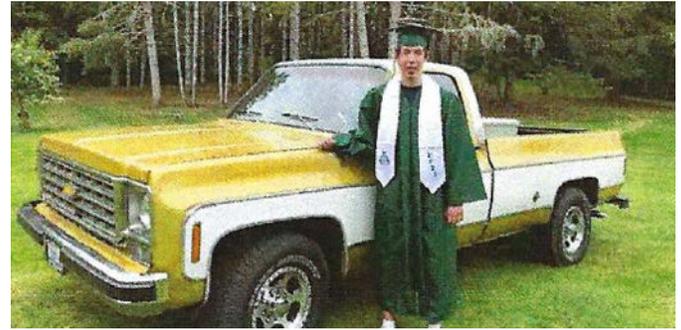
Dear Members of the Longbranch Foundation,

Thank you for the \$1500 scholarship, this will help me get through all of my schooling to become a Marine Biologist. Many you you already know

me, and if you don't, and visit the marina you will probably find me kayaking or poking anemones from the dock. I look forward to seeing you at the club house and marina.

Sincerely,

Celia Emens



Dear Longbranch Foundation,
I am honored you chose me for your scholarship. Your faith in me means a lot!

I am going to attend Olympic College for my AA and then plan on transferring to a University. I am interested in Environmental Science and working with the State or National Parks system.

Thank you!
Matt Nesbit

Dear Longbranch Improvement club, I wanted to thank you once again for your continued support. My experience at Northern Arizona university has been absolutely wonderful. Each and every day, I not only learn more about the environment and the world around me, but I also continue to learn more about myself. Because of your support I have been able to grow and thrive in the NAU community. Because of your support, my family will have funds left over to support my sister, Elizabeth(Ellie) Pierson as she works towards her undergraduate degree. Your efforts to fundraise and build community involvement has been invaluable. It has been making a positive impact on my life from my first Trunk or Treat to the Bluegrass festivals. You all work really hard to bring this community together and it really does make a difference! Thank you once again for supporting the Key Peninsula community and its youth. It wouldn't be the same without you!

A special thank you to the Longbranch Foundation Scholarship committee for your ongoing support. The time you put in to fundraise and present scholarships make a significant difference in the lives of the Key Peninsula youth. It certainly has for me! Your support has created a large push to get me where I am today, and it means a lot to me. Don't ever forget how much community members appreciate your support! Thanks again!!! :)

Sincerely,
Natalie Pierson

Dockmaster Report

Hello from the marina! Summer is officially in full swing and it has been just beautiful at the marina! We had 3 yacht clubs visit us in June. Port Ludlow, Poverty Bay Power Squadron, and Galilean Yacht Club. It has been very busy at the marina since March!

The gate code, as previously mentioned will be changing monthly. Please watch for that email around the first of the month. For the security and safety of the marina, please do not give the code out to non-members. Guest boaters are given a different code that changes weekly. Please advise all guests to contact the dockmaster if they need the gate code.

Membership

As announced during the June Zoom business meeting, the LIC Bucks will be combined for the first and second quarters of 2020. They will be available in your name tag for the first 'public meeting we have. Please have all your hours for January through June either entered in Track-it-Forward or sent to me (e-mail or PO Box) by July 6th. If you do not want LIC Bucks, let me know, but I still need your hours!!

The new and updated membership packet files are available on the website in the 'Get Involved' tab. There is a lot of information here, please check it out. The marina specific information is on the 'Marina' tab. The 'Members' tab contains information that is unique for members. This tab requires a password and if you do not have it, contact me or a Board Member.

Please break down all cardboard before putting it in the garbage cans, this helps save space thank you.

We only have 1 kayak spot left! Contact me to swipe it before it's gone!

While it has been a challenging year; everyone enjoys the marina and I love seeing your smiling faces!

Katie Harrison

Dockmaster

tightlinesandsunshine@gmail.com



Please keep track of your meeting attendance. I have tried to get everyone that has joined us via Zoom, but when we get together again and you initial the sign-in sheet, check to make sure what I have is correct. If you are on Zoom and your name does not show up on the screen, please identify yourself so you get credit for the meeting. I don't want to guess on the squares that just have a phone number or the words identifying your phone type. Even an e-mail after the meeting is a great help. On the bright side, one feature of a Zoom meeting is we don't have to wear a mask!!

Thanks everyone,

Nancy Carr

Membership Chair



Events Report

Barbara and I are ending our term as co-chairs of the Events Committee, and want to thank everyone for their support over the past two years. As our replacements, Allen and Marcel Ballinger will step in, we plan to be there to assist in any way we can and I'm sure the same can be said for everyone else who has been involved in the past.

We don't know yet if the Labor Day weekend dance will be held, and that decision will be made by the LIC Board based on the phase we are in at that time as mandated by the state.

In the coming months a plan will be formulated for our Centennial Celebration in 2021. This will take a lot of planning so that we can arrange a variety of activities that will involve the community, and tell the story of the Key Peninsula, and the history of the LIC.

Again, thanks for all of your support! Can't wait until we can all gather again and catch up.

Bob and Barbara

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Buildings & Grounds

Happy summer to everyone! The LIC Building & Grounds team and volunteers have been busy over the last month, and everyone's hard work is appreciated.

The front entrance lighting has been replaced, as well as the side entrance lighting – thanks to strong help from Gary Brownlee. The lighting and irrigation system at the Longbranch sign is also complete and operational. A special call-out to Mike Fay, Barb & Clark Van Bogart, Marsha Kremen, Jilly Eddy, Jimmy Sobieck, Kelly Hettinger, Susan Quigley and many others who pulled weeds, tended to the shrubbery and flowers, mowed, weed-wacked and did so much to get the grounds looking great. It's really great to have so many people pitching in.

As we move into the hotter part of our summer, we still have more projects to get accomplished, and here is the list/update on the larger ones:

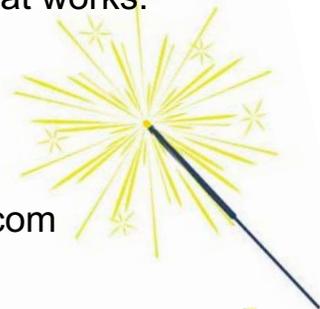
- The LP gas lines to our new tank still have to be replaced
- We have to mark and coordinate with Peninsula Light for several more poles for our parking lot lighting
- Some additional internal gas lines

have to be run to complete the full connections to our new LP tank

- We have to get our storage container placed. We had scheduled to pick up the storage container that was donated to us for Wednesday June 24th, but the trucking company could not get their large truck into the current location to get the container, so we are coordinating for a smaller truck/trailer. Once we have the container in place, we will call for volunteers to help prep for painting. In terms of the actual painting of the container, there have been suggestions for a portrait of our President Trump, or Governor Inslee, but I'm betting we probably will pick a nice neutral color and then perhaps a mural in the future that pleases everyone. So sorry to those who made suggestions 😊

Anyway, I'm really looking forward to when we can all get together safely in person. And of course, if you want to volunteer to help, just reach out to me and I will work with you to find something that works.

Sincerely,
Bob Perry
Buildings & Grounds
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From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,
This month I sent out 1 get well card to a member that had surgery.

Cheril Allen,
Sunshine Representative

If you see someone without a smile, give them one of yours. ~Dolly Parton



LIC General Meeting June 17, 2020



Marsha Kremen, President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

New members: Ernest & Cindy Evans and Barbara Riechers.

BOARD REPORTS

Secretary: Kim Robinson asked that the minutes from the May meeting be accepted, as written and submitted. MSP

Treasurer: Jim Hettinger stated that year-to-date net income was approximately \$20,500 over net income budget. This “over budget” amount will more than likely drop due to a large number of marina tenants making their yearly moorage payment in February in order to get a 5% discount.

Membership: Marsha shared that the board has decided to allow community hours to be submitted along with LIC volunteer hours. This is because events are not taking place, and there is not a need for LIC volunteers due to the social distancing requirements. The board is working on setting up a policy, and wants to be flexible. Any volunteer hours related to the community volunteering, and Covid 19 response, will be allowed. When logging your hours, please be clear as to what your submitted hours were for.

Nancy Carr stated that she will be combining 1st and 2nd quarter LIC bucks, and will hand them out in your name badges at the next physical meeting.

Events: Bob Green thanked Kelly Hettinger and her Super Sale team for the great job they have done procuring and selling the donations they have received. Kelly stated that there will be a garage sale this Saturday, from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, in order to make room for more donations for the Super Sale event, which is currently scheduled for September 19th. If you have more items to donate, please hold onto them at this time, until there is more room to store them.

Bob reported that there will be a decision made in the next few weeks as to whether we move forward with the Labor Day dance. The decision will be based on the county and state social distancing guidelines.

Building and Grounds: Bob Perry thanked everyone who helped with mowing the LIC grounds, with a special shout-out to Mike Fay and Jimmy Sobieck. The blackberry bushes have been cut back as well, and we seem to be making progress.

New front entrance lighting has been added. Please do not turn off the switch by the kitchen entrance, otherwise the lights will not come on at night. New side entrance lighting will be added soon. We are working on adding light poles for the parking lot lighting, and expect to be done before the fall drizzle hits us.

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LIC General Meeting June 17, 2020



The sprinklers and lighting by the new Longbranch sign are now working.

We will receive our 40' cargo container next Wednesday, and will be asking for volunteers to help scrape loose paint off so we can re-paint it.

We are asking for lawn mowing volunteers. If you are interested, please contact Bob. We have a riding mower for use.

Marina: Robert Theisen stated that we are still in the process of installing the security system.

Newsletter: Please send Tanya Perry any articles you would like in the newsletter by the 25th of the month.

Trustee at Large: Clark Van Bogart had nothing to report.

Vice President: David Zeigler gave an update on the member survey results. The board is addressing all concerns identified by the membership. Our goal is to make the LIC a better experience. We are working on launching a new member welcoming committee and want to do a better job introducing new members, and sharing the value they bring to the LIC. We are asking for committee volunteers. Please contact David if you would like to be involved.

President: Marsha gave a pump-out station update. The permit applications for our pump out station was submitted. Brett Allen did an amazing job, and thank you to all that have been working on this project.

Marsha is working on scheduling the engineer to come out within the next month, so we can move forward with the preservation grant. We are waiting to hear back from him. The status report that needed to be filed with the county by June 15th, was completed on June 2nd.

The Nominating Committee report has been approved by the board and it is recommending that the nominees be presented to the membership. For Vice President, David Zeigler; for Secretary, Sheryl Low; for Events chair, Allen and Marcel Ballinger; and for Building and Grounds chair, Bob Perry. Marsha asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none. Members were asked to accept or reject the nominees by entering their vote via Zoom. All were in favor, and none opposed. The nominees were accepted and approved by the membership. There will be a board orientation meeting as soon as possible.

Marsha reminded everyone to fill out their census.

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LIC General Meeting June 17, 2020

Marsha was contacted by the health department. They would like to put a Covid 19 testing trailer on our sight for more access to testing on the Key Peninsula. The board approved unanimously.

The Longbranch Foundation: Barb Floyd stated that the grounds looked fantastic for the Evergreen Elementary 5th grade graduation. Pictures were taken, and will be shared in the next LIC newsletter.

Barb also thanked Kelly for the great job she has been doing on the Super Sale.

TLF recently set up a web page for Covid 19 donations. We have already sent donations to 10 different non-profits, ranging from \$125- \$1,000. Thank you all for supporting our community in this time of need.

Upcoming Meetings & Events: The next membership meeting is scheduled for July 15th. We will continue to monitor the state openings, and review our options for future meetings. Virtual meetings will continue as long as needed.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kim Robinson
Secretary



Longbranch Sept 19 2020 Super Sale

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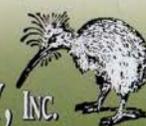
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