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# Longbranch improvement club

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

## Proposed State Park Closures include Joemma Beach and Kopachuck State Parks . . .



Here's what is being reported about the proposal . . .

The State of Washington released a list last Friday of 13 state parks slated to close under Governor Chris Gregoire's budget proposal. The State Parks Department says it's targeting low-profile properties . . . Kopachuck and Joemma are both on the list of and their closures would amount to a \$3.5 million dollar savings.

The Governor's proposed 2009-11 budget reflects the critical state of the national economy. Services and spending are being cut across the board, including funding for parks and recreation. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission budget proposal for the next biennium, which begins July 1, aims for a \$10 million reduction. This budget cut includes reductions in equipment replacement, administration, services, and a move to "mothball" or close 15 parks and expand seasonal park closures. State Parks will close and seek other public owner-operators for 13 parks deemed by the Commission as "not consistent" with the Centennial 2013 Vision (premier destinations or places of regional or statewide significance). Among the park

closures, are four key Cascadia Marine Trail Sites: Kopachuck, Fay Bainbridge, Joemma Beach, and Fort Ward. A new site was planned for Old Fort Townsend, another park slated for closure.

In 2003, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission constructed a plan to prepare for the state park system's 100th birthday in 2013. To guide preparations, the Commission adopted the Centennial 2013 Vision:

"In 2013, Washington's state parks will be premier destinations of uncommon quality, including state and regionally significant natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources that are outstanding for the experience, health, enjoyment and learning of all people." The Commission states that the parks identified for closure **do not meet the criteria outlined by the Centennial Vision.**

### YOU CAN HELP!

The State Parks Commissioners and your Legislators need to hear how valuable these parks are to the Cascadia Marine Trail system. For a list of upcoming WA State Parks Commission meetings visit: [www.parks.wa.gov/commtg.asp](http://www.parks.wa.gov/commtg.asp)



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Sample Letter:  
[www.wwta.org/trails/CMT/closures.asp](http://www.wwta.org/trails/CMT/closures.asp)  
Legislator Contact:  
[www.leg.wa.gov/legislature](http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature)

# PRESIDENTS LETTER...

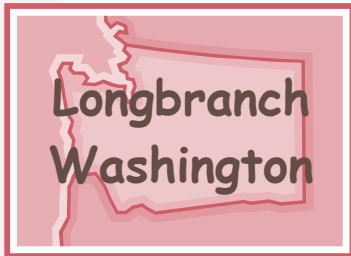
When I purchased my property here in Longbranch and was signing the sales agreement, it brought to mind that I was born in

Longbranch  
New Jersey



and would now spend the remainder of my life here in

Longbranch  
Washington



As I told the General Membership at our Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, I have always been so impressed with the LIC and all the events they sponsor; especially for the children, people in need, all the ages in between and the elderly.

This is the way we should always be . . . there to help and take care of each other, but I have never experienced that anywhere else but here!

That is one of the reasons I was happy to have my name placed in nomination for the office of Vice President in November.

As you have learned from our minutes of the General Membership Meeting of the LIC,

we now have 2 vacancies  
on the Board . . .

- \* Vice President position
- \* Membership Chair position

The Board has begun a search process to fill the vacancies, and we ask for suggestions from the membership as well. Please make sure that the person or persons you recommend agree to their name being placed in consideration. The Board would like to have these two positions filled by the February Membership Meeting. They would serve until the next regular election of that office.

Pat Muchmore,  
President LIC

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3 openings for the LIC:

- \* A web page editor -
- \* Peninsula Markets grocery receipts (the proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund) processing - you can get the needed LIC hours at home with a calculator.
- \* LIC "Story Teller" . . . Publicizing our LIC Events & Activities

Pat, The LIC  
Members look  
forward to working  
with you muchmore . . .  
ahead in 2009!

## From the treasury . . .

At the February 18 dinner meeting, a special presentation will give you a solid financial overview of the Club's last five years. You'll see where the money comes from, where it goes and what happens if there is any left over. Come and see how and what your Club is doing as a healthy organization.

After questions are answered, comments shared and perspectives freshened, you'll be prepared to review and vote on the 2009 operating budget.

Even if you've never wondered how much we spend on toilet paper in a year, I promise you will enjoy this brief presentation.

Tim Heitzman,  
Treasurer



There are no plans for road pickup / cleanup in the month of February . . .

One will be scheduled  
for early March!

Contact Bob McFarlane,  
LIC Adopt-A-Road, 884.1314  
robertmcfarlane1@mac.com



# General Meeting Minutes

Longbranch Improvement Club General Meeting  
January 23, 2009

## Introduction:

The meeting was called to order by our acting President, Pat Muchmore. Pat introduced herself to the membership, sharing her deep appreciation for the community and the work of the LIC in this community. She stated that on January 14th Stu Stuhaug resigned as LIC President and Sue Stuhaug resigned as Membership Chairman. The Board held an Executive Session in response to these resignations, as stated in Article 4, Section 3 of our By-Laws. The Board asked Pat Muchmore to assume the Presidency. The Board is now accepting applicants for the positions, to be appointed, of Vice-President and Membership Chairman. Please contact Pat via phone or email (patroom9047@aol.com) if you are interested. Pat also stated that the Board will review all documents of the LIC.

## Board Member Reports:

Secretary Connie Hildahl read the minutes of our last General Meeting, November 2008.

Treasurer Tim Heitzman gave the Financial Report. As of December 2008, the LIC has \$20,000 reserves for the building and the marina. As of December 31, 2008, we had a net operating profit for the year of \$161.00.

Building Chair Lynn Carr announced a sign up sheet, requesting volunteers for a work party.

Dock Chair Harry Fass reported that ladders have been delivered to the dock, and await painting and final installation.

Events Chair Carolyn Wiley announced Dan Mazar as speaker on February 12th at the LIC. The program is held in conjunction with Pierce County Library. On the 24th of February "Feast or Famine" will be held at the LIC with admission tickets of \$25.

Dave Wickland, Chair of the 50th Anniversary of our marina, announced the following schedule of events for July 11th:

- 8-10 a.m. breakfast
- 11 dedication
- 12-4 assorted activities
- 4-7 BBQ at the Club House
- 7-12 dance

## LIC Contractor Reports:

Mark Jones, Dockmaster, reported all is well at the Dock. Please be sure to send in moorage payments before the end of January.

Marlies Van Cise, Building Rental Chairman, reported building rentals are in order.

LZ Cleaning Service - no report.

**Awards:** The following special 2008 LIC Awards for service were announced by Carolyn Wiley:

Linda LeBlanc

Mark Runions

Laurie Jones

received Stars of 08' LIC Awards

Larry & Peg Bingham

received the

*Lifetime*

**Achievement Award**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Connie Hildahl, Secretary





# Events Events Events



## THE NEW YEAR'S EVE @ LIC . . .

A happy crowd welcomed 2009 to the sweet big-band sounds of Swing Fever and a delicious spread prepared by caterer, Mindy Milbourne. Departing revelers, rated the event very high. Plan now to join in the 2009 New Year's Eve celebration at the Key Peninsula Civic Center.

I wish to express special and personal thanks to all of the elves who contributed so much to make the December events schedule work. It began on December 6, Decoration Day and the transformation of the building; to the flurry of activity that makes Kids and Christmas so much fun; to those who were on line for the annual Christmas Dinner - (we have to thank "warnings of impending weather" for that disappointment), and ended with the New Year's Eve Dance. Without your help none of these events would have been possible. Submitted by Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair

## FEAST OR FAMINE 2009 *Soup through Thick and Thin* Tuesday, February 24 - 6:00 to 8:00

Tickets are \$25 per person . . . guest speaker is Judith Weinstock, chef, culinary arts teacher and author of "*The Kingston Hotel Café Cookbook*".

It's a gamble, will you eat like royalty or a serf? You will not know until envelopes are opened. Food will be allocated based upon the profile of world food availability - 10% dine extremely well, 20% get adequate fare; 70% dine at subsistence level.

Vicki Biggs and committee are busily raising money to underwrite this LIC event to assure that all proceeds from tickets, silent auction and sale items benefit the local Food Bank. Some items for sale will include:

Soup bowls created by potters, Elaine Quiggley, and the F.I.N.E. Mudhens - Karen Craven & Ginger Kryger.  
*Soup Mixes assembled by local church groups will also be available.*  
Silent auction items include one of the fabulous Wickland boat models, a soup tureen and bowls created by Gary Anderson of Lake Bay Pottery.



DAN MAZUR

Thursday, February 12, 2008 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mazur, mountaineer will share photos and experiences of his life in some of the world's most desolate and rugged areas. Most people know of Dan because he was the focus of the world media attention after the Mount Everest rescue of the Australian Climber, Lincoln Hall. However, daring exploits do not tell the full story. When not climbing he raises money for Mount Everest Foundation. This foundation is devoted to helping build sustainable communities in Nepal and Tibet by helping to build schools and hospitals, educate health workers and teachers, and develop environmental projects to help poor families living on the "wrong side" of Everest..

If you miss his talk at LIC you may be able to catch him at one of the Pierce County Libraries where he will be speaking in relationship to the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Pierce County READS promotion. The book selected is Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin\*, The book tells the story of one-man's mission to promote peace one school at a time in remote villages in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Multiple copies are available at the Key Center Library.

Thanks to Pierce County Library System for assisting with in-school promotion of this multi-media presentation. Be sure to bring a friend or neighbor to this free community event. Donations will be welcomed.

## A Few Notable Events . . .

February 7th, 2009 at 4:00 PM at the KP Civic Center  
**Tears of Joy**-Join us for a performance of "The Shoemaker and the Elves" suggested donation of \$5.00 per family.

March 7th, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the KP Civic Center  
**Spring Fling** is an opportunity for you to enjoy a showcase of KP artists, get a peek at our programs, enjoy great food and music. This year we also invite you to enjoy a showcase of local student talent. Tickets are \$15.00 to the general public \$5.00 per member.

## SPUDS & SUDS on March 14<sup>th</sup> 2009

Geoff Baillie & John Biggs are planning this party and Volunteers are lining up to play.  
Mark Runions is lining up the music.

Get those limericks ready!  
Practice for the dart tournament!  
Shine up your dancing shoes!  
Families are welcome.

Submitted by Carolyn Wiley, Events Chair

# MEMBERSHIP MEETING...



MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
FEBRUARY General "Potluck" Meeting  
Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

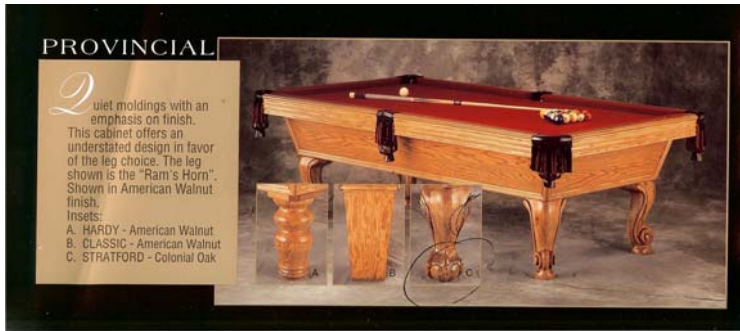
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\$300.00 is all we are asking. If you are curious, please give us a call.

Dick and Marlies Van Cise (253) 884-5608

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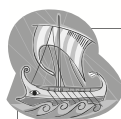


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