

June 2010



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



LIC Volunteer Needed for filing & continued organization of the current system in the Club House office. *Experience would be beneficial!* Please contact Pat Muchmore if interested.

President's Letter . . .

There has been a great deal of activity at the Marina since our last meeting in April. As many of you may have noticed, we now have a cement barricade block at the entrance to the wharf. The County was concerned that a pick up or vehicle would back onto the wharf to unload pop, ice, etc. for supplying their boat for an outing. They told us this would be happening in a week's time and a day or two later, called to say that they were installing the block that day. Dave Wickland, Dock Chair and I were there when they installed the block; we made sure that there was more than sufficient room to bring one of the carts up from the Marina and access the parking lot one either side of the block; it also leaves enough room for wheel chair access as dictated by the American with Disabilities Act.

Since the LIC voted at the April meeting to allow the Board of Directors the monies needed to hire our own structural engineer, Geoff Baillie has done so and they will be presenting a plan for repair/replacement of the wharf. We anticipate receiving that report in four to six weeks. As soon as the County was told this, they have moved the date back to September 21, 2010 before any further action will be taken. We will keep you, the membership, informed of all and any details as they are presented to us.

There was such a successful Work Party at the Marina on May 22nd with the wonderful hard work and assistance of the seven young people from Americorp that we are now ready and looking forward to our Memorial Day Dance on Saturday, May 29th at the Club House. Mark Runions was successful in obtaining the Oasis Band for this grand occasion; the Dance starts at 8:00 pm and goes until 12:00 midnight. Tickets are \$10.00 prior to the Dance or \$12.00 at the door. You can contact Dave Wickland, Mark Jones or any Board Member if you would like to get your tickets before the dance. **We are looking forward to a great turn out and hope to see you there!**

At our recent General Membership Meeting on May 19th we were entertained by the Key Peninsula Junior High School Band. They did a fantastic job and it is so gratifying to see our young people happy and glad to share their talent for us again this year. For many of us that have children, grand children and family members that were involved in this type of activity, it gives you an extra boost of pride to see those wonderful young people do such an excellent job. Thank you, again, to the Jazz Band and we look forward to hearing you again next year.

I would like to remind all of you that we have an election coming up next month; the offices of President, Treasurer, Dock Chair and Membership Chair will be voted on at the June 16th meeting. Lisa Bryan, Mark Runions and Gene Brown have been working hard as our Nominating Committee to present a slate of candidates for this meeting. Nominations from the Floor will be accepted as well. If you are interested in serving in one of these positions, please contact any of the three Nominating Committee members or have your name placed on the slate at the June meeting. We need your support for these four very important positions.

Once again, we are approaching our busy summer with activities at the LIC Club House as well as the Marina. I look forward to sharing these events with you all and hope to see you there soon.

Submitted by Pat Muchmore, President LIC, 884.3890, patroon9047@aol.com

General Membership Meeting Minutes

Performance by the Key Peninsula Middle School Jazz Band at 6:30 PM . . .

Call to Order. Pat Muchmore called the meeting to order at 7:20 PM.

Speaker Anne Nesbit provided information regarding the EMS Levy renewal, to be voted on by the community on August 17, 2010. She explained what would happen if the levy passes, what would happen if the levy fails, and answered questions from the membership.

President's Report: Wharf update: Due to concerns about liability, the county has placed a concrete barrier at the head of the pier to prevent vehicles from driving on the wharf. The wharf is still open to foot traffic, and enough space has been left for dock carts and wheelchairs to access the wharf as well. The grant of easement has been extended until September 21 2010.

Pat announced that a person had been found to serve as Events Coordinator, but the individual lives outside of the LIC membership area and thus cannot serve as a Board Member. Because of this, the Board decided not to pursue this option and the spot of Events Chain remains empty.

Vice President's Report: Gretchen announced that a Kopachuck Middle School student is a Regional Finalist for redesigning the Google logo. Regional Finalists can be voted on by the public and voting ends May 25th.

President Pat asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the April General Meeting as presented. A motion was made, seconded, and passed.

Building/Grounds Chair's Report: Lynn announced that lights have been installed at both doors. Lynn also thanked those who helped with

mowing, and Carolyn & Jan for their work on the flowers. Carolyn mentioned that a woman from the Fuchsia Society donated some plants to the LIC.

Dock Chair's Report: Dave suggested that boaters should check their lines and make sure their boats are secure before the storms move through this week.

Americorps volunteers will be working on the dock Saturday, May 22 from 9:00 AM until 11:30 AM.

Announcements: Lisa Bryan announced that elections are coming up and the Board positions for President, Treasurer, Membership Chair, and Dock Chair are open and nominations are needed. She also announced that Jan has agreed to run for re-election for Membership Chair.

Doug Sylvers – The dock breakfast was successful once again, with approximately 150 breakfasts served. \$773 was taken in for the breakfasts, \$182 was taken in for the raffle, and \$406.34 was “squandered” for supplies, for a profit of \$548.66. There were 30 volunteers, including several non-members, and so far 210 hours have been logged.

Pat Thompson – There were 10 boats that participated in this year's Spring regatta, which raised \$150 for The Mustard Seed Project. Gene Brown took 1st place, Sandy Black came in 2nd, and Steve Mapel came in 3rd. Pat also announced that garden plots at Sunnycrest are available now for a \$30 donation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

**LIC Meeting
Minutes from the
General Membership
Meeting May 19th,
2010
7:00 PM
“Dessert” Meeting**

Attendance: Board Members in attendance were Pat Muchmore, Dave Wickland, Gretchen Lippert, Jan Pritchard, and Lynn Carr

Respectfully submitted by Gretchen Lippert, Vice President
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Recycled Cans & Grocery Receipts . . .

Spring and Robert Johnson, **two wonderful new members**, have agreed to take over the can recycling duties. Please bring your cans (*preferably crushed*) to the LIC so they can take them to the recyclers for cash for our Scholarship Fund.

Peninsula Markets will reimburse the LIC 1% of the receipts on food items purchased in their stores. This money also goes to the scholarship fund. Bring or mail your receipts to the LIC and let's keep that Scholarship Fund growing!

*Jan Prichard, Membership Chair
LIC, 884.2030, jan@pacinfo.com*

**Help Keep the
Scholarship Fund
Growing . . .**

**RECYCLED CANS
& GROCERY
RECEIPTS HELP OUR
KEY PENINSULA
STUDENTS!**

Backpacks for Kids Program . . .

FOOD ITEMS NEEDED:

Bread

Jelly

Peanut Butter

Spaghetti-O's

Non-Sugary Cereal

*Complete Pancake Mix
(just add water)*

Snack-Size Fruit Cups

Snack-Size Raisins

Granola Bars

Communities of Faith is heading up a program called "Backpacks for Kids". Backpacks filled with nutritious, easy-to-prepare foods are distributed by Evergreen Elementary staff on Fridays. The backpacks go to children/families that are in need, and will help feed the family over the week-end. This program is important, because many of these children depend on school lunches to get a nutritious meal. Cash donations are tax-deductible and can be dropped off at the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church, 4213 Lackey Rd. Please make checks payable to "Key Peninsula Lutheran Church", with "Backpacks for Kids" in the memo line. Food donations and volunteers are also welcome; contact Karen Jorgenson at 884-4449 for more information. Please do not drop food items off at the school. To the left is an abbreviated list of food items the program needs. For a full list, you can contact either Karen Jorgenson or myself.

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LIC Dock Report . . .

I am pleased to report that the water system changes are in progress and will be completed before the Memorial Day weekend. Our contractor found that the pipe across the road was only 1/2" poly so with a continuous 1 1/4" pipe installed, we should see a big difference in our water capacity at the dock.

Work Party with AmeriCorps volunteers

We had a great work party at the dock with 7 members of the AmeriCorp volunteer youth. They worked extremely hard to scrub and pressure wash the entire "C" dock and to help clean up the parking area. A big thank you to the LIC members that came to participate. Attendance was a little disappointing to me from the LIC side as this was supposed to be a group effort but given the light turnout at the meeting where this was announced, many of you may not have known about the event. 11 LIC members did show up to help and we accomplished a huge amount. The ramp and one side of the entry gate was painted, the parking lot was weeded and crushed rock was installed and some of the bull rails were painted.

On top of this, Lynn Carr, Denny Prichard and Harry Faas replaced a rotted section that butted up to the dinghy dock and this is now stronger than before. Great job and thanks to all of those that came to help, especially the the Americorp group of great kids. Also, a big thanks to Carolyn Wiley for setting us up with this worthwhile group of young adults.

Dock Maintenance

I have a list of general and electrical items that need attention at the dock. If you are looking for hours at your own schedule, please contact me and I'll set you up with a project.

Wharf Repair/Replacement Status Update . . .

The County has placed an ecology block in front of the wharf entrance to prevent vehicles from being driven onto the wharf. The County has orally agreed to extend the LIC's use of the wharf until September 21, 2010, in exchange for the LIC's pursuit of either repair or replacement of the wharf. Geoff Baillie signed the engineering design agreement with Sitts and Hill Engineers for a design and cost estimate of a repair of the wharf, as previously authorized by the general membership. Sitts and Hill will also provide the LIC with a preliminary engineering design and cost estimate for a replacement wharf. In the meantime, Geoff Baillie will facilitate an advisory committee of LIC members interested in strategizing and exploring options for the LIC to retain access to its marina. If interested in being on the committee, please contact Geoff at 884-3951 or gbailie@msn.com.

MEMORIAL DAY DANCE

We are extremely short of help for the Memorial Day dance. Please call Dave Wickland (884-3163) if you can help. We could also use some help at the dock as we expect big crowds again this year. Please contact Dave or Mark Jones if you can spend some time at the dock helping our guests.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Wickland, Dock Chair

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FIRST ANNUAL LONGBRANCH COMMUNITY

CROQUET TOURNAMENT



Sunday July 18
2-6 pm
LIC Field

*Prizes for best team
theme, spirit, costumes,
strokes, jokes and scores.*

Food, drink & very,
very friendly judges

Your team could win!

Call 884-2030
4-person team \$60

Proceeds benefit
The Mustard Seed Project

*Family fun, free admission
Food Bank donations welcome*

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In the interest of community, charity and a pleasant Sunday afternoon diversion, the LIC proudly sponsors the **First Annual Croquet Tournament**. Everyone is invited, teams play for prizes, with friendly well-known locals adjudicating. (You can't lose.)

Teams of four, \$60, sign up now
at **884-2030** or LIC website.

There'll be a field full of watchers and players, discussing whether **croquet** is a noun or verb, sport or art, silly or sound. Your participation will be welcome.

Please join us July 18, Sunday afternoon at 2

Upcoming Events . . .



Let's Party!

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP B-B-Q
POTLUCK JUNE 16th, 6:30 pm

BURGERS AND DOGS . . .
GRILLED TO PERFECTION &
SERVED TO YOU BY YOUR
BOARD MEMBERS



**BRING A FAVORITE SIDE DISH
OF YOUR CHOICE AND LET'S PARTY!**

See you all there . . .

Dates to Remember . . .

July 18th 2-6 PM . . .

Croquet Tournament at the LIC

August 7th 1-6 PM . . .

Beyond the Borders Music Festival LIC

August 21st . . .

Old Timers Day at the LIC

August 27th-28th . . .

Keyfest 2010 at Volunteer Park

September 4th . . .

Labor Day Dance at the LIC



LIC Membership News

Mark you calendars
for the JUNE General
“Annual Membership
BBQ Potluck”
Meeting . . .

Wednesday, June
16th, 2010

The Longbranch Improvement Club would like to welcome new members Scott Vande Zande, Jan Place and Dave Mielke. Also we're happy to welcome back renewing members Denise and Mike Hays, Kedzie Penfield and Stephen Fox, and David and Connie Wick.

Plan now to attend the annual Membership B-B-Q Potluck on June 16th. The fun begins at 6:30 with hamburgers, hotdogs and all the fixin's provided. Bring a side dish of your choice and be prepared to have a relaxing visit with your fellow members.

Many thanks to Barb Copley and Pat & Ruth Thompson for hosting at our May meeting and thanks to Trish & Dale Goodvin for signing everyone in and manning the raffle table. We enjoyed a great “pre-meeting” concert by the Key Peninsula Middle School Jazz band, too. Thanks, Guys!

*Jan Prichard, Membership Chair LIC,
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SEE YOU THERE!

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