



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



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President's Letter . . .

As you have already seen from the email from the Board of Directors and the information that was given at the General Membership meeting on Wednesday, April 21st a representative group from the BOD and membership were busy with the County in addressing the fact that the wharf (which connects from the parking lot to our ramp and Marina) essentially has been condemned by the Co. and is in need of replacement. We had an excellent exchange of ideas and comments from those that attended the LIC meeting and it was wonderful to hear all the ideas, concerns and true "togetherness" that resulted in the membership deciding to allow the BOD to seek our own structural engineer to do an evaluation of the deterioration of the wharf & come up w/viable solutions.

I want to personally thank every one of you that was there at the meeting. It was such a pleasure to feel all of us working together to solve a problem and all be on the "same page". Let's keep that going and continue to amaze ourselves about what we can do when we put our minds to it. **Thank you, again.**

As you can tell from the different articles in this Newsletter, we are coming to a busy time of the year for our LIC. We start with the Dock Breakfast on Saturday, May 1st and move right into Memorial Day Dance and on and on it goes. I look forward to seeing many of you there as well a very pleasant summer with our friends and families. **Enjoy!!**

*Submitted by Pat Muchmore, President LIC,
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Do you have an ad to run?

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Scholarship Committee . . .

The Scholarship Committee, consisting of **Karen Barrow, Barbara Copley, and Lynn Larson** convened at Peninsula High School Library on March 25, 2010 to examine about 20 scholarship notebooks. Two worthy scholar-athletes will each receive \$1,000 for college. Zadka Michelson will pursue an education in an agriculturally related science to meet her goal to help reduce world hunger. Thomas Sample's goal is college followed by the Coast Guard and ultimately, to be a helicopter pilot. Scholarships will be presented on May 19, 2010.

*Submitted by Lynn Larson,
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General Membership Meeting Minutes

Call to Order. President Muchmore called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Agenda. The agenda was adopted as presented.

President's Report. President Muchmore gave the membership a briefing on the status of the wharf and the LIC easement. Two meetings have been held with the County Engineer, one meeting with Terry Lee, and one meeting (on 4/20) with Derek Kilmer and Terry Lee. Two letters have been received from the County Engineer. Each outlined what the LIC is required to do, in the opinion of the County Engineer, to keep its access on an interim basis, across the wharf. Pat also thanked the hostesses.

Pat turned the microphone over to Dave Wickland who went into more detail on the condition of the wharf, the grant of easement wording, his discussions with Marine Floats regarding temporary and permanent solutions, approximate costs, and other options.

Regarding the LIC legal status to force the County to repair, Phil Johnson responded that the Grant of Easement does not require the County to maintain the structure and the LIC can't force them to do so. The LIC can elect to perform maintenance if the County chooses not to, which it has.

Geoff Baillie led further discussions on why the wharf is failing and what can (or can't) be done about it. All members understood the gravity of the situation. Discussion turned to options, one of which is to purchase or gain the right to use Steamboat Landing and place a float between that facility and the LIC Marina. Another option discussed was to temporarily install floats next to the existing structure. This may be allowed (by permit), but only if the permanent fix was committed to.

Baillie opened up a discussion on the financial resolve of the membership to proceed and a number of current moorage holders expressed support for the LIC taking a more aggressive posture for replacing the structure with an LIC owned facility.

Rich Hildahl presented options for financing as did Tim Heitzman. Unless the County agrees to fund the replacement, which they have not yet done, the LIC financial model will need to change (need increased revenue).

Ultimately, the LIC authorized the Board (unanimously) to proceed to engage a structural engineer (up to \$6k) to design and estimate the costs of temporary repairs, which is two to three years, the timeframe estimated to be

necessary to implement a permanent solution.

Announcements. The annual LIC Dock breakfast and regatta will be held Saturday, May 1st at the Marina. All members are urged to participate.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

LIC Meeting Minutes from the General Membership Meeting April 21, 2010 6:30 PM "Potluck" Meeting

Attendance: Board Members in attendance were Heitzman, Muchmore, Wickland, Prichard, Lippert, Baillie, Carr, and Johnson. Approximately 60 members were in attendance.

LIC Membership Authorizes Engineering Design of Interim Wharf Fix . . .

At its General Membership meeting on April 21st, the members authorized the LIC Board to proceed with the engaging a structural engineer to design and estimate the costs of temporary repairs to the existing wharf. The authorization, up to \$6,000, directs the LIC Board to not only engage an engineer, but is an important first step that is required by the County Engineer to keep the LIC's access to its marina across the existing, but failing structure.

Nearly 60 members attended and virtually all participated in lively, but controlled and constructive discussion and debate concerning risks, challenges, opportunities, and potential costs and benefits of options available to the LIC for short and long term solutions. The LIC Board presented the membership with what information was available, possible options, and asked the membership for direction as to how to proceed. The membership responded with unanimous approval to authorize the study.

Further discussions will be held soon with the County regarding interim and permanent solutions to the failing wharf. More detail on the meeting is available in the meeting minutes, which follow later in this newsletter.

Respectfully submitted by Geoffrey L. Baillie, Secretary

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Opening Day of Boating Season . . .



On May 1st, the opening day of boating season, there will be a sailing regatta, starting at 11 am, with the skippers meeting at 10 am. We will have a potluck this time so bring a small bit of food if you can. Just sandwich stuff would be fine. There will be trophies awarded for the first three places. The entry fee will be \$20. This amount may seem high but all proceeds will go to Mustard Seed a very worthwhile and appreciative organization. Also, please do remember the wonderful dock breakfast, which is very fulfilling before a fine racing day.

Please call Pat Thompson
884-5286 for questions

5/1/10 Saturday

8AM - 11AM Dock Breakfast

10AM Skipper's Meeting

11AM Sailing Regatta

Entry Fee \$20.00

Trophies awarded for

1st 2nd & 3rd place

From the Treasurer's Books . . .

60% of club income is from marina, about 59% from visiting, 41% from permanent (member) moorage.

Income and activity at the marina have been steady for the past five years, despite the economy, gas prices, good or bad weather.

Raising fees did not lower our business – busy and full on peak weekends.

The LIC spends about \$40,000 a year directly on the marina and takes in about \$80,000.

Pierce County property tax on marina: \$1,500/year, appraised value about \$140,000.

National Trust for Historic Preservation . . .

The National Trust for Historic Preservation in partnership with American Express has chosen 25 historic properties in the Seattle-Puget Sound area to compete for \$1 million in preservation grants. Of those 25 properties, five are located in Pierce County:

www.partnersinpreservation.org

VOTE for one project each day from April 15 through May 12.

Not only can you **vote**, you can forward this information to friends, family and co-workers or post it on your Facebook and encourage them to **vote**.

The historic property with the most votes will have their grant fully funded. You can learn more about the process on the Partners in Preservation website.

Anderson Island Historical Society – Johnson Farm

Orting Soldiers Home – Garfield Hall

Skansie Brothers Net Shed (Gig Harbor)

Spanish Steps (Tacoma)

Titlow Park Lodge (Tacoma)

You are encouraged to share photographs, stories and memories of the sites on their individual pages of the Partners in Preservation website. And, in addition to voting, you are encouraged to mark your calendar so that you can plan to visit these sites on **May 1st or 2nd**. **Each one of the sites will be hosting an Open House** to encourage you to visit and learn more about their project. The specific times and details of each Open House are listed on the Partners in Preservation website. For further information, feel free to contact Gretchen Lippert, gmlippert@yahoo.com, 884-2290

Backpacks for Kids PROGRAM

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 weekend. 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 right is an abbreviated list of food items the program needs. For a full list, you can contact either Karen Jorgenson or myself.

Contact: Gretchen Lippert
gmlippert@yahoo.com
884-2290

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

LIC Dock Report . . .

With most of our focus being on the current wharf situation, there is not much else to report on the dock this month. Since this is all covered in the minutes from the general meeting, I won't go into any additional detail here.

We had a great work party in March, with 19 volunteers and we accomplished a great deal of work. Thank you again to all of those who showed up and worked so hard to scrub the dock, paint and work on the electrical boxes. Since our April 24th work party had to be postponed, if anyone wants to finish painting the gangway that was started at our last work party, it would be great to have this done before the dock breakfast. Please call Dave at 884-3163 if you can do this much needed painting.

The under the road water situation is progressing. We are only waiting on a final

resolution to the county's request to install a metal sleeve around the pipe that is going under the road. One option is to use a slightly smaller pipe, but our contractor is negotiating with the inspector on this and we should know something this week. Hopefully this will be all completed prior to the next meeting.

Since I volunteered the dock committee and myself to work on the Memorial Day Dance, I really need some additional volunteers to help on this big event. Please call me if you can help. With the current wharf situation, we need as much support from the membership as we can get and I hope that you all will come to the dance this year. Every event takes on new meaning now, so please volunteer to help or buy a ticket and come to the dance. Tickets will be available by next week at Sunnycrest, Wally's Home Port, our dock, or you can call Dave at 884-3163. Early tickets are \$10 with a \$12 price at the door.

Respectfully submitted by Dave Wickland, Dock Chair

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Friends of Key Peninsula Community Services,

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to Kyong Bertsch as Assistant Director here at KPCS. She will be missed by all of us, and the numerous community members and volunteers she interacted with every day. We are so excited for Kyong as she starts a new opportunity with a Gig Harbor company and wish her great success as she moves forward in her career. We have found a fantastic replacement for Kyong's position and are pleased to welcome Nancy Broege of Herron Island. Nancy comes from an 18 year career with Weyerhaeuser and has many talents that she brings to our organization. Nancy will be keeping Kyong's E-Mail address so you will only need to change their names. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call or e-mail.

Submitted by Penny Gazabat, Executive Director, KPCS

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Upcoming Events . . .

May 1, Saturday, 8-11 Dock
Breakfast

May 19, Wed., 7 PM
General "Dessert" Meeting

May 29, Sat. evening
Memorial Day Dance -"Oasis"

June 16, 6:30 PM
General Member B-B-Q Potluck

Dates to Remember . . .

May 8/9 Saturday-Sunday
Annual Mother's Day Tea
at the Meeker Mansion

Seating times: 12:30/2:00/3:30
\$15.00 per person. *Prepaid
reservations required by calling 253
-848-1770 or call Gretchen Lippert
at 884.2290*

CPR/FIRST AID CLASS AVAILABLE

The Key Peninsula Fire Department
is offering a First Aid/CPR class on
Saturday, June 5th from 8:30 to 5
p.m. Register by calling them at
884-2222. The cost is \$40.00.

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*

www.longbranchimprovementclub.org

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



LIC Membership News

Mark you calendars
for the May General
“Dessert” Meeting . . .

**Wednesday,
May 19th, 2010
7:00 PM**

Many thanks to **Ann Craven, Karen Johnson, Jeanne Weston and Trish Goodvin** for serving as hostesses and greeter at our packed April meeting. As usual the food was plentiful and delicious, fortifying us to accomplish much at the meeting itself. *Note: Lynn Larson is missing a special 9x13 glass pan that she brought to the potluck. It's just a bit wider than normal and fits in its own basket. If you happen to have taken it home with you by mistake, she would love to get it back.*

please let her know. Also, she would love to hear about birthdays, anniversaries or events to celebrate. If you let her know, she'll get right on it! You can contact Linda by email at 18161@hotmail.com or by phone at 884-1499.

The membership opinion survey is being conducted, so if you haven't received a call you should be getting one soon. We're looking forward to hearing everyone's comments and ideas for improving the LIC.

I hope you can all make it to the **Dock Breakfast** on Saturday, May 1st from 8 to 11 a.m. Great weather guaranteed!

Linda LeBlanc, our new Sunshine Lady, is hoping for your help. If you know of someone who is ill or bereaved,

*Jan Prichard, Membership Chair LIC,
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