

February 2012



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

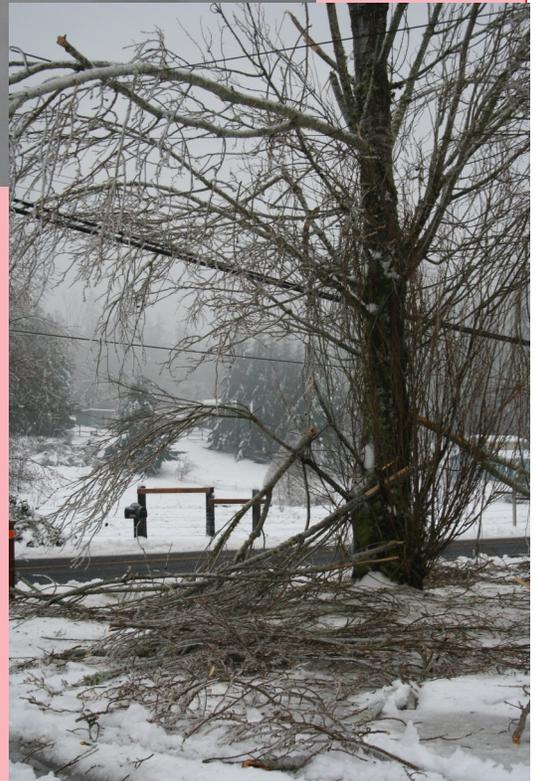
For the Betterment of the Community



General Business Meeting, Wednesday, February 15



The Clubhouse is undamaged, but the trees along the road were heavily pruned by the ice.



Photos by Sharon Gearhart

The January meeting was on a snow day, so there are no minutes.



Photos by Sharon Gearhart



The kitchen 'in work'. We can hardly wait for it to be finished!

TO BENEFIT OUR NEW LIC KITCHEN

LONGBRANCH PANCAKE BRUNCH

MAR 3 SAT. 10-1

NO-HOST BRUNCH BAR + FRESH JUICE + HOT COFFEE
FLAPJACKS + EGGS + SAUSAGE + FRIENDS & FUN

LIC CLUBHOUSE: 4312 KEY PENINSULA HWY



COMING EVENTS

- Feb 5—Super Bowl
- Feb 12—Lincoln's Birthday
- Feb 14—Valentines Day
- Feb 15—General Membership Pot Luck Meeting, 6:30 pm, LIC Clubhouse
- Feb 16—Mustard Seed Project Third Thursday Forum, 10:00 am, Brones Room, Key Center Library (see details, page 8)
- Feb 22—Washington's Birthday
- Feb 23—Filucy Bay Archeological Society Community Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse
- Feb 29—Leap Day, Yup, it is this year!
- Mar 3—Pancake Brunch, 10:00am—1:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse
- Mar 21—General Membership Dessert Meeting, 7:00 pm, LIC Clubhouse
- Mar 29—Emergency Preparedness Seminar, 7:00 pm. by Mary K. Blythe, LIC Clubhouse

NBF Developed Safety Brochures Now Available Online...

The U.S. Coast Guard disseminated a Marine Safety Bulletin on 9-1-11 regarding recreational boaters and commercial mariners obtaining a MMSI number to go along with their Digital Selective Calling (DSC) radios. In response to their urgent safety warning the National Boating Federation in conjunction with the U.S. Coast Guard developed a new brochure, "**DSC – Digital Selective Calling – Today's SOS**". This brochure provides simple instructions on the requirements to enable boaters and mariners to be compliant with the new Rescue 21 program. Most importantly, it enhances the Coast Guard's capability to more effectively respond to a DSC distress call.

9-1-2011 Marine Safety Bulletin:

'As the Coast Guard's new marine radio network Rescue 21 becomes operational throughout the U.S., rescue centers can now receive instant distress alerts from commonly used DSC-capable VHF marine radios. However, approximately 90% of VHF DSC distress alerts received by the Coast Guard do not contain position information, and approximately 60% do not contain a registered identity. The Coast Guard cannot effectively respond to a DSC distress alert sent from such a radio.'

NBF has also authored another brochure which points out the advantages of having a VHF radio on your vessel, however, if a cell phone is your only means of communication, there are specific instructions that should be followed.

The National Boating Federation is requesting that you download our "**DSC - Digital Selective Calling - Today's SOS**" brochure and our "**Cell Phone Brochure - Only You Can Take the Search out of Search and Rescue!**" and invites your use and dissemination of the information in our brochures for purposes of promoting marine safety in classes, public affairs and group presentations.

Please share our information.

www.n-b-f.org

M. D. Barrington
NBF Past President

(Submitted by Theresa Gano)

SPRING "GARAGE SALE!!!

There are many ways to participate in this great LIC Spring fundraiser.

1. Rent an indoor or outdoor space for a nominal fee and sell your stuff. Crafts? Plants? Flea Market Treasures? Inside spaces \$20 (10'x10' with 6' table)
Outside space \$15 (No table provided)
2. Don't want a table, but want to get rid of unwanted "valuables?" Consider donating them to the LIC to sell.
3. Are you one of our many talented bakers? Bake some of your special treats for the LIC baked food sale.
4. Spread the word to your neighbors and friends. Almost everyone has something to sell or "stuff" to get rid of.
5. Got a good idea? Need a table?

Contact Denny Prichard, 884-2030, or attend the next planning meeting on Saturday, Feb. 11th at 10 a.m. Prichard's, 7017 Cliff Avenue.

Jan Prichard

SHARE YOUR BAKING SKILLS

On April 14th the LIC will be sponsoring a Garage, Plant and Bake sale. We are inviting members to bring one or more (the more the merrier) home baked items for sale to benefit the LIC. We are fortunate to have so many wonderful bakers as club members and look forward to showcasing their abilities. The Health Department mandates that we do not include any baked goods requiring refrigeration, so please keep this in mind when planning your baking. Remember the date and bake up a storm for the LIC!

Peg Bingham

TO BENEFIT LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

9am Saturday April 14

SUPER GARAGE GARDEN BAKE SALE

CASTOFFS & COLLECTIBLES, POTS & PLANTS, COOKIES & CAKES

Longbranch Improvement Club

4312 Key Peninsula Highway S

HOT DEALS - HOT COFFEE - HOT FUN

Building and Grounds Chat Room January 2012:

Well Mother Nature certainly rattled our chains this last week! I am thankful to say that aside from the destruction to the poplar trees along the road and several trees that came down on the fringe of the woods the building fared very well. No leaks, no dents, no frozen pipes. Even the remaining gutter remnants seemed to survive the weight of the snow and ice. We did have several events take place in the building this month and the main problem is, as always, not enough heat. The old girl has just too many escape hatches and not enough long underwear to keep warm. Unfortunately, Carolyn's weaving class had to move to the fire department as our new heater in the meeting room caught a cold and wouldn't work. Even with several space heaters running it was just too chilly to weave so off they went. We are having that heater looked at by the company that installed it as it does not seem to want to work the way we need it to so-we shall see. We are still waiting to hear from the County about our permit to fix the grey water system but hopefully that will come within the next week or so and we will be back in business. Bruce Jeglum and Jim Lemon have dismantled and removed the old counter in the kitchen and the new one is assembled and ready to place as soon as the new stove arrives and is installed. We were kind of expecting a HUGE mouse nest under the old counter but we were pleasantly surprised that none existed there (Sorry Steve I guess you were the lucky winner on huge mouse nests.) There was, however, a fair amount of dry rot so it was back to the drawing board as the end post needed to be removed but they have it under control. There aren't enough words to express the thanks due both Bruce and Jim for all hard work and especially the volunteer hours they are putting into this project. It is the hours that they have volunteered building and installing the new counter and tearing out the old one that makes it possible for us to afford a really beautiful, new, more functional working space. Thank you both so much! Lynn Carr arranged for a stainless steel counter top to be made which will look terrific and be much easier to keep clean and disinfect. Thank you my friend. Also Lynn Carr and Denny Prichard get huge kudos for unhooking and moving the old stove out of the kitchen. At the moment it is residing in the big room but will be hauled to Eli's Auction house in Tacoma soon. And just in time as Peg Bingham informs me that the new stove is on its way and will be delivered on Wednesday. I can't thank Peg enough for all her research and hard work in finding a good replacement stove and working with Bruce in designing a new counter and pulling this project together. All in all it seems that the kitchen upgrade is moving along at warp speed and we will soon have a new look to the LIC. The old girl needed a face lift; thank you all for allowing her to get one. To celebrate the new kitchen and raise funds toward a new refrigerator the LIC will be having a pancake breakfast at the building on March 3, 2012 10AM-1:00 PM. This is NOT in place of the dock breakfast which will take place on opening day in May as usual. If you need hours or find yourself with free time and nothing to do, or you just like the smell of sausage, bacon and pancakes cooking we would love to have you assist. We will need all the usual helpers: Kitchen staff, money venders, set-uppers and take-downers, roamers to make sure that all is going well and of course eaters. Your help is paramount to a successful event. Once again thank you all for allowing me the privilege of tending this grand old lady. It has been a challenging seven months-let's hope the next few are less bumpy.

Sharon Gearhart

From the Dockmaster:

I would like to thank all those who have put in time and effort at the Marina so far but there is more to come! We have some electrical work and building boxes for the life rings and volunteers are welcome! Please let me know when you are available.

Soon I'll have a better schedule of some of the groups that are coming into the Marina. The most current is the Totem Yacht Club of Tacoma coming March 24, 25 and 26.

Lynn Carr

Pierce County Alert saves the day (at least six hours of it)!

On Friday January 20, the day after the ice accumulated on top of the previous day's snow, I used my 4-wheel drive to get to an important meeting in King County. Prior to starting back just after noon, both my Blackberry and my cell phone received PC Alerts advising that both Tacoma Narrows bridges were closed because large chunks of falling ice were damaging passing cars. At first I thought I would just wait it out, as hundreds of other cars were reportedly doing. But, by the time I reached Fife the updated PC Alerts made it clear this was not going to be a short term event. Although I had received a number of PC Alerts that day for major blocking auto accidents, at that time there was nothing being reported between Fife and Olympia. So, after checking the Pierce County Emergency Management Roadmap on my Blackberry (see site below), I decided to take the Olympia –Shelton-Highway 3 route. Because the warm rains to the south had cleared out all the snow, and since there was very little traffic on the roads, two hours after leaving Fife, my wife and I were sitting in front of our back-up propane heating stove in our generator-lit living room (the power was still out). At 7:56 PM a PC Alert came in advising that the center lanes ONLY on both bridges had just been opened. I don't know when they opened all the lanes, and I don't know how long it took to get all the backed up cars through, but I'm sure the PC Alert information saved me from 6 to 8 hours that day. I hope you were not one of those waiting on either side of the bridge; and I hope you have taken the time to sign up for the PC Alert system (see site below).

<http://matterhorn.co.pierce.wa.us/emergencyinformation/map.htm>

https://ww2.everbridge.net/citizen/EverbridgeGateway.action?body=home&gis_alias_id=310761

Kurt Anderson

Editor's Note: I was at Peninsula Market in Lake Kathryn when I got my text message that the bridges were closed. I advised folks around me and some ran off to make phone calls.

Emergency Preparedness Seminar at the LIC

A few months back I passed out a short FEMA pamphlet which addressed preparing for an emergency or a disaster. There was some good information in that pamphlet, but the amount of information was limited because of its size. But now we have a special opportunity to learn more about preparing for a disaster, functioning during a disaster without the help of first responders, and recovering from the effects of the disaster as we try to get things back to normal.

At 7:00 PM on the evening of Thursday, March 29, there will be a two-hour emergency preparedness seminar at the LIC Clubhouse. The seminar will be presented by Mary Blythe, a Program Special Assistant with the Homeland Security Emergency management Program at Pierce College (and also a member of the Key Peninsula Community Council). This event is open to the public and will be advertized in the Key Peninsula News. Make sure to put this one on your calendar, and don't forget to invite your friends.

Kurt Anderson

On Page 8 is a list of information, which can be useful in an emergency or disaster, and was produced by the Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Coalition (PEP-C or <http://www.pep-c.org>) for your safety and well-being. Please print a copy and post it on your fridge or some other prominent place.

Kurt Anderson

The following is from the Mustard Seed Project January 2012 monthly e-mail and is included in our newsletter with permission from Edie Morgan

Update on KP Schoolbus Connections: Our free community transportation pilot project (first phase: "Tuesday Trips to Town") has begun to attract a few riders, as we continue to fine-tune the concept. One bus driver had to turn down a potential rider this morning who wanted to board with his bicycle (passengers' carry-on items must fit in the space at their seat). A couple of new riders have now used the mid-day run from Purdy back to Key Center successfully. To address a certain level of uncertainty in this new option, we are ordering magnetic signs to help riders more easily distinguish participating school buses from all the others going by, and we will provide laminated "flags" with the program's logo, so that riders can flag down the bus (to help the bus drivers distinguish participating riders from other people on the roadside). Waving is definitely encouraged to alert bus drivers that you want them to stop. This is not the time to be shy or nonchalant. Yes...it is an interesting social experiment... with incredible potential, so give it a try!! I've attached our flyers, both full and half-size, for your judicious distribution. And, if you're at a bus stop on a Tuesday, you can wave one at the bus driver!

Specific route and service information can be obtained at our Key Senior Information Center, located next door to the Key Center Library (phone: [253-884-9814](tel:253-884-9814)), and on our website:

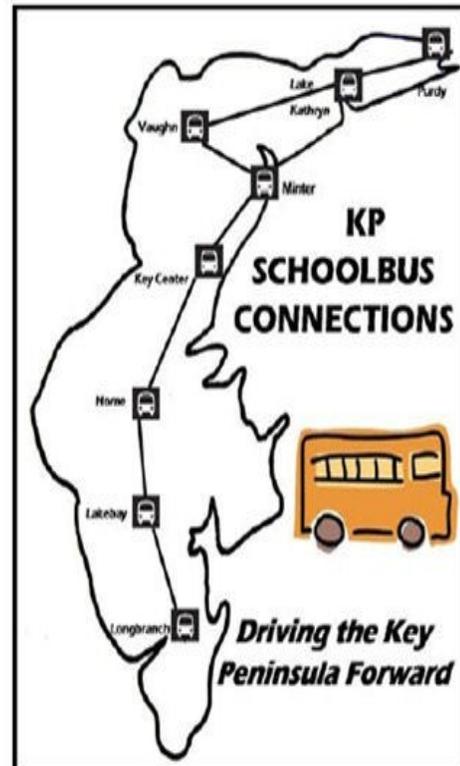
www.themustardseedproject.org. A special option for riders age 60+ is a free door-to-bus-stop van connection, by pre-arrangement. **This month only, as an incentive to give this new service a try, the first 20 riders who sign in on one of the schoolbus runs will receive a jar of our famous mustard! If you've already ridden, contact me by phone or email to claim your prize! Now you know you want to try it!!**

We remain very grateful to our "co-pilots" in this transportation adventure: the Puget Sound Educational Services District, and the amazing Peninsula School District - incredibly responsive and flexible and positive about this pilot project.

Third Thursday Community Forum: 10:00 am Brones Room, Key Center Library.

We'll host Bob Riler, of the Pierce County Aging and Disability Resource Center, at our Third Thursday. He will present **Family Caregiving 2012: Caring for Families in the Great Recession**. Bob also sends out a very informative monthly email newsletter, which you can view as a PDF at www.PierceADRC.org "News & Events" or directly at www.co.pierce.wa.us/xml/abtus/ourorq/humsvcs/altc/adrc/Jan12news.pdf.

FREE COMMUNITY TRANSPORTATION ON THE KEY PENINSULA



- Off-Duty schoolbuses provide FREE transportation to the Community (not just kids!)
- Additional services available for seniors
- User's Guide with Routes, Schedules & More

Contact THE MUSTARD SEED PROJECT for Info:
253-884-9814 • TMSP@centurytel.net •
www.TheMustardSeedProject.org

!!! IN A DISASTER... WHO YOU GONNA CALL !!!

1-11-2012

POLICE, MEDICAL AND/OR FIRE EMERGENCY: 911

Gig Harbor Police Non-Emergency 253-851-2236
 Pierce County Sheriff Non-Emergency 253-798-4940
 Electrical & Utility Emergency (Pen Light) 253-853-1388
 Key Peninsula Fire Dept. (FD 16) Non-Emergency 253-884-2222
 Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One (FD 5) Non-Emergency 253-851-3111

GENERAL AND EMERGENCY HELP RESOURCES

Pierce County Emergency Management: Main one-stop up-to-date conditions for: roads, flooding, shelters, food, medical, earthquakes, volcano's, etc. 253-798-6595
www.piercecountywa.org/dem or <http://blog.piercecountywa.org/emergency>
Comprehensive Human Services information & referral: 211 or 800-572-4357
Tacoma-Pierce County Health Dept.: 253-798-6500 www.tpchd.org
St. Anthony's Hospital Gig Harbor: 253-530-2000 www.fhshealth.org
Peninsula Schools: www.psd401.net; Emergency Closure Line: 253-530-1088
Public Schools Emergency Communications (PSECS): www.schoolreport.org
Highways and Travel Advisories: www.wsdot.wa.gov
Pierce County Public Works and Utility – (To report Road hazards only)
 Road Maintenance: 253-798-6000
Pen Light Power Outage Updates: 253-853-1388
www.penlight.org/powerOutage/outageUpdates.aspx
City of Gig Harbor Emergency Management: 253-851-6170
www.cityofgigharbor.net
The Pet Dish at King5 Blogs: How to Prepare for a Disaster:
<http://www.king5.com/community/blogs/the-pet-dish/How-to-prepare-for-disaster-118513224.html>
 List myself as safe and well after a disaster: www.redcross.org/safeandwell
EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION AND TRAINING
 Peninsula Emergency Preparedness Committee (PEP-C): <http://www.pep-c.org>
 Washington State Department of Emergency Management: www.emd.wa.gov
 Take Winter by Storm Partnership: <http://takewinterbystorm.org>
 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): <http://www.fema.gov>
 American Red Cross: www.rainier-redcross.org
 Citizen Corps: 253-798-2168 www.co.pierce.wa.us/dem

FOR UP-TO-DATE EMERGENCY ADVISORIES TUNE YOUR RADIO TO

KGHP Radio Station

89.3FM 89.9FM 93.7FM
www.kghp.org

To provide information for broadcasting call: 253-857-3589

TO BE NOTIFIED OF EMERGENCY EVENTS IN PIERCE COUNTY SIGN UP AT

PIERCE COUNTY ALERT

www.piercecountywa.org/alert 253-798-6595

HAM RADIO LOCAL EMERGENCY FREQUENCIES: 145.350 & 440.225
 Peninsula Amateur Radio Assn. 253-851-9345 peninsulaara@gmail.com

FOOD & SHELTER* IN THE GIG HARBOR AREA *OPEN AS NEEDED

Chapel Hill Church: Meals, Warm/Cool, Shelter*, Volunteer Center
 253-851-7779. 7700 Skansie Ave., Gig Harbor
Gig Harbor United Methodist*: Meals, Warm/Cool, Shelter*, Human Services Referral: 253-851-2625. 7400 Pioneer Way, Gig Harbor
 (*Pet Sheltering with sheltering adult--bring kennel, pet food & supplies).
Gig Harbor FISH Food Bank: 253-851-8800. 4425 Burnham Dr. (Eagles Club)
Large Animal Sheltering: Green Hills Equestrian Farm 253-225-3184 (Sheltering free. Boarding (care/feed) available with arrangement.)

FOOD & SHELTER* IN THE KEY PENINSULA AREA *OPEN AS NEEDED

Key Peninsula Lutheran Church Emergency Shelter and Food Bank:
 253-884-3312. 4213 Lackey Road KPN and KP Hwy
Key Peninsula Community Services and Food Bank:
 253-884-4440. 17015 9th St Ct KP N, Lakebay
Key Peninsula Civic Center: Meals, Warm/Cool, Shelter, Volunteer Center
 253-884-3456. 17010 S. Vaughn Rd., Vaughn
Longbranch Improvement Club: Meals, Warm/Cool, Shelter, Volunteer Ctr
 253-884-5137. 5213 Key Peninsula Hwy., Longbranch
Way Point Church: Meals, Warm/Cool 253-853-7878. 12719 134th Ave.
Pet Sheltering-large: Key Peninsula Volunteer Park 253-884-9240
Pet Sheltering-small: Bayside Animal Lodge 253-851-9170. 12615 134th Ave.

PERSONAL OUT-OF-STATE CONTACT: _____

HOME: _____ CELL: _____

TEXTS WORK BEST

READY BOOK LOCATION:

(See) <http://www.myreadybook.com>



LIC Membership Report

**Mark your
calendars for the Feb. General
Membership "Pot Luck" Meeting,
Wed., Feb. 15th at 6:30 p.m.**

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NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION: Sharon Gearhart/884.3890/wolf9047@aol.com

LIC BLDG. CLEANING: Mrs. Clean—Vivian Blanchard/253.740.3946

LIC WEBMASTER: Sean Bonsell/253.225.7986/sb@twelveoaksconsulting.com

LIC GROCERY RECEIPTS: OPEN

LIC RECYCLED CANS: Eloise & Larry Colbert/253.225.5115/
eacolbert@msn.com

LIC WEBSITE: WWW.LONGBRANCHIMPROVEMENTCLUB.ORG **EMAIL:** lic@longbranchimprovementclub.org

2012 LIC Membership

Mail this form with payment:
LIC PO Box 111, Lakebay Wa 98349

DATE OF RENEWAL/APPLICATION

NAME

SPOUSE (IF COUPLE)

PLEASE NOTE IF NEW OR CHANGED

KPS ADDRESS check if OK to show in member directory

CITY STATE ZIP

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

LOCAL TELEPHONE check if OK to show in member directory

OTHER TELEPHONE

EMAIL check if OK to show in member directory

Please deliver my newsletter by: E-mail Postal mail

Extra donation enclosed \$ _____

CHECK ENCLOSED CHARGE TO VISA MasterCard

CARD NUMBER

EXPIRY DATE

CID NUMBER (back of card)

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

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Set up/tear down
- Food prep/kitchen
- Hostess/host

ACTIVITIES

- Programs and speakers
- Historian/archives
- Newsletter/ mailing
- Telephone tree
- Publicity
- Sign making
- Road crew pickup

FACILITIES

- Building general
- Grounds/garden
- Dock general
- Plumbing
- Electrical
- Painting
- Carpentry
- Heavy equipment
- Mowing/weeding

SPECIAL SKILLS

- Committee
- Office skills
- Bookkeeping
- Musical
- Non-musical
- Untapped talent
- I'll help where needed

- Renewal New
- Individual Dues\$40
- Couple Dues\$60
- Associate Dues\$40

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Lakebay WA 98349
 PO Box 111
 Longbranch Improvement Club

Place your ad here . . .

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LIC Display and Classified Ads

<p><i>Steves Home Repair</i></p> <hr/> <p>All Your Carpentry / Painting Needs General Contractor Licensed • Bonded • Insured Steve Stemhagen</p> <p>253.884.6693</p> <p>Lic # STEVEHR064J2</p>	 <p>Lake Bay Nautical <i>Nautical · Tropical · Beach Décor · Home Beach · Gifts · Nautical Instruments</i> www.lakebayproducts.com</p> <p>Olympic Village Shopping Center 5500 Olympic Drive NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335, 253.851.3366</p>	<p><i>Marlies VanCise</i> TRAVEL HOUSE</p> <p>253.884.5608</p> <p>Licensed for 24 Years Specializing in International Travel, Cruises and Groups</p>
 <p>TRILLIUM CREEK WINERY</p> <p>Claude and Claudia Gahard 253.884.5746 • trilliumcreekwines@msn.com P.O. Box 783 • Lakebay, WA 98349</p> <p>Hours: 11:00am to 6:00pm, Tuesday thru Sunday To set up an appointment for any other days or times, please call.</p>	 <p>Right Brain Creations Pat Thompson Landscape Design (253)884-5286 bloominfools@gmail.com</p>	<p><i>Portable Saw Mill</i> <i>Will Travel</i></p> <hr/> <p>Let me turn your logs into Lumber</p> <p>Steve Stemhagen</p> <p>206 300 9871</p> <p>Lic # STEVEHR064J2</p>