MEMBER NEWS



LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

JUNE 2018

FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE COMMUNITY

JUNE 20 - MEMBER BBQ- 6:00 PM

President's Message:

June 2018

The month of May has indeed been very busy beginning with "Opening Day the Longbranch Way" at the Marina on Saturday, May 5th. Another big "Thank You!" goes to Robert Thiessen and the Marina Committee for sponsoring the event and logistical support. It's no small feat to move all the required tables, chairs and other supplies from the Clubhouse to the Marina and back. This event simply wouldn't happen as it does without Kelly Hettinger overseeing the activities, and it would not be the same breakfast without Louise Beam's biscuits and gravy. Good food, good friends – I cannot think of a better way to kick off this month in Longbranch.

We sponsored a booth at the Livable Community Fair (40+ non-profits, children's crafts, music and more) at the Key Peninsula Civic Center also on May 5th, which was hosted by Barb Floyd, Barb Doat and Jane Eiseman – many thanks. Our Memorial Day Weekend Dance on Saturday, May 26th is just ahead as I write this. Our Events Committee has made this one of our marquee events over the past few years and I'm sure this one will be another great event. I cannot offer enough "Thank You's" to all the organizers and volunteers who make these events so successful.

The Marina project covered by our State of Washington grant took a big leap forward in May. We received approval of our permits from Pierce County and signed the contract with the Washington Dept. of Commerce (administrator of the grant). Because our project qualifies for the Shoreline Exemption process, separate approval by the Washington Dept. of Ecology will not be required. At other State agencies, we have verbal approval from the Dept. of Natural Resources and the permits are pending at Fish & Wildlife. The US Army Corp. of Engineers has assigned a reviewer to our application; however, we are not aware of any specific action thus far. Hopefully, we'll continue to progress as quickly as we have to this point and be in a position to get the work done during the upcoming so-called "fish window", which allows for the piling work that disturbs the ocean floor.

Looking forward, we will have a float in the 4th of July Parade in Home. There is still time to submit your theme suggestion for our float. Thus far we have "Flounder from Filucy", and its natural variation "The Filucy Flounder", and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off – the Longbranch Way". Please get me your theme ideas not later than June 10th.

We are again applying for a Pierce County Preservation Grant. This year the application will cover complete repair/ renovation of the bank of five very large windows on the west side of the building. The project is a major undertaking as it results in the physical removal of the windows, cleaning and hazardous waste remediation (i.e., lead paint) so the cost of this project is significant (approximately \$22,800) and the grant, if received, will cover half of that with the balance being paid out of the LIC's cash reserves for the building. The application is due June 8th.

Finally, please come to our Annual Membership Meeting & BBQ on Wednesday, June 20th (6:00pm). The board provides the hamburgers, veggie burgers and hot dogs, so please bring a side dish or dessert to share. This meeting includes election of two officers (Vice President and Secretary) and two Chairpersons (Events and Building & Grounds) to serve the LIC for the next two years. In addition, we have invited the 2018 Peninsula High School Foundation scholarship recipients to join us for the evening. This is always a fun evening and I'm looking forward to seeing all of you there to enjoy your neighbors, the (hopefully) good weather, blue skies, and the setting.

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LIC General Membership Meeting

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May 16, 2018

Clark Van Bogart, president, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Nancy Carr introduced the new members present: Dennis and Jackie Severson, Mark and Lori Entringer, Jill Baum, Heather Grod, Steve Kuresman and Elaine Sunders.

Robin Gould introduced the night's speaker, Debbie Cassidy, a certified horticulturalist and new owner (as of November 7th, 2017) of Sunnycrest Nursery. The following are excerpts from her presentation.

Debbie spoke of her life-long dream to have a nursery, which finally came to be, and of the nursery's record-breaking Mother's Day weekend. To inspire and instruct people about gardening, she posts videos on Sunnycrestnursery.com.

Climate change is causing dramatic disruptions in our global food systems which it is our responsibility to address on a community level. In addition, the growth in population is prompting people to drive less, in order to avoid the growing traffic problems and price of gasoline. These issues are starting to affect our habits and behaviors.

There are seven developing trends in the gardening world which Sunnycrest is addressing:

- Redefinition of peak season growing more plants indoors both for food and to cleanse the air.
- Wellness hot spots plant spaces within a nursery to reduce stress by providing "garden therapy".
- Tiny gardens increased demand for small shrubs and plants.
- ♦ Clean gardening a huge market for locally grown, clean organic foods.
- Outdoor organic gardening for sustainability and health.
- Uberizing gardening conducting gardening workshops within nurseries.
- ♦ Buzz off the use natural predators to control pests and natural pollinators for plants.
 - ♦ Localized food sources community gardens and the opportunity to share our abundance.

Future plans for Sunnycrest Nursery are new paint, a new roof, increased parking, an expanded selection of native plants, workshops for sustainable gardening and an expanded florist business. The dream is to have a heated greenhouse with a cafe.

Robin presented Debbie with a thank you gift on behalf of the LIC.

OFFICER REPORTS

<u>Secretary</u>: Jane Eiseman asked that the minutes of the April membership meeting be accepted showing this correction: There were three new scholarship recipients, each of whom received \$1,500, and two recurring scholarships awarded at \$1,000 each. MSP.

<u>Treasurer</u>: Jim Hettinger notified us that the financial statements distributed tonight are incorrect. He will send out a corrected report. He can say that the year to date numbers are looking good.

<u>Vice President</u>: Marsha Kremen reported on the Super Sale and thanked all of the volunteers for their time. The proceeds from the sale were split: the \$344.93 from the sale of baked goods and food went to the LIC; the \$4,455.86 from the rental of booths and sale of donated items went to TLF, for maintenance and support of the LIC.

<u>President:</u> Clark Van Bogart announced that a Town Hall meeting will be held at the LIC on June 14th at 6:30, open to all residents of the Key Peninsula. Pierce County Councilman Derek Young will be the speaker. This is not intended to be political but informative.

There will be an LIC float in the Home 4th of July parade this year. Clark will build the framework for the trailer and then let volunteer decorators go wild. Barbara Doat suggested the theme: "The Flounder From Filucy" or "The Filucy Flounder", which makes us "The Filucy Flounders".

<u>Trustee at Large</u>: Francie Carr pointed out the display of letters from the fifth grade Evergreen Elementary School students, thanking the LIC and The Longbranch Foundation for a donation which allowed them to attend Camp Seymour.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

<u>Membership</u>: Nancy Carr reminded us that the meeting next month is our annual membership barbecue, to start at 6 p.m. As address changes occur, please let her know.

The KP Bus Connects will be operating to transport people to the Vaughn Cemetery for the Memorial Day ceremony. She has the schedule of routes and times available.

Events: Jan Brown and Kathy Lyons reported on the dances coming up. By popular demand, the same band as last year, "Four on the Floor", will perform at the Memorial Day dance on May 26th. There will be a "beer garden" and the Gnosh food truck on the grounds outside the clubhouse. Volunteers are needed for setup, clean up, ferrying to and from the Marina etc. Anyone with a bartenders license, please contact Jan or Kathy or Barb Green. Tickets for the event may be purchased ahead of time at the Marina, Blend and Sunnycrest Nursery. The ticket price at the day of the event is \$15, which LIC bucks can be used to purchase. For the Fourth of July dance, July 7th, there will be a new band, "Out of Control", and RNJ will be on hand for food purchases.

<u>Building and Grounds:</u> Sharon Gearhart noted that the issue of security projects for the building and grounds has not been resolved. Clark said that an idea to extend the rocks by approximately one hundred feet +/- and install a gate at the end to discourage campers etc. was met with controversy. However, unless there are viable suggestions from the membership on how to discourage campers etc. from the grounds, the decision as to what measures to be taken will be made by the B&G Committee. There are now programable thermostats in the main room, which can be accessed online. Bob Perry will rewire the meeting room to allow for programable thermostats as well. He has also installed lights in the attic and insulation around the area of the water heater and tank.

The Spring Clean Up was a huge success, with twenty-one people volunteering their time and all projects completed. A big thank you from Sharon.

A new flag is coming.

Our cleaner comes on Wednesdays, after an event, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Please try to not schedule any meeting etc. during that time.

The swallows are back, nesting in their usual spot.

<u>Marina:</u> Kelly Hettinger announced that Opening Day the Longbranch Way was a fantastic success. The profit from the event was \$2,900, last year it was \$1,100. The

t-shirts are still being sold.

Robert Theisen said that the two people responsible for the break in at the Marina were caught on camera but no identification was possible: Their faces were masked and they wore hoodies. With input from boaters, Robert is considering either putting barbed wire on the gate or moving the gate out over the water.

Sunshine: Brett Allen (reporting for Cheril) said that one get well and one sympathy card had been sent to members.

<u>Newsletter:</u> Tanya Perry has agreed to be the new editor. For the June and July issues, continue to send submissions to Helen Jamieson.

OLD BUSINESS

An incredible amount of progress has taken place with regard to the Marina grant. The contract with the Washington State Department of Commerce has been signed. We have also received Pierce County's approval of the permits, involving a shoreline exemption. We have approval from the State Department of Ecology and the Department of Natural Resources. Applications for approval have been filed with the State Department of Fish and Wildlife and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Clark thanked the members of the committee for their efforts: Randy Babich, Denny Prichard, Mark Lemmon, Phil Johnson, Robert Theisen and Brett Allen.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee Chair, Delia McGinnis put forward the names of the people willing to fill the open positions: Marsha Kremen for another term as vice-president, Jane Eiseman for another year as secretary, Bob Green as chair of Building and Grounds, Bob and Barb Green as co-chairs of Events (with Bob serving on the LIC board). Clark asked for additional nominations from the floor. There were none. These individuals will be voted on at the next general meeting

THE LONGBRANCH FOUNDATION

Barb Floyd, president, reported on the Livable Community Fair, held at the Vaughn Civic Center. The LIC and TLF were represented, with a booth manned by Barb, Barb Doat and Jane Eiseman. Two people signed up for LIC membership and five more signed as Friends of LIC. Many more people took the applications with them. In total, representatives of forty-nine non-profit organizations from the Key Peninsula were present. The pamphlet listing the organizations is a valuable resource.

Scholarships: Don Berger, Robyn Enders and Shirley Brewer read through many applications before deciding on the award recipients. TLF is gradually increasing the amounts that we give: In 2016, it was \$3,000; in 2017, it was \$4,000; this year the plan was to award a total of \$5,000 but Brett Allen funded an additional scholarship, raising the total for 2018 to \$6,500. Two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded to recurring recipients, lan Lyndhartson and Michela Hoover. Three \$1,500 scholarships were awarded to new recipients; Natalie Pierson, Elise Smith and

Kirsten Terry. The recipients have been invited to attend our June barbecue meeting, along with

Harley Nichols of HAWKS.

<u>Student Programs</u>: Kelly Hettinger reported that the Evergreen Elementary School fifth graders want to give back to the LIC for sponsoring their time at Camp Seymour.

June 8th, 9:30 a.m., fifty fifth graders will be working on the LIC trails (with some adult volunteers needed for guidance). And save your boxtops - they are used at the school.

Pat Muchmore asked that an email blast be sent out announcing a <u>road cleanup on June 16th</u>, beginning at 10 a.m. At least six people are needed for the cleanup crew.

Robert Theisen asked that we let people know that the Marina is open to the public.

Upcoming meetings;

June 20, 6 p.m., annual membership meeting. The board will cook hamburgers and hotdogs, members please bring side dishes. The scholarship recipients will join us.

July 18, 6:30 p.m., dessert potluck. We may have a speaker from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Eiseman



Remember the food bank donations and please collect <u>Food Market receipts</u>

to earn 1% toward the scholarship fund.



FROM THE MARINA



Another fun packed month has passed.

I want to give a BIG thank you to all members who helped with the dock breakfast. It was a BIG success. Let's make next year even better!

All five swim ladders that were purchased have been installed, so when you are at the marina take a look at them. The rest will be done next year.

I also want to give a BIG thank you to Larry Layton, Rob Carlson and Bruce Jeglum. Thanks, guys.

All the summer moorage slips are full, as well as all the permanent slips, too. If you want to be added to the waiting list, let us know.

<u>Oh, note to all boaters</u>. The rules about dumping in the South Sound have changed. If you are interested in having a mobile pump-out boat come by, contact Jim Hettinger.

NEWSFLASH!!!



We are planning a boating trip for lunch and the Olympia Farmers Market. If you are interested, let me know. If you don't have a boat, I'll try to find a spot on a boat for you. If you have a boat, please sign up – we have done this in the past and it is great fun. Send me your preference for a Thursday in June. Why Thursday – that is one of the market days!

Thanks,

Robert Theisen

Marina Chair

DOCKMASTER REPORT:

Hello -

Well, the marina has all permanent and summer moorage slips filled and there is a waiting list. We are receiving inquiries frequently about moorage. It is good.

There are new ladders on the dock, so check them out. Also, the new BBQ is available and chained to a post.

Hope you had a chance to check out the marina over Memorial weekend. It is great to see it so full of boats, and the clubs really have a great time.

Cynn Carr Dockmaster





Full Marina! photo by Nancy Carr

Membership Report

Thanks to everyone who came to the May meeting, there were a lot of us! Thanks, too, to the folks that helped set up and work in the kitchen: Robert Theisen, Thom Halligan, Don Tjossem, Lynn Carr, Sharon Gearhart, Janice Palumbo, Becky Alexander and Patti Burdge and Delia McGinnis. Following is a list of some of our newest members:

Dennis and Jackie Severson; Mark and Lori Entringer; Jill Baum; Heather Grod; Steve Kuresman; Elaine Saunders Thank you for being part of our group!

The June potluck is the annual member BBQ with the Board providing the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. Please bring a side dish. We will be having some guests for this meeting, and it is election of the board members whose term is expiring.

Reminder: The potluck will start serving at 6:00 PM. If you can help with either setup or in the kitchen, please let me know.

Thanks,

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From the Treasurer

First, just a reminder for those who have not yet paid their second quarter moorage payments, they are due, so please contact me if you have any questions.

Secondly, I stated at the Membership meeting that the Profit & Loss v. Budget report I had printed did not yet have the depreciation expense entered. I have submitted the corrected numbers to the Board. The final net income for April is \$2382.40, versus a budget of (\$7649.24). That means we were \$10,000 over budget for the month. For year to date, we are \$2,400 under budget for net income. We should make that up as the year progresses.

thanks! Jim Hettinger, Treasurer



This is a luxury cruise ship from the Silversea Lines passing by on Friday, May $\mathbf{11}^{\text{th}}$.

photoe by Clark Van Bogart



Summer at the LIC = Bands/ Dances keeping us entertained....

"Outta Control" will be our band for the July 7th dance. You will Love them.... Excellent Band playing 70's thru the 90's music. This is their first time to our LIC....come listen and dance to some Great music! Also for the first time RNJ Smoked meats Food Truck will be on site with his delicous BBQ/ Smoked Meats, and side dishes that are amazing. Rob (owner) said to "Come hungry". Don't miss this fun night, See you there!!!

Kathy Cyons



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Sunset across Filucy Bay-photo by R. Hildahl

ROAD CLEAN UP CREW:

Our first road crew clean-up will be June 16^{th} (Sat) . We will meet at the Fire Station Offices across the street from the clubhouse as there is a graduation party scheduled .



I will take the group the farthest away and they can work toward the

Fire station, the rest can work from the Fire station. I will have all the county information and paper work, and after those are signed, will assign areas to cover.

We should be finished by noon. We will provide coffee and snacks at the Fire station.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me: 253-884-3890. See you on Sat. June 16th!

Pat Muchmore

From the editor:

I have enjoyed working with all of you on the LIC Newsletter and I thank you for your help in getting it out on time each month! Thanks to all of you who sent articles in a timely manner, it really helps get things done! I especially want to thank my proof readers, Marlies V. and Pat M.! They are so patient with me! Most of all, I want to thank all of YOU who read the NI and let me know how you liked it! Oh, and thanks for all the great pictures—love those pictures!!

See you at the BBQ~and other LIC events as we can attend! Thanks for your prayers for Kerry- he is doing very well!

Helen

Thirsty Thursday!

Back by popular demand is Thirsty Thursday! Starting Thursday May 31st at 4:30 we will have our first Thirsty Thursday of 2018. Come to the marina with your favorite drink and a nibble and be prepared to go on a cocktail cruise. Sometime it is 3 boats tied together or a single big boat or even several single big boats. And sometimes due to weather or other reason we just stay on the dock and enjoy each others company. EVERYONE is welcome!



From the Sunshine Corner......



Hello All!

Since my last report, I have sent out an encouragement card and a sympathy for the loss of a pet card, as Dick and Marlies Van Cise lost their beloved dog, Tanner. For 10 years Tanner was a member of the Van Cise family. When he was rescued by them, he thrived out here in Longbranch, as many of us do. Tanner will be missed greatly, as he was a wonderful and loyal pet.

I also sent a get-well card to Kerry Jamieson, who had a hip replacement surgery last Wednesday. All our best wishes, Kerry, for a speedy and complete recovery!

"Dogs are not our whole life, but they make our lives whole." ~~Roger Caras

Until next Month.

Cheril

The Longbranch Foundation INVESTING IN THE SOUTH KEY COMMUNITY June Update

Robyn Enders, a member of our Higher Education Scholarship committee, attended this year's Awards Ceremony at Peninsula High School. Here is what she had to say about it: "the awards ceremony was fantastic! The students were so excited each time a name was called. They came running up onto the stage and were all smiles and hugs! There were over \$280,000 of scholarships handed out for I think 169 students! So much generosity in this community! :)" – thank you Robin

Our Scholarship program is growing because of **your** generous donations. In 2016 we gave \$3,000, in 2017 we gave \$4,000 and this year we gave \$6,500 total (\$5,000 from our budget plus a \$1,500 donation to TLF Higher Ed Scholarships by Brett Allen) – **thank you**!

The Evergreen Elementary Fifth grade students wrote us thank you letters for our contribution to their attendance at Camp Seymour Environmental Camp. The letters are precious! You can read them here:

http://longbranchfoundation.org/2018/05/23/evergreen-elementary-students-thank-the-lic/

Kelly Hettinger has arranged for over 50 of the 5th grade students to come work on our Trail system as a way for them to "earn" their passage to summer camp. Larry Bingham has developed a "task" list to help organize the activity. The students will arrive Friday, June 8 about 9:30 and stay until 11:30. Kelly is still collecting names if you would like to help supervise 2-3 students.

I am looking forward to meeting our Scholarship recipients at the June LIC meeting: Recurring scholarships - Ian Lindhartsen (Pacific Lutheran Univ.) and Mikala Hoover (WA State Univ); New scholarships - Natalie Pierson, Aleese Smith and Kirsten Till. Hopefully they will all be able to attend along with our Hawks contact Hayley Nichols. Please stop to say hello and congratulate them.

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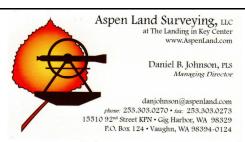
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