



Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- Pickleball & Ping pong
Tuesdays 9AM – 5PM
Thursdays 10AM – 4PM
- Events Committee Meeting
Everyone is welcome!
March 4th at 4PM
- Suds 'n Spuds
March 15th
More details coming!
- Member Meeting
March 19th
Appetizers & Desserts
Social time 6:30PM
Meeting 7PM
- TGIF
March 21st 5:30–9PM
BYOB
- Ecological Forestry
March 26th 7-9PM
Optional trail walk at 5:30
No host bar

President's Message

Happy March!

I'm thrilled we are turning the corner on winter, and despite the power outages it seems we are all weathering in good humor!

Coming up is our Suds 'n Spuds event – please check the calendar on the website, and please buy your tickets in advance – it helps us to understand the libations and potato requirements. It also speeds up our check-in process – just click on the QR code or link on our website and in a few moments, you will be set!



Behind the scenes we have been busy on a number of projects – finalizing the architect's plans for the roof so everyone can see them and we can start getting a sense of the exact cost and related fundraising activities; getting the Otto Water System easements and documents nailed, and working on the plans for the next stage in marina construction. Overall the LIC is doing well, and it's the direct result of our involved members and volunteers.

Thanks and see you soon!

Sincerely,
Bob Perry
President
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Events

As we edge into Spring, we are gearing up for our Suds 'n Spuds event on March 15th. The response to sign up on Track It Forward was fantastic and all slots were filled within a day or so. This program makes it so easy to organize the volunteers for our events and it takes a lot of pressure off the organizers. It will be a fun evening with lots of music and entertainment.

On March 26th there will be an event hosted by a newly formed Forestry group named Forest Stewards of the Key Peninsula. The evening will feature two speakers; Kirk Hanson Director of Forestry NW Natural Resources Group and Chris Rurik, KP Naturalist. Each will talk about the ways in which we as landowners can keep our trees healthy for a sustainable future.

Looking ahead to the month of April, we will have an Open Mic on Tuesday April 8th, as well as TGIF on April 18th.

Opening Day at the Marina is May 3rd and the Memorial Day Dance is May 24th. We would welcome any one who has an idea for an event to come to our meeting March 4th at 4PM. If you are interested, please reach out to Barb or Bob.

A big shout out and thank you to Kathryn Milburn, who put together a fun evening of Trivia. We look forward to more of these evenings throughout the year.

Bob & Barb Green
Events Chairs events@lic-kpwa.com

Suds 'n Spuds

Saturday, March 15 5:30 to 9pm

FLAMING FINGERS IRISH BAND
IRISH DANCERS 5:30 to 6
LOADED BAKED POTATOES
LIMERICK CONTEST
GAMES & FUN FOR THE FAMILY

Tickets: \$20 online, \$25 at the door
Kids under 12 \$10

Irish Coffee | Beer | Wine | Full Bar | *purchased separately*



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Tickets are limited.
Online purchase
recommended
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beverages

<https://LIC.ticketspice.com/suds-spuds-at-the-lic>

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Join us March 26th
7–9PM for:

KP Forests, Champion Trees, and Ecological Forestry

Come learn about our trees and how to help them thrive. Naturalist Chris Rurik and forester

Kirk Hanson from NW Natural Resources Group will speak.

Several groups with information and resources will be available.

No host bar. Doors open at 6:30PM. Optional guided walk along the LIC trail at 5:30PM.

Hello from the Dock!

March will be a busy month at the marina. We have Totem, Day Island, Viking, Shelton, and Fox Island yacht clubs staying with us.

The water has been turned back on at the marina. The continuous days of sub freezing weather should be behind us.

Spring cleaning at the marina will be up next with a focused effort as weather allows.

The pavilion will be getting a new fresh coat of paint in a new color. A huge thank you and shout out to Jeff Tritt for donating the paint, and he is also doing the painting!

Rick Harrison
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Membership News

Thanks everyone for paying dues. It is so much easier now that you can add the website as another way of keeping dues up to date. If any of your contact information has changed, please let me know so we can keep our records current.

Spring is finally coming – we could hear frogs when we left the last member meeting. It was comforting to hear them again. That's it, kinda quiet this time of the year.

Nancy Carr
LIC Membership Chair
membership@lic-kpwa.com

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

We sent out one congratulatory card and three sympathy cards to members this month. As always, if you are aware of a member that needs a bit of Sunshine, please inform me. If you don't, I may not know. You can email me at sunshinereplic@gmail.com.

Thank you,
Alex Oh
Sunshine Representative
sunshinereplic@gmail.com

"Just living is not
enough... one must
have sunshine,
freedom, and a little
flower."

– Hans
Christian Andersen





Auction for Education Oct. 11th, 2025 at the LIC from 4 – 9 PM.

We are well into 2025 and the planning for our Annual Education has begun.

The Longbranch Foundation raises funds for scholarships for our local Evergreen students who are now graduating through this fundraising auction. The event is always a wonderful opportunity to see the good work we have done in the past, and through our donations contribute to the future education of our local students.

The planning sub-committee is Sheryl Low, Beth Porter, Marsha Kremen, Ashley Perry and Marita Tarabochia. We are starting early as many folks are gone over summer, so we need to get most of the work done before June.

Auction Items needed!

If you have ideas or donations as auction items which can include items, artwork, experiences, dinners, etc. All ideas are welcome.

Sponsors needed!

We are looking for donations to sponsor the event at any level, \$50 on up. This helps defray the cost of the event, so all money raised can go to the students.

Raise the Paddle Match!

This is another opportunity to donate. This is more typically for individuals as seed money for the raise the paddle segment of the auction.

www.mytlf.org

email us at: thelongbranchfoundation@gmail.com

Sheryl Low

The Longbranch Foundation President

Building & Grounds

In months past, while attempting to deal with various repairs, I often needed help from volunteers and, sometimes, "unique" equipment.

This also applies to trying to prepare for future projects. I'll often know what I need, but do not know who may be available and what skills/equipment they may be willing to provide.

And, I do not want to wear out/abuse those kind souls that have stepped up when I have asked for their assistance.

At the last members' meeting, I provided a form asking potential volunteers as to their skill set. Out of the 40-ish members that attended, I received 15 completed forms. To those individuals, I say, "Thank you." Very much appreciated.

That same form is attached to this newsletter. For those that did not attend the members' meeting, or for those that attended but were distracted and it slipped by them, please, fill it out and send it to me.

I am hoping to get a sense, from those that are willing to help, of their skill set, so I can reach out when the need presents itself. You may never hear from me, and if you do, you do not have to agree to get involved.

Out of appreciation, and respect for those that have been helping when asked, I would like to have a few more individuals to "invite to the party."

Fill it out, scan it, attach it to an email, and send it to me craftsman54@att.net

Take a photo of it with your phone and text it to me...314-808-4274

Thank you for supporting the Longbranch Improvement Club!

Roy Miller
Building & Grounds Chair
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Longbranch Improvement Club - Building & Grounds

Volunteer Request & Skill Inventory

Please, circle the skills you are willing to contribute and note your skill lever on a scale of...

1 – no skill

2 – low DIY skill level

3 – moderate DIY skill level

4 – high DIY skill level

5 – professional skill level

**And, please, add any notes that you think we should know about you your skills. Example –
Painting - “4 but I no longer work on ladders”**

Electrical _____

Plumbing _____

Concrete _____

Painting _____

Heavy Mechanized Equipment _____

Trailers (flat, dump, etc.) _____

Carpentry _____

Landscaping _____

Drywall / Plaster _____

Pruning / Forestry _____

Gardening _____

Parking Lot Maintenance _____

Commercial Cooking/Operational Experience _____

Your Contact information...

Name _____

Phone number _____

Email Address _____

If you have any questions, contact me...Roy Miller 314-808-4274 craftsman54@att.net

Thank you and please, support our efforts to further the goals and ideals of the LIC...

Guest Speaker:

Sara Thompson to announce an upcoming event, KP Forests: Ecological Forestry & Champion Trees on March 26th. Come walk the LIC woods at 5:30PM, event space opens at 6:30PM, speakers begin at 7:00PM. In this series you will learn about how to keep our forests healthy, promote good forestry stewardship, and review available resources for those who own forest land.

Secretary:

Motion to approve last month's meeting minutes as listed in the newsletter. Motion made and carried.

Treasurer:

Financial details shared on table during meeting. Bottom Line: Revenue was \$48k, budgeted revenue was \$47k.

Building & Grounds:

Volunteer opportunities: Share your skills and interest in volunteering with Roy Miller. Lots of projects and opportunities to volunteer!
Roof: Architect is two weeks away from final drawings, next steps coming soon. Funding will come from grants and savings in recent years, but considering 'Raise the Roof' events like dinners and dances – more coming soon!

The Longbranch Foundation:

Auction for Education in Fall! Seeking items and experiences for auctions, event will be Beatles themed and include a dance – must be in attendance to bid.

Looking for an owner for dessert committee and an auctioneer - send recommendations and volunteer interest to Sheryl Low!

Marina:

Water is currently off at the Marina due to freezing weather, the KP had was the coldest mid-winter in 50 years.

Boat wait list has been updated and is available for view. Ensure you are qualified by attending events to increase opportunity on the

waitlist. Reminder, pay membership dues to meet qualification standards.

Security issues at Marina: Key FOBs may not be shared as they are keyed to your name. If you need a guest code, reach out to Dock-master. When fobs are shared with others it presents a security risk.

Opening day is coming soon – check out the calendar for updates. Opening day swag is available, pre-order only and available to order with the Dock-master.

Lots of guest moorage scheduled for March, a big season ahead of us.

Events:

Trivia night in the beginning of February was a hit, come join in the next event! Review the LIC calendar for more details.

Suds 'n Spuds on March 15th. Use TrackItForward to sign up for volunteer opportunities. Purchase tickets ahead for quick entry, QR code on the website. Door will open at 4:30PM, Irish dancers will perform at 5:30PM – don't miss it!

TGIF on March 21st, live band will be playing.

Events committee next meeting is March 5th.

Membership:

Announcement of a LIC member, Mike Fay, passing this month. Mike was a very active LIC member and will be greatly missed.

Please pay annual membership dues on the website.

President:

Additional details on the roof: Funding will come from grants and savings in recent years, but considering 'Raise the Roof' events like dinners and dances - more information coming soon! Thank you all for attending and continuing to support the LIC!

Thank you,
Ashley Perry
LIC Secretary
secretary@lic-kpwa.com

WSU Forestry Classes

Whether you're new to the Key Peninsula, or a 3rd generation landowner, you are likely to learn a lot in this Forestry Class offered by Washington State University. Nine Thursday afternoons beginning March 20th, you'll find out about managing local forests, for timber production, or wildlife conservation, or parkland esthetics, whatever your goals are for land you care about. Registration is open now, and the class sold out last time so don't delay. Go to <https://forestry.wsu.edu/nps/events/cpkeypen/> to learn more.

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