



Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

- Pickleball & Ping pong
Tuesdays 9AM – 5PM
- Open Mic
April 8th 6:30 – 8:30PM
- Member Meeting
April 16th
Potluck dinner
Social time 6:30PM
Meeting 7PM
- TGIF
April 18th 5:30–9PM
BYOB
- Spring Cleanup
April 19th
- Opening Day
May 3rd, 9AM at the dock.

President's Message

Happy April!

We've all been waiting and it's here! A few days ago near Devils Head we hit 70° in the afternoon, a sure sign of things to come before we plunged back to rain and wind. Soon it will be our spectacular spring and summer. And while the temperature is heating up, so have all the activities at the LIC.



The Suds 'n Spuds event was a huge success, with a big turnout and a nice time for everyone, and TGIF the next week was also a hit. Everyone had a great time seeing each other, and just having fun!

On a somber note, I'd like to call out that Mike Fay has left us after a long and courageous fight. Mike passed on Feb. 12th, and we now have the details for his memorial which will be held on April 12th at 10:00AM at Waypoint Church (South). Mike was the epitome of a community member. After a long career, he dedicated his time to many of the Peninsula non-profits, as well as our schools. Mike was a fixture at the LIC, supporting the Building and Grounds team, and with us and others – Mike really made a difference. We were truly blessed to have him, and he will be missed. I hope while we are sad he has left, we have to smile and be happy about all the great things he did!

Sincerely,
Bob Perry
President
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Events

We want to thank all who participated in Suds 'n Spuds. It was a wonderful family event, with the Irish Dancers, music from the Flaming Fingers and of course the Spuds and the Suds. We netted a little under \$3,000.00.

The next Big event is the Dock Breakfast, May 3rd. Come for pancakes, sausage and bacon, fruit and the best Mimosas and Bloody Marys. Fun begins at 9AM. Please sign up to volunteer.

Next Open Mic is April 8th.

The next TGIF is April 18th.

John Stray is interested in teaching ballroom dance. A small fee will be charged. We will have a sign up sheet at the April Meeting, if there is enough interest, classes will begin in May. Classes will be during the week.

Jennifer and Andrew Gueyler have volunteered to be in charge of the Memorial Dance.

Thank you all for helping out and participating in our events at the LIC. We know how to have fun!

The April events meeting is cancelled, the May events meeting will be held at 4 pm May 7th at the clubhouse.

Bob & Barb Green

Events Chairs events@lic-kpwa.com



Suds 'n Spuds photo by Bob Green

From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

This month, I sent out one get-well card to a member.

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.

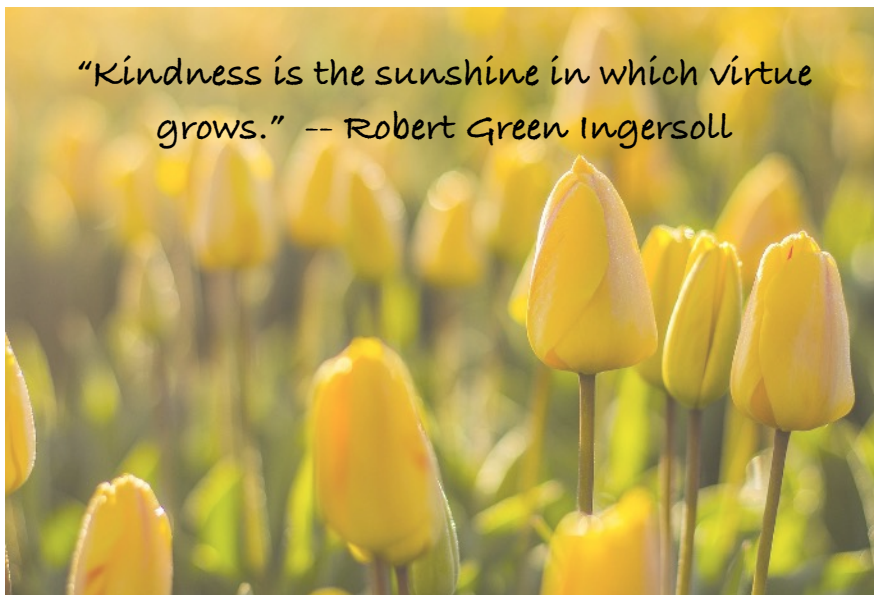
Thank you,

Alex Oh

Sunshine Representative

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"Kindness is the sunshine in which virtue grows." -- Robert Green Ingersoll



Membership News

Wow, it is the start of the second quarter of 2025 already, and the volunteer of this quarter is Gary Brownlee. Congratulations, Gary, and thanks for always being available to help where and when needed.

And speaking of our fantastic membership, 15 new families have joined since January. That makes a total of 213 memberships. It is so good to see more folks at the monthly meetings and the food is great, too.

A couple of notes:

Mike Fay's memorial is April 12th, 10:00AM at the Way Point South Church, on McEwan Rd NW.

LIC Board elections are held every year at the June meeting. If you live within the Evergreen Elementary school boundary, dues need to be paid by May 20th to be eligible to vote.

Happy Spring (finally!)
Nancy Carr
LIC Membership Chair
membership@lic-kpwa.com

Hello from the Dock!

Opening Day will be held Saturday, May 3, starting at 9AM Please come on down to the dock and enjoy a wonderful breakfast and support our marina.

Cruising season is in full swing. We have several clubs and organizations that will be staying with us for the first time.

Our pressure washing volunteers have done a fabulous job getting the dock cleaned. Our wonderful volunteers are hard at work getting the marina in shape after winter.

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Volunteer of this quarter is Gary Brownlee

Pickleball Update

Pickle Ball will be Tuesdays only beginning in April. We had hoped to to grow our pool of participants by adding Thursdays, but we didn't see that happen. We may try Thursdays again when the weather warms up, there are more people on the peninsula, and the operating costs are lower. For the most part we have only been using one of two courts. We also have a new regulation net and should be getting a big box of new balls (both gifts from the folks who play). Hope to see you on the courts!

Tom Nosenzo

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We are actively planning this auction to raise money for scholarships for our Key Peninsula students and are looking for auction items for donation and Raise the Paddle match money! Email thelongbranchfoundation@gmail.com Watch for our auction website soon!

Some suggestions for items

Basket Ideas

Bath and Spa
Ice Cream basket
Baker's basket
Car Emergency Kit
Stay warm - wood, rack, gloves, ax propane gift card
Lavender Farm - tour, soaps, sachets,

Learnings

Painting/Ceramics class
Teach my Pet
Knitting/ Crochet/ Macrame
Welding
Golfing
Sailing/ kayak
Woodworking
Cocktail making Class
Mushroom foraging
Forestry class

Woodwork Display

Multiple wood items merchandised on the same table
Driftwood art

Photography display

Multiple local photographers display work
Vintage KP prints

Did You Know

How to grow and preserve herbs
Canning
Dry Flowers
Floral arrangement

Party at the LIC

Tickets for 2 for Memorial Day/ Labor Day / Spuds and Suds plus drink/food tickets
Gift certificate for the LIC Super Sale

Help Me!

Car wash
Hang Christmas Lights and take them down
Spread bark
Fix my media

Build a wreath / Swag

In the Garden ideas

Obelisk
Trellis
Bench
Pot, seeds, dirt, book Sunnycrest G.C.
Birdhouse, seed

KPN - Then and Now

Books and artwork of local authors
Local foods
Local artwork, yard art

Feed Me!

CSA gift certificate
Local eggs!
Madrona Cafe
Gnosh

Sheryl Low

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Building & Grounds

The Sound System...

Many of you may be aware that our sound system has not always been...fully functional...

Recently, Gary Brownlee and a sound engineer, Eric Siebl, dove into the system to sort out its mysteries and marauding gremlins that needed to be vanquished. Eric was a huge help in demystifying dozens of knobs, buttons, and blinking lights!

The most obvious problem was that one of the two speakers on the north wall was not working.

Armed with the LIC's tallest "A" ladder, a valiant effort to correct a loose connection ended with a consensus that additional equipment and a taller platform was needed.

Subsequently, Gary returned another day armed with some serious scaffolding and his son, Robby! As you can see by the photo, they were on a mission!

Rick Gallagher and Jim Sobieck provided additional support...

Many thanks to all involved!

The Parking Lot...

I know some have lamented the snail's pace of resolving our parking lot's pothole collection. I get it.

All I can say is, it has been a bit maddening trying to get volunteers, the needed equipment, everyone's timing, and the stars to align so everything comes together...

Sadly, it just was not meant to be. I really did not want to spend the money. We all know there are other pressing projects that could use the funds...

And, even then, trying to find a commercial operation was almost as difficult. Everyone is busy. I think the pothole community is breeding and having lots of babies!

As you may have noticed, the wait is over. I hope you are pleased with the end



result. It was almost \$2900, and, I hope it lasts a long time!

The Spring Clean-up!

I am planning a Spring Clean-up for Sat. April 19th. We will be working on the interior and exterior. Food and beverages will be provided. Details to follow. Please mark it on your calendar and join us one, or both, days!

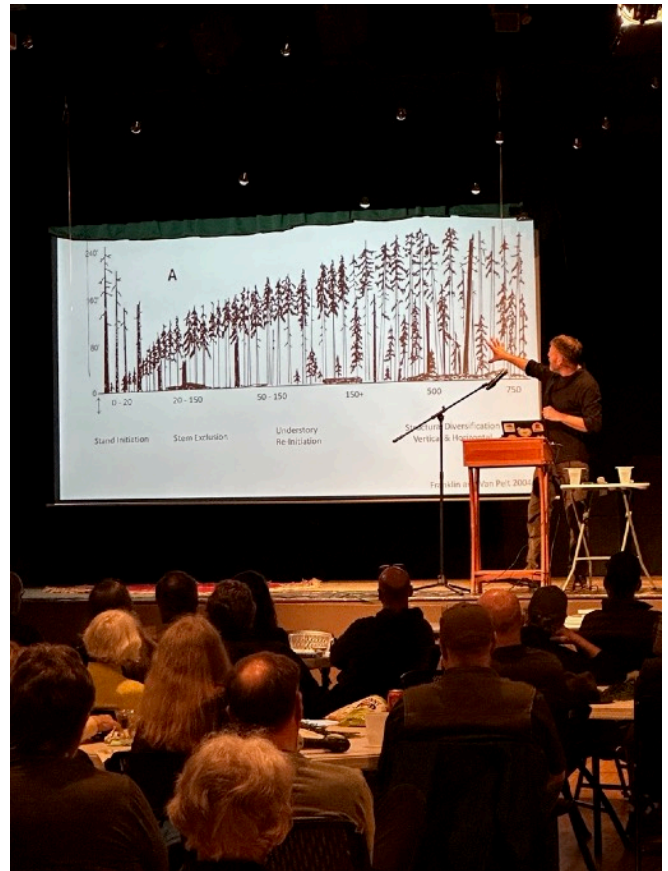
We are a volunteer organization. Please decide to become involved...we are nothing without it...

Thank you for supporting the Longbranch Improvement Club!

Roy Miller
Building & Grounds Chair
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The Ecology Forestry presentation on March 26th was well attended by about 117 people.

Photos by Gary Brownlee



The Longbranch Foundation:

Sheryl Low, TLF President, talked about the TLF Fundraiser Saturday, Oct. 11th. The theme is 'Beatles' and big plans are in the works for decorations, a band, dancing and live and silent auctions.

There will be a list available of desired donations for the auctions. More information will be available in the next LIC Newsletter.

Marina:

Rick Harrison advised Opening Day gear this year is pre-order only. He had a sample of the designs and said an email will be sent by tomorrow with a link to place your order. Ordering is only open until March 30th to ensure orders will be available for Opening Day. There was an issue with the marina gate, and that has been resolved.

Treasurer:

Jim Hettinger advised the Balance Sheet and P&L sheets were on the tables. There were no questions.

Building & Grounds:

Roy Miller advised he is working with the architect for the needed roof progress. And, yes, filling the potholes in the parking lot is in process. He was unable to find volunteer help for this and has received one quote and waiting on a second one. As soon as he gets the second quote, he will schedule the work.

Secretary:

Nancy Carr asked for a motion to accept the Feb. Member Minutes. Motion made, seconded and approved.

Membership:

Nancy Carr shares a reminder to pay dues and thanks to those that have.

Roy Miller announced the Volunteer of the Quarter for second quarter 2025 is Gary Brownlee. Congratulations, Gary.

Events:

Jack Dunne reminded folks about the KP Forest event next Wednesday. There will be speakers, information tables and books available. A 'walk through the woods' is scheduled at 5:30pm for a guided tour through the LIC trails. This is a free event.

Barb Green had a list of upcoming events.

- March 26th – 5:30PM walk in the park
- KP Forests, doors open 6:30pm
- April – Events Committee cancelled as the Green's are out of town.
- April 2nd – Yoga, and every Wednesday after that, 1:00 – 2:00PM and 2:30 – 3:30PM
- April 8th – Open Mic 6:30PM
- April 18th -TGIF 5:30 pm
- May 3rd – Opening Day
- May 7th - Events Committee Meeting 4:00PM
- May 24th - Memorial Day Dance, Jennifer and Andrew Guyler volunteered for this event.

Acting VP Updates:

June 18 is the annual Member BBQ meeting and LIC Board elections. The following Board positions (and current members) are:

- President, Bob Perry
- Vice-President (open position)
- Treasurer, Jim Hettinger
- Trustee, Kelly Guenther
- Marina Chair, Rick Harrison
- Membership Chair, Nancy Carr

If you are interested in any of the above positions, please contact:

Kim Robinson, Nominating Committee
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Thank you,
Nancy Carr for Ashley Perry
LIC Secretary
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Time for YOGA

At the Long branch Improvement club
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Wednesday 1:00-2:00 pm
Vinyasa



Wednesday 2:30-3:30 pm
Kundalini



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