

Lagoon Point Newsletter

July-August 2006

Mark your calendars:

Fishing Derby Day will be Saturday September 2nd. See Page 2 for the schedule of events, derby rules and potluck details. Derby begins at daybreak, prizes awarded at 5. Community potluck starts 5:30. As usual, LPIC will provide plates, tableware, soft drinks. See ya.

Our annual LPIC Membership meeting will be held Tuesday, September 12, 6:30 PM, at the Greenbank Clubhouse. In addition to any other business, the Nominating Committee will present to the membership and board its nominations for candidates to run for election for the 2007 Board. The President will then invite additional nominations from the floor. That will complete the roster of candidates. The election will be held in November, by mail.

Upcoming Board meetings: All Board meetings are open to LPIC members. Discussion and agenda-planning meetings are held for informal discussion: No actions taken, no decisions made, no minutes kept.

Board agenda-planning meetings: Thursday July 6th (note that's Thursday), Tuesday August 1st, and Tuesday September 5th, all 7 PM at Linda Armstrong's home: 3412 Marine View Drive. If planning to come please call Linda ahead: 678-1425. She'd appreciate that.

Regular monthly board meetings: Tuesdays: July 11th, August 8th, and September 12th, all 6:30 PM at the Greenbank Clubhouse. On September 12th we'll first have our Annual Membership meeting, followed by a regular Board meeting.

From the President – Linda Armstrong

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

These are certainly the days that make us grateful for the beauty of our community. Sunshine, sunsets, barbeques, wading pools, glorious gardens—and everywhere the suggestion of endless summer lengthens the enjoyment of already long days. As I write this, members of our community are preparing to celebrate Independence Day with friends and family. Our community garage sale will occur this weekend, with some of its proceeds dedicated to Neighbors Helping Neighbors.

You will already have received your ballots for the two proposals. I hope you will vote for both of them and help the community move forward in maintaining our common properties. If you find that you cannot, in good conscience, support them, I hope you will help your Board find a different path to take. But please, in either case, cast your ballot and be a part of planning our future.

Our next community celebration, the annual Lagoon Point Fishing Derby and potluck, will take place September 2nd, the Saturday of the Labor Day weekend, You can read about it on the next page. I look forward to seeing you there or to hearing from you in the meantime.

Linda

LAGOON POINT FISHING DERBY AND POTLUCK

Saturday September 2, 2006

Waterway Speed: NO WAKE
Vehicle speed throughout Lagoon Point is 20 mph



EVENTS

FISHING DERBY Daybreak to 5 PM, Lagoon Point area
WEIGH-IN 9 to 5 @ Lagoon Point Boat Ramp
AWARDS & POTLUCK 5:30 PM @ LOT C Parking Area *

* In case of rain awards and potluck will be held at the Greenbank Clubhouse

DERBY RULES

BOUNDARIES: Bombing Range on the **north**; half way to Bush Point on the **south** (the White Rock); mid-channel on the **west**.

Participants must abide by all state fishing regulations.

Fishing from the jetty is prohibited! Violators will be disqualified from the Derby.

Note: A sheriff's deputy will be patrolling our common areas.

If you park on a community area, you must display your LPIC decal on your vehicle.

TWO PRIZE CATEGORIES, FOUR PRIZES EACH CATEGORY:

Largest salmon caught from a boat and Largest salmon caught from the beach
1st prize \$100, 2nd prize \$75, 3rd prize \$50, 4th prize \$25

ENTRY FEE: \$8 per person. Children 11 and under, FREE for the Children's Derby only.

Purchase your derby ticket(s) in advance from your Area Rep, or on Derby morning (9 AM-12) at the boat launch ramp. Cash, or make your check out to "LPIC."

IMPORTANT! Your entry fee receipt is your derby ticket. At weigh-in give your ticket to the attendant. **You must have and show a derby ticket** to be eligible for an award. Decisions of the Awards Committee are final.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S FISHING DERBY

We will award childrens' prizes for the largest:



Salmon



Cod



Dogfish



Bullhead



Perch

POTLUCK

LPIC will provide the tables and paper/plastic plates, cups, utensils, coffee and soft drinks (or bring your own drinks). Bring your BBQ and a favorite potluck main dish, or salad or dessert, whatever.

Put your potluck favorite dish or dessert on the common serving table !!

THE FINE PRINT: All Derby participants and volunteers as a condition of participation release Lagoon Point Improvement Club from any and all liability for injury to persons or damage to property arising from Derby participation, whether or not due to negligence of LPIC, its members or agents.

We thank Bob Vierra, who has graciously volunteered to coordinate the derby and help with the potluck.

Need more information? Call Bob: 360-678-6310

Donations for the Fishing Derby

Every year some Lagoon Point neighbors send in cash donations for the fishing derby, and gift prizes for the kids. If you want to contribute, please call Bill Schmid – 222-3305 or send Bill a check made out to 'LPIC – Fishing Derby' (Mail it to 3597 Marine View Dr.)

Interested in getting involved with your community? Board elections are coming up again. Consider running for the Board. Nine Board positions will be open

The Board of Directors invites Lagoon Point lot owners to stand for election for the 2007 Board. Nine of the twelve director positions will be elected (see list below). The six officers each serve for one year. The Area Reps serve for two years. The following positions are open:

President	Assistant Secretary	Area 1 Rep
Vice President	Treasurer	Area 3 Rep
Secretary	Assistant Treasurer	Area 5 Rep

Qualifications for office: Any Lagoon Point property owner not delinquent in payments may run for any officer position. To be an Area Rep you must own property in that area. The Area boundaries are shown on the map on the outside page of this newsletter.

If you are interested in running for office please contact your Area Representative or Mike Stevens, LPIC Vice President, at (206) 542-7139 or 678-3689.

Possibly interested but you have questions? Current Board Members are available to answer your questions about the responsibilities of the positions and time commitments.

Nominations for candidates to stand for election will take place at the annual Membership Meeting, at the Greenbank Clubhouse, Tuesday, September 12, 2006, 6:30 PM.

From the Treasurer – Janet Bondelid

I am pleased to tell you and gratified that only four weeks after I mailed out the 2006-07 assessment invoices I have already received assessment payments from many of our property owners. I'm sure will find more checks when I go next time to check our mailbox at the Greenbank post office. If you've overlooked this little matter of paying your 2006-07 assessment, please send your payment soon as possible. There's a fair amount of bookkeeping involved in recording each check, and the more of the work I can get done now the less work I will have next month. Thank you.

Many people have included their e-mail addresses with their payments. We will confirm with you that you do indeed want to receive the Lagoon Point newsletter by e-mail, then we will be doing so thereafter. When we send you the newsletter by e-mail it reaches you immediately no matter where in the country you happen to be that week. And we save money, too. That's a win-win all around.

***Fishing season at Lagoon Point is here again.
Always be courteous ... and please keep the following in mind***

Lagoon Point is an exceedingly attractive place to fish. And so we attract lots of fishermen and fisherwomen and fisher-kids. But all the water access areas and beachfronts at Lagoon Point are private and *not open to the public*, except for the posted county access areas at the far westerly ends of Salmon Street and Westcliff Drive.

Lagoon Point property owners and their families and friends are welcome to use and fish from our community facilities. During peak fishing season LPIC patrols our community areas to assure that persons fishing from the shore are with our community.

Why are we strict about this? You probably don't want strangers on your private property and we as a community don't want strangers on our private property. We pay our fees and work hard to maintain our community properties for our community's enjoyment. We have learned through years of experience that if we do nothing we get overwhelmed with people who come and take advantage of our great fishing location, but they ignore our private property signs, settle in on neighbors' beachfronts, then have to be asked to leave, are not always polite when asked, and not infrequently leave their garbage behind. Our neighbors who live along the beach are especially distressed. To protect our community property we have to be vigilant every fishing season.

Community fishing areas include the boat launch ramps, the parking lot, and all of the surrounding Lot C area. Lagoon Point lot owners, their families and friends may use and fish from these areas. Another, less well known, community area is our jointly owned 'Lot D.' Lot D is the beachfront – two lots in width - immediately north of the public access area at the west end of Salmon Street. Check it out. Do not climb or fish from the rock jetties. The jetties are dangerous.

Vehicles parked at the Lagoon Point parking lot must display the large green LPIC tags on their dashboards. Please keep the entry chain locked.

Your friends and family fishing from the community lots or strolling on the beach should wear the small LPIC tags. Need LPIC tags or a key to the parking lot? Get them from Paulette Clayton (tel 678-3122).

Active patrol This summer LPIC will again hire an off-duty deputy sheriff to patrol our community areas, especially on weekends. The deputy's being on site works wonders. If you are having any problem with someone trespassing on your own private property or on community property, don't lose your cool. Write down their license plate number. If the deputy's vehicle is on location talk with them. If there's no deputy, call your Area Rep or, if necessary, call the Island County sheriff's office (321-4400 or 678-9567) .Keep calm, always.

There are public access and fishing areas at the far westerly ends of Salmon Street and Westcliff Drive. Look for the county signs. Strangers may be less hostile if you helpfully direct them to the public areas.

Please respect others' private property. Aside from our community's Lots C and D and the two county access areas, all other access to Admiralty Inlet at Lagoon Point is privately owned. The East and West canals are private property, as is most beachfront. The beaches south of Salmon Street are private.

Port-a-potty This summer LPIC will again pay for a port-a-potty located near the north county access area. It is rented for community use, but we sure don't mind if others use it too.

Motor boaters: No wake, please. When motoring your boat in our waterways, check your wake behind you. Keep your waterfront neighbors in mind. Thank you!

Board looking to update waterway rules – What’s your opinion? Let us know.

At the July 11 meeting the board will begin a review and updating of our community’s long-standing waterway rules. The rules are posted on our website (www.lagoonpoint.com).

If you have concerns or comments about the rules or about how people use our community waterway, let us know. Contact your Area Rep or send the Board an e-mail or letter or phone call. The Board wants to hear what the community wants and needs, and **we want to hear from you**. If you can’t access our website, ask your Area Rep for a copy of the rules, or leave a message at 360-678-1425.

Two waterway rules in particular will be reviewed.

1. Key fees: Increasing the fee for getting a parking lot key (now \$5, \$25 is proposed), and the penalty for not returning the key when the property is sold (now \$150, \$250 or higher proposed).

2. Renters’ use of community property: Should renters have use of the parking lot and boat ramp and, if so, how should renters get their key. The current rules allow our facilities to be used but only by long-term renters (the term ‘long-term’ is not defined), and require that before LPIC issues a key to a renter the home owner must first return their key to LPIC. This seems cumbersome. A suggestion has been made to allow the owner to give their key to their renter. That would strengthen the owner’s interest in not losing the key when the renter leaves. (As now, owners would continue to be responsible for any damage or problems their renters caused on community property.)

If you have concerns or viewpoints about these topics,, come to the July 11 board meeting and speak up, or send in your comments, for the board’s attention.

Another successful Garage Sale ... but please remember ‘Neighbors Helping Neighbors’

The annual Lagoon Point Garage Sale took place last Saturday, July 1st. By all accounts the sale was again a resounding success. There was considerable traffic on our streets and neighbors visiting with neighbors. Folks were seen grinning as they hauled off all sorts of stuff, the sellers pleased too, to have their stuff going to caring homes.

Please remember (maybe you didn’t know): It is customary that Lagoon Point Garage Sale sellers contribute 10 percent of their proceeds to the community’s ‘Neighbors Helping Neighbors’ fund. We all pitch in so that Neighbors Helping Neighbors will benefit. A Lagoon Point member donated this year’s newspaper ads, and LPIC volunteers coordinated the actual event. Please send your NHN contribution (10 percent of proceeds or more) as a check made out to LPIC (write ‘NHN’ on the bottom), PO Box 123, Greenbank WA 98253.

NHN funds are used to help neighbors in the LP community. NHN is independent of our LPIC Homeowners Association. For information about NHN call Margo Lane (222-3209) or Carole Holmes (678-8874).

Status of Raymond lawsuit - by the President

In May appellants submitted their Reply to our Reply to their Appeal Brief to the Appellate Court. That's how it works. We're told there should be no more written submissions to the court by either side. Just as well: LPIC's legal bill for this last fiscal year (ended June 30) totals about \$13,500, with most of that due to the Raymond case. The appeal process will likely take well over a year, and could well last through the end of 2007.

In the last newsletter we explained what this important case is all about. We will keep you informed of developments as they happen.

Community volunteers

Thank you Bob Rodgers for helping to lasso and secure the errant boat that came loose from a neglected dock on the (which?) canal. If left drifting in the tide and wind the boat would likely have gone bump-bump into other boats and docks along the canal.

Suggestions for the Board ? Questions ? Contact your Area Representative

Area 1 Bob Vierra	360-678-6310	Area 4 Todd Brunner	425-771-5148 ext 23
Area 2 Page Gilbert-Baenen	360-222-3104	Area 5 Tom Heerhartz	360-678-7787
Area 3 Roy Blackwell	425-347-9312	Area 6 Bill Brown	360-222-3178

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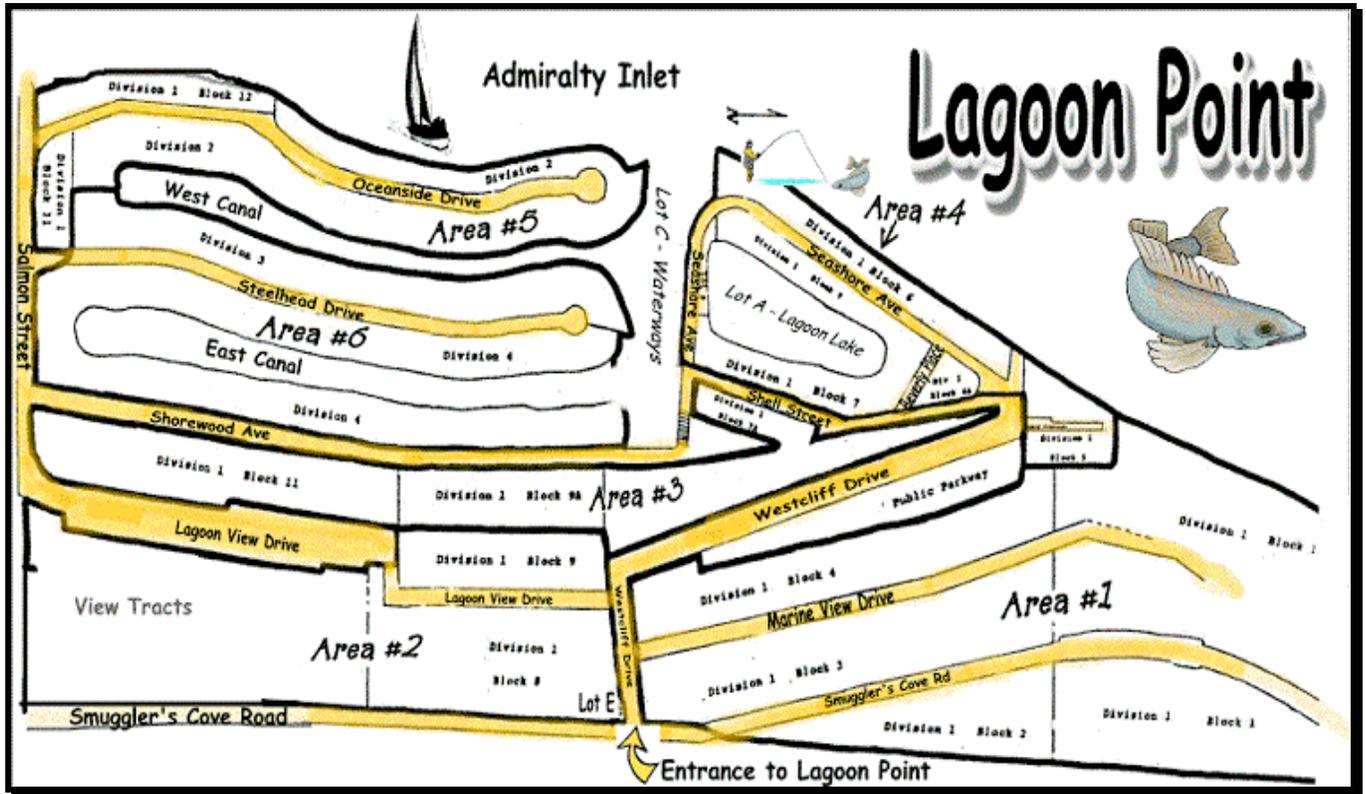
Community Announcements

About your drinking water supply

Water to Lagoon Point properties is provided by the Lagoon Point Water District. The water district is entirely separate from LPIC. Please direct your questions or comments about water supply to the water district people. You can reach them at PO Box 117, Greenbank 98253. The District secretary this year is Bev Chan, at 678-8752.

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To add an ad or delete one e-mail us at lpic@whidbey.net or call 678-1425

- Need sewing done? Embarrassed by droopy seams? Experienced seamstress here. Many baby afghans, a few baby quilts made up, can take orders, great handmade gifts for a shower. Monica Vierra 678-6310 (nx)
- I want your old wood furniture. I paint and distress, then sell, all proceeds to local charities. Please help me support our community and island. Thank you. Carrie, 360-678-6369 or 253-217-3966 (3x)



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 Tuesdays August 1 and September 5, all 7 PM

Next regular Board meetings: Tuesdays July 11,
 August 8, September 12, all 6:30 PM