

Lagoon Point Newsletter

September-October 2006

The Winter Potluck Dessert get-together will be held Tuesday, December 5th, at the Greenbank Clubhouse. The party will start at 7 PM, right after a brief board meeting at 6:30.

Please join us and your friends and neighbors. LPIC will as usual provide plates, silverware, coffee and tea, hot cups and pop, and someone is bringing ice cream. Please bring a dessert to share. See you on December 5th.

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: Tuesdays October 3, November 7, and November 28, all 7 PM at Linda Armstrong's home: 3412 Marine View Drive. (Linda: 678-1425)

Regular monthly board meetings: Tuesdays: October 10, November 14 and December 5, all 6:30 PM at the Greenbank Clubhouse.

From the President – Linda Armstrong

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It seems all the fish went elsewhere on Derby Day, so the derby prizes except for the one we gave out will be held until next year when we hope the fish return. But we certainly did land a big one—a dock that is. If you don't already know the story you will read it in this newsletter. For now we don't yet know the status of the dock. It had belonged to State Parks; that we do know. We're waiting to find out more. In the event we could keep the dock as a community dock we would, of course, have to have it permitted, and some repairs would be needed as well. If it is possible to keep it, after we get estimates of permitting and maintenance costs we will be sending you a ballot for the community to vote on whether to keep it as a community dock and pay those costs. For now the dock is tethered in our turning basin. Looks like it always belonged there. We are waiting to see how this turns out.

Also in this newsletter you will find a report from the Nominating Committee giving the names of the Lagoon Point property owners – our neighbors - who have volunteered to serve on the 2007 LPIC Board. There are no new names on this list, and this worries me quite a bit. Every community needs leadership and involvement from its members. And there are many, many, ways to contribute to this community as so many of you already do: helping your neighbors, making a trail to the beach, rescuing flotsam from the shipping lanes, helping run our community events, caring for the kids, tending to our signs, picking up trash when you see it. This list goes on and on. Another way to help your community is to serve on the LPIC Board. While the nominations for 2007 are now closed, we will be looking for new Board members in 2008. Please consider putting your name in there. Our community needs new voices and our Board needs to develop continuing leadership.

Next month when you receive your ballot to vote for board members for 2007 you will find also another ballot, this one to authorize certain changes to the bylaws. We will include short and clear explanation of the bylaws changes offered by the board. I hope you take the time to read the suggested changes and cast your vote. If you have questions about the bylaws proposals, please call your area rep, that's exactly what they're for. He or she will be glad to talk to you. We need your input to keep our community strong.

Best wishes to you and to your families and friends for the fall season and Thanksgiving - Linda

FOUND DOCK – Andy Messer

You are bound to have noticed, on our community waterway, fastened to pilings already there, what appears to be a large new community dock. Maybe, and maybe not. Here's the story so far.

Sunday afternoon August 20th a number of Lagoon Point residents observed a large floating object covered with seagulls, drifting south in Puget Sound on the incoming tide. Then, caught in the back eddy south of our jetty, the object, a large floating dock, beached itself in front of a Division 2 home. Several of us went out to look at the thing. It was a dock, indeed, consisting of twelve 6 foot by 20 foot wooden floats, connected end to end by bolted steel fittings. There were two assemblies of six floats each, the two assemblies chained together side by side. Each half was 125 feet long and 6 feet wide. "Biggest deadhead I ever saw" one observer commented. Various agencies were notified, but none seemed eager to get involved.

Our immediate concern was that the dock would be on the move again at high tide Monday afternoon. Once afloat it could drift into our jetty channel, blocking the channel or damaging the jetty walls. Just as important, if it floated back out into Admiralty Inlet, low in the water and with no lights at night, the dock would again be a serious hazard to marine navigation of all sizes. To avert this from happening, members of the Waterway Committee recruited several Lagoon Point volunteers, and they all met Monday to secure the dock out of harm's way. First the volunteers unchained the two halves, then, using four small outboard boats, at high tide they maneuvered each half (consisting of six still-connected sections) through the jetty channel and into the Lagoon Point waterway. Once there they secured each half to the unused community dock pilings standing on Lot C, just east of our boat launch area.

The word went out that Lagoon Point had found a rather large floating dock. And in a day or two we learned that the Washington State Parks Department had lost a rather large dock, very much like the one we'd found. Parks were looking for theirs on the east side of Whidbey Island, because that's where they'd lost it. Vandals, we later learned, had released the dock from its moorings in a storage area in Cornet Bay just east of Deception Pass, at the northern end of Whidbey Island. The dock assembly, altogether 125 feet long by 12-13 feet wide, once loose in the tides had apparently floated out through Deception Pass and into Puget Sound, whereupon on the next incoming tide it had headed south. Parks Department officials were greatly relieved that the dock was no longer adrift and a hazard to navigation, which it surely had been.

The dock is well weathered, but solidly built. We're told that it was in a Parks maintenance area, and that Parks hadn't decided whether to surplus the dock or rehabilitate it. We would of course be delighted to keep it, and it looks like it's always been there, but the disposition of the dock is in discussion and is yet to be determined. We can't make that decision on our own, and if we do have an opportunity to keep the dock we will have to make the dock serviceable and get permits from the various county, state and federal permitting agencies.

With the newsletter we will keep you informed of developments as they happen.

Meanwhile, Thanks to the many Lagoon Point folks who participated in salvaging and securing the dock:

Steve Bondelid (overall director and boat operator), Neil Kenworthy, Andy Messer, and Bob Vierra (boat operators); Tom Heerhartz and Bill Schmid (boat crew); Don Duwe, Tom Lawson and Fred Lawless (dock crew); and John Mott and Bert Pack (shore crew).

Fishing Derby Results - Bill Schmid

The fishing derby was as usual well attended - except for the salmon - hardly any showed up. One owner said that the only worse Lagoon Point Fishing Derby was in 1996 when the Dept of Fisheries cancelled salmon fishing because of the very low run. That year we had to cancel the Derby.

This year, 2006, was not much better. Our plan was to offer four derby prizes in each of two categories - four prizes for largest salmons caught from the beach, four more for the largest caught from a boat.

As it turns out, there was only one salmon caught from a boat. It was caught by Richard Kuss and weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce. So Mr. Kuss got first prize for a boat-caught salmon. There was a salmon caught from the beach; however that person hadn't entered the derby, so they weren't eligible for any prize. (Too bad. Had they entered the derby, they would have gotten first prize in that category no matter what their poor fish weighed.)

The unspent prize money be carried over to next year's derby. Better luck next year.

The main winners this year as every year were the kids. Some 26 kids brought in fish: everything from perch, bullheads, dogfish, even jelly fish. Every one got a prize. We had 54 prizes to hand out, and every kid present at the awards ceremony received a prize, whether or not they caught a fish, even a jellyfish or no fish at all.

George Fisher won the raffle of the \$130 spin casting rod and reel. We hope to see George and his rod and reel in action next year.

The potluck party followed the awards, and was as usual well attended by Lagoon Point families and their visiting relatives and friends, kids especially.

We thank all this year' Fishing Derby volunteers:

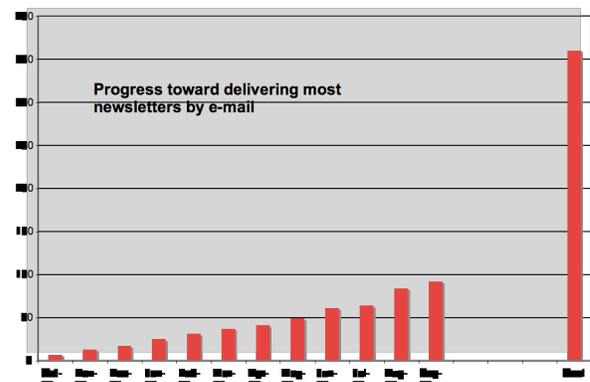
Bill & Lynn Schmid, Bob & Monica Vierra, Mike Stevens and Roy Blackwell. A special thanks to the several folks who anonymously contributed money for the kids' prizes, and beverages for our potluck.

From the Treasurer - Janet Bondelid

Our property owners are awesome. Of the 393 owners of our 523 lots only 25 have apparently forgotten to send in their annual assessments. **Thank you all** for your prompt payments. I will be calling and reminding the last 25 so they can get their payments in before October 1st, when a 5% penalty is added. If you're one of the 25, please send in your assessment payment before October 1st. If you have any question or problem with the assessment invoice you received please contact me by email (lpict@whidbey.com) or mail (PO Box 123, Greenbank, WA 98253).

The finance committee is keeping our reserve fund money working. We've invested \$80,000 of our long-term reserve fund in a 9-month CD earning 4.95 percent per year.

I also appreciate everyone who gave us their e-mail addresses so we can email them the newsletter. By e-mail you get your newsletter faster, we can send the newsletter to the several owners of a multi-owner property, and we save the cost of printing and postage. As the chart shows, we began distributing the newsletter by e-mail late last year. We've since made steady progress, and about 20 percent of our newsletters are now being sent by e-mail. The board has set an objective of getting 90 percent of our 400 or so newsletters distributed by e-mail by next July 1st. Help us get there! Get your newsletter by e-mail. Send your request to us at lpict@whidbey.net.



Election ballot for 2007 Board members coming soon to a mailbox near you

- Linda Armstrong and Mike Stevens

The annual LPIC Membership Meeting was held Tuesday evening, September 12th, at the Greenbank Clubhouse. Now that all voting for LPIC Board members is done by mail, the principal purpose of this year's Annual Membership Meeting was to set the slate of candidates who will run for election for next year's Board.

Attendance at the membership meeting was again sparse: 3 LPIC members in the audience and 11 of our 12 Board members. Mike Stevens, our vice-president and chair of the Nominating Committee, reported the nominations shown below. None were offered from the floor.

Our officers are elected for one-year terms. Area Reps have two-year terms; this year we will elect the reps for Areas 1, 3, and 5. All board members save two said they will run again. Bill Schmid, who had served previously on the board, will run for Area 1 Rep, taking over for Bob Vierra who's been on the board for four years. Roy Blackwell, Area 3 Rep for the last four years, will not run again. We have no candidate for Area 3 Rep. If no one is elected to fill that vacant position our bylaws authorize the Board to appoint a volunteer.

The President thanked the Nominating Committee for its work. All nominated persons will be on the ballot.

Nominations for 2007 Board

President	Linda Armstrong	Asst Secretary	Ernie Clayton
Vice President	Mike Stevens	Area 1 Rep	Bill Schmid
Treasurer	Janet Bondelid	Area 3 Rep	- no nomination -
Asst Treasurer	Paulette Clayton	Area 5 Rep	Tom Heerhartz
Secretary	Aaron Lowin		

This year's elections process: Last year we approved bylaw changes to use a mail ballot for board elections and to move the board election to late fall. The time shift was done to shrink the 'lame duck' period during which old board members still serve though next year's board members have already been elected.

We will mail out ballots in mid-October. They will be due back by a November date (date yet to be set by the board). Election results will be reported at the December board meeting and in the following newsletter.

Your ballot mailing will include brief statements by each candidate. Candidate statements were not available in time to be included in this newsletter.

Two ballots, one stamp: Together with your 2007 Board election ballot, coming in October you will also find a ballot on bylaws amendments

As in previous years, the board continues to work to update our bylaws to keep up with good governance practices and to improve our procedures. Bylaws update work has gone on for months, and the issues and draft language have been discussed openly at the last several board meetings. The board then had our attorney review the proposed bylaw changes.

Amending our bylaws requires a two-thirds vote of the voting membership. The board at its October 10th meeting will decide the final amendment language to be sent to the membership for approval. The board elections ballot you will get in mid-October will include with it ballots for voting on the proposed bylaw amendments. Mailing the two sets of ballots together saves postage and ballot-counting effort.

Six or seven bylaw amendments will be offered. Each amendment ballot will include a short and clear explanation of the issue and why the board is recommending the amendment be approved. The mailing will also announce a special membership meeting to vote on the bylaw amendments. A meeting is needed because under our present bylaws which date back quite some time bylaws have to be amended at a meeting. (Your mail-in ballots are considered valid at that meeting).

LPIC members soundly approve two financial proposals

In July (such a long time ago, but we've had no newsletter since then) LPIC members voted by mail on two financial matters posed by the board. (1) Members approved moving all \$34,000 or so in our inactive old 'Club' account to our long-term reserves (89 percent Yes of 260 lots voting). (2) Members approved spending up to \$5000 of our long-term reserves to develop an initial estimate of the scope and amount of dredging required on our commonly-owned Lot C (85 percent Yes of 259 lots voting). Some 50 percent of our 523 lots voted. About 7 percent of the votes were submitted 'in private,' that is, with those voters' names kept separate from their ballots.

The 'Club' funds are the funds left over when several years ago LPIC ended functioning as a club and began formally conducting itself as a homeowners' association. Our attorney advised we ask the membership to approve using the left over 'Club' funds. As regards the approved funding to develop initial estimates of scope of dredging, we are completing negotiations with our geologic and biologic consultants on contracts for them to do this work.

Deferred matters

Several of the matters the board has been discussing this year have been deferred till after the bylaws are updated. The board has deferred setting rules for use of the waterway, issuing keys for access to the community parking lot and penalty for non-return of keys, and renters' use of the common properties. One of the proposed bylaw amendments would give the board clear authority to set such rules about our common properties. We thought it best to defer further discussion of the specific rules till the membership gives us that clear authority (this presumes the proposed bylaw amendment passes.)

New STOP signs at the bridge – Bill Brown

STOP signs will soon be going up at both approaches to our bridge. Here's why.

As you have read in past newsletters, earlier this year we did an engineering evaluation of our wonderful bridge. The good news is that the bridge is not in need of immediate repair or closure for safety reasons. We can continue to use the bridge as before. To extend the bridge's life the 5 Ton vehicle limit will continue.

The engineering evaluation did note that the bridge structure is gradually being weakened by hardly noticeable but real horizontal shaking caused by vehicles heading too quickly up the sloped bridge ramps. The shaking force increases considerably with vehicle speed. To preserve the bridge vehicles need to drive onto the bridge slowly, but our observation of bridge traffic shows that slow is often not the case.

We want to slow bridge traffic, both for safety (remember, this is a one-lane bridge and there are often pedestrians) and to prolong the life of the bridge. To slow bridge traffic the board is installing vehicle STOP signs at both ends of the bridge. Please be assured that the new STOP signs aren't being put there to annoy you. There is good reason for them. When approaching the bridge, please obey the new signs. STOP your vehicle, then cross slowly. Thank you.

News for Divisions 2-3-4 owners - Bill Charbonneau

The vote to approve up to \$5000 of Division 2-3-4 funds for the next phase of design work for the waterway dredging project passed by 106 (Yes) to 1(No). (The Division 2-3-4 funds will be used together with the funds the entire LPIC membership approved – see article top of this page.)

A new Divisions 2, 3 and 4 Architectural Committee member is needed January 1, 2007 as a current member's tenure on the committee is expiring. Any person interested should notify a current committee member: Chris Criswell at cnc@whidbey.com or Bill Charbonneau at whclaw@msn.com (Bob Vondrachek is out of town) of their willingness to fill this position. The candidates ballot will be sent out about two months before next January 1. As Division 4 is already represented on the committee, a nominee from Divisions 2 or 3 would be desirable, but we appreciate and encourage any and all nominees from any of the three divisions.

The annual financial report on our Division 2-3-4 funds is included in this newsletter.

Thank You's to our many recent community volunteers:

For building the wheelchair ramp at the south end of the parking lot fence:

Bob Vierra, Ken Peterson, Doug Gouge and Bill Schmid

This year' Fishing Derby volunteers:

Bill & Lynn Schmid, Bob & Monica Vierra, Mike Stevens and Roy Blackwell

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For rescuing and securing the dock:

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Please watch your speed on Lagoon Point roads - Aaron Lowin

The county speed limit is 20 MPH on all Lagoon Point roads. No exceptions.

Consider this: Drivers driving too fast is especially distressing to the folks who live along Westcliff Drive, which is the entry road into Lagoon Point. (Indeed, Westcliff Drive was once called Main Street.) Every vehicle entering or leaving Lagoon Point uses that stretch of Westcliff Drive. Thus the folks who live along Westcliff Drive get to see and suffer just about every vehicle speeding in our community. The rest of us see some of the speeding, but they see it all.

So please be mindful of your vehicle speed as you drive along Westcliff, and elsewhere too in Lagoon Point. Also, please bring speeding to the attention of your contractors and ask them and remind them to tell their employees to be courteous to our neighbors. 'No Speeding' when coming to the job or leaving to go home.

Aggravating the Westcliff Drive speeding problem are the drivers (sometimes including yours truly) who slow but fail to fully stop at the Stop sign at the corner of Lagoon View Drive and Westcliff Drive. For safety, vehicles coming up Lagoon View Drive are supposed to stop at the sign before turning onto Westcliff Drive to head out of Lagoon Point.

Please keep your Westcliff Drive neighbors and your speed in mind when next you roll along that stretch of road.

This newsletter includes our annual financial reports

An annual financial report is included with this newsletter. Our bylaws require that the board once a year give members a report on our finances.

Suggestions for the Board ? Questions ? Contact your Area Representative

Area 1 Bob Vierra 360-678-6310
Area 2 Page Gilbert-Baenen 360-222-3104
Area 3 Roy Blackwell 425-347-9312

Area 4 Todd Brunner 425-771-5148 ext 23
Area 5 Tom Heerhartz 360-678-7787
Area 6 Bill Brown 360-222-3178

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We also post the newsletter on our website: www.lagoonpoint.com , but that posting is a bit delayed, so notification of upcoming meetings is delayed, and you have to navigate to our website to read the newsletter. Better to get the newsletter by e-mail.

Community Announcements

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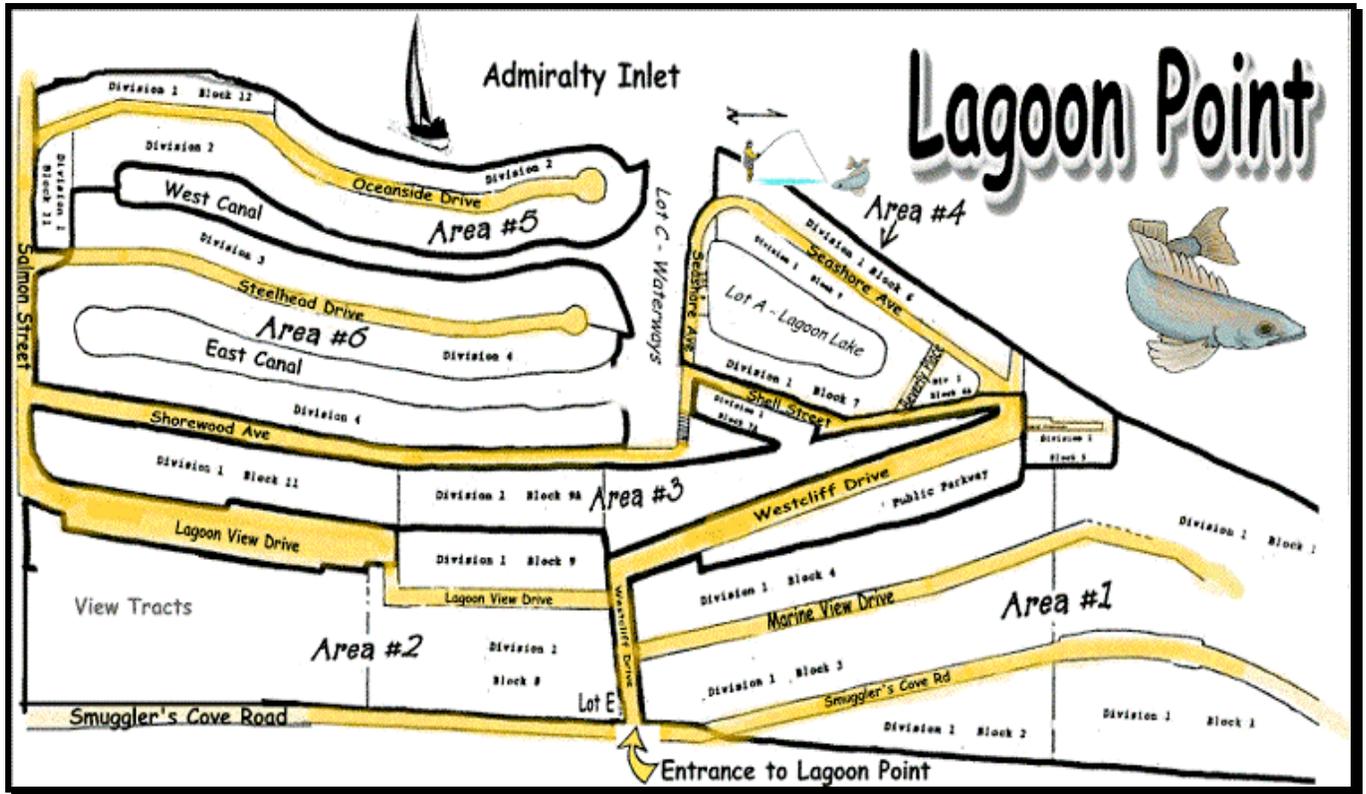
- Looking for boat moorage: I'm interested in leasing dock space to moor my 20' North River boat. I live in Mutiny Sands Club just a few miles away. My boat is clean and new, well kept at all times. I never clean fish or crab in my boat, or on any facility it is attached to. I would require fresh water only to flush my outboards and rinse the sides after each trip. I would remove it monthly to take home for a good cleaning and pressure wash. Thanks for thinking about this:
Mike Hansen - 360-331-3617 (1x)
- 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)

This page shows LPIC accounts. The Homeowner Association accounts are our current accounts. In the Improvement Club account are the funds left unused when LPIC formally became a homeowners association. Per membership vote, all Club funds were recently transferred to our homeowners ass'n long term reserves.

- Financials not shown in web version -

This page shows Division 2-3-4 accounts. These funds belong to Division 2-3-4 lot owners, not to LPIC. LPIC collects and administers these funds on behalf of Division 2-3-4 lot owners.

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