

# Lagoon Point Newsletter

February 2004

Next regular open Board meeting: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2004, at the Greenbank Clubhouse

## *Mark your Calendar*

### **LAGOON POINT SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARTY AND POTLUCK DINNER**

The annual Lagoon Point Saint Patrick's Day Party will be on Saturday March 13, 2004 from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm at the Greenbank Clubhouse. This is a "pot luck" dinner party. We need side dishes, salads, and deserts. Main dish will be corn-beef & cabbage. B.Y.O.B. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided.

A \$5 per couple donation, at the door, to defray costs for the main dishes and other amenities, is welcomed.

Volunteers interested in helping, please contact Carole Holmes at 360-678-8874

### **Lagoon Point Traffic Meeting**

Representatives from the Island County Sheriff's Department and Road Department have been invited to meet with the board of directors, at the next open board meeting March 2<sup>nd</sup>, to discuss how we can work together to improve compliance with our 20 MPH speed limit throughout the community of Lagoon Point. Interested Lagoon Point property owners are cordially invited to attend.

### **Lagoon Point Water District** *by Jack Maxwell*

**To The Residents of Areas 3, 4, 5 & 6:** Our sincere apology to the residents for the great inconvenience caused the past few days - by having to shut off the water several times, due to a very bad pipe break, coming down the hill from Westcliff Drive to Shorewood Drive. This break in the pipe was not repairable by District people, due to the type of break it was, and its location. It was then necessary for us to find and bring in professional specialists to repair and replace the main water pipe coming down the hill. Since this would take several days, a temporary fire hose was installed from the top of the hill, to a fire hydrant on Shorewood, to insure that water would be available to the residents of the above areas - during the repair time. We are also installing a back-up system on the south end of Lagoon Point, with the proper pressure reducing valve system.

When an emergency like this happens, it is impossible for us to notify the residents before we must shut down the water system. It must be done as quickly as possible, to prevent flooding, water erosion, home damage and water loss, etc. However, when we do know ahead of time that it is necessary to shut down the water system, or parts, we do try to let as many people know as possible.

Again, our sincere apologies to the folks in these areas, and THANK YOU so much for your understanding and appreciation of our problem. Fortunately, this type of thing is a rare occurrence.

Your Lagoon Point Water District is one of the best. We have, by far, the lowest rates on the Island, the best water on the Island, and the most up-to date equipment to bring you the safest water available.

By the way, your Water District does have adequate financial reserves built up to cover such emergency repairs, such as this last one. We do not see any reason to raise rates because of this costly repair.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact any one of the Commissioners.

<i>Pat Connors</i>	<i>Jack Maxwell</i>	<i>Don Smith</i>
678-6334	678-5548	222-3148

### **The Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors met Tuesday evening February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Greenbank Clubhouse. In accordance with LPIC bylaws, the board voted unanimously to commence "other collection efforts", for seven delinquent accounts of over one year, upon which liens have been filed. This had previously been discussed in the January 27<sup>th</sup> Executive Board meeting. Those accounts have now been referred to the LPIC attorney for further action.

## Jetty Permit Status – Progress

All permitting work has been completed. Issuance of the Army Corps of Engineers Repair Permit and Island County Building Permit are expected by the end of February 2004.

## Jetty Assessment Payment Status – 86%

As of January 31, 2003, we have received \$87,630.85 of the \$101,985 approved for the Jetty Repair Assessment. Of 393 property owners, 347 owners have paid per approved options: 330 have paid in full; 14 have made two of three payments. 45 property owners are \$14,354 delinquent including 37 who have made no payments.



## Lagoon Point Dredging Funding Committee Report

The Dredging Funding Committee is making refinements to a proposal and presentation. There are a few questions to be answered and then it will be presented to the board.

## Neighborhood Watch *by Janet Bondelid*

We live in a small community where most of us know our neighbors. With so many of us coming and going for weekends or trips it is important to be aware of those who are and who are NOT our neighbors. In the past couple of years there has been a lot of building and activity by workmen who don't live here, especially along the canals.

We all get casual about security because we live in such a safe neighborhood (or so it seems), but you should know that on the east canal in the last year or so, an outboard motor stored under a dinghy was taken off a dock and the dinghy was left in the canal to drift away. Shortly afterwards, a large sail was taken out of an unlocked dock box on the same dock. Recently, another east canal resident was working on his boat, and to air it out, he left the companionway door open for a few days. The next time he went aboard, he noticed ALL his electronics were gone. Just this month, another homeowner was finishing landscaping of his property and had brought a large diameter rope to add to the design. It had not been installed and disappeared from his place before that could be done. This would probably have taken 2 men to move due to its size. There seems to be a correlation to reported missing items and work being done nearby such as landscaping, or construction of houses or docks in the above cases. All the above items are **not inexpensive**.

If you see something that doesn't make sense or seems odd, ask people who they are, or who hired them, etc., what they are doing (in a friendly way) or jot down license plate numbers and call the sheriff's office.

Don't automatically assume anything. Thieves can also come in by water in kayaks, etc. Deception is sometimes part of their modus operandi. Several years ago in Seattle, we foiled a thief who was repeatedly slowly driving a delivery truck through a lakefront neighborhood near the Burke Gilman trail. He was wearing a spandex bicycling outfit, and probably had a bicycle in the back of the truck for a getaway on the trail if caught. After seeing him apparently trolling the neighborhood, I asked him if he was looking for any particular address, and he said, "Oh no, I'm just looking." I thought that odd, (especially his "delivery" outfit) and called the cops.

They arrested him a couple of hours later for previous burglaries in the area.

Often just having people be aware that we do watch out for each other is enough to dissuade someone from doing something illegal. It would also seem prudent to lock things up that you care about.

## LPIC Records

The Board of Directors Records Committee has been working on the daunting project of inventorying, organizing and archiving our LPIC minutes, correspondence, newsletters, ballots, rosters, financial records and other historical records. It is nearly complete, with the exception of missing records for **1966, 1967 and 1970**.

If you have originals or copies of LPIC documents and would like to add them to the archive, please contact the **LPIC Assistant Secretary Paula Ratcliff at 360-222-3027 or 678-1065**. We have a safe archive storage area and procedures for proper preservation of our LPIC historical documents.

## \$\$\$ PROPANE CO-OP

Ferrellgas is offering a propane group purchase program in our community that will offer significant cost savings. Enough Lagoon Point residents have already signed up to get this program started. The more members, the lower the price. For details call Debra Jones, Ferrellgas Customer Service Representative at 800-595-3033.



### Corrected 2004 LPIC Calendar

Jan 13 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
Feb 10 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
Mar 2 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
<b>Mar 13 – Saturday</b>	<b>St Patrick's Day Potluck</b>
Apr 6 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
May 4 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
Jun 1 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
<b>July 3 - Saturday</b>	<b>Lagoon Point Garage Sale</b>
July 6 – Tuesday	Board Meeting

Aug 3 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
<b>Sep 4 – Saturday</b>	<b>Fishing Derby, Membership Annual Meeting &amp; Potluck</b>
Sep 7 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
Oct 5 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
Nov 9 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
<b>Dec 4 – Saturday</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>
Dec 7 – Tuesday	Board Meeting
Jan 11, 05 – Tues	Board Meeting

### LPIC e-Bulletins

LPIC is publishing bulletins and announcements via email, to augment our monthly printed newsletter and our website: [www.lagoonpoint.com](http://www.lagoonpoint.com). If you would like to receive the LPIC e-Bulletin, email your request to [LPIC@whidbey.net](mailto:LPIC@whidbey.net) and please include your name and phone number.

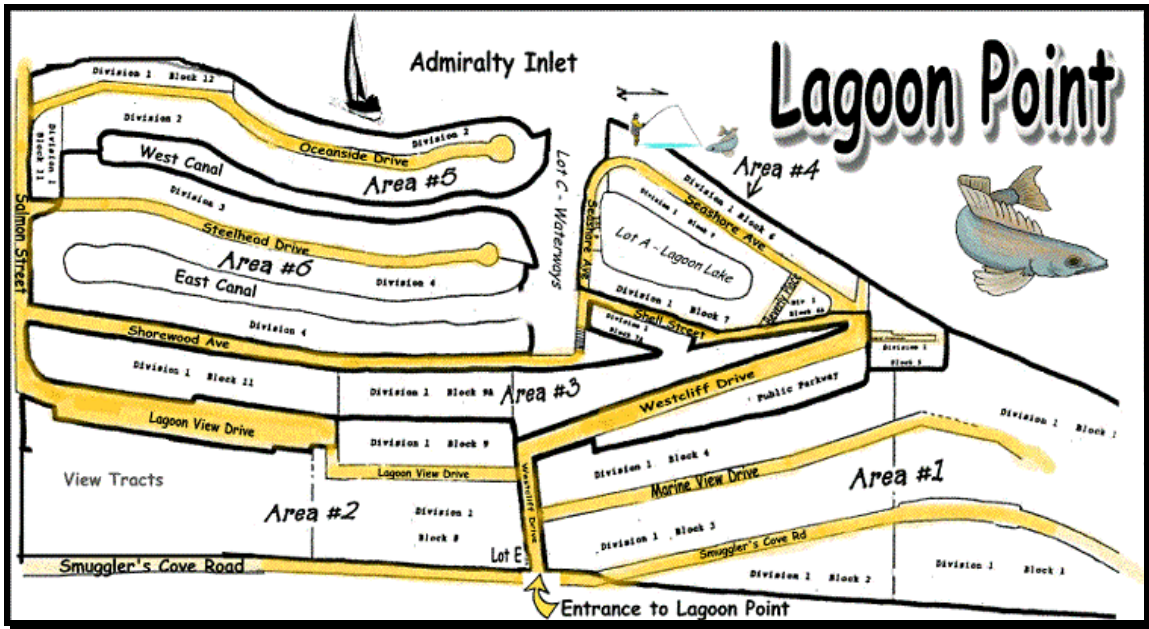
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- **LP HERON** Hooded & regular Sweatshirts, T's! Any size and color, they Benefit "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", our own voluntary LP help organization. Call Margo Lane 360-222-3209
- Need sewing done? Experienced seamstress. Many baby afghans, a few baby quilts made up, can take orders, great handmade gifts for a shower. Call Monica Vierra 678-6310.
- Hi, my name is Maddy Ess and I would like to walk or take care of your pets for you. Rates are negotiable & reasonable. 678-2913.
- Missing (STOLEN?) – 150 feet of 4" Tugboat Line, from 3727 Steelhead, between Christmas and early February. It was to be used for landscaping. It's heavy and fills a pickup truck. If you have any information, please call D.J. Hardy 425-478-4600.
- For Sale – Bunk Beds that make into twin beds. With box springs, mattress, linens and bedspreads. \$100 OBO Call Ralph 702-254-5599 –or– 206-419-0916

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Area 5	Bob Rodgers	360-678-0770	
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