

Lagoon Point Newsletter

March 2005

Next Board meetings: All Board meetings are open to all LPIC members. Board 'discussion' and 'agenda-planning' meetings are strictly for discussion. No actions are taken, no decisions made.

* **Board discussion meeting** on next steps to dredging: Tuesday, March 22, 7 PM, Linda Armstrong's home

* **Board agenda-planning meeting:** Tuesday, March 29, 7 PM, Linda Armstrong's home
Linda's home is at 3412 Marine View Drive. If planning to come please call Linda ahead: 678-1425

Possible action meetings at the Greenbank Clubhouse:

* **Special Membership Meeting** to vote on bylaw amendments: Tuesday, April 5, 2005, 6:30 PM,

* **Regular monthly LPIC Board meeting:** Tuesday, April 5, 2005, 7 PM

Begorra, The St Patrick's Day party is ON !

6 PM Saturday, March 19, at the Greenbank Clubhouse

Wear your green ! And bring your neighbor !

Lynn Schmid has graciously volunteered to coordinate our annual St. Patrick's Day Party.
(She could use some help at 5:00, to set everything out.)

LPIC will provide soft drinks, coffee & tea, plates-napkins-forks-knives.

And one of our neighbors is donating beer.

Bring your neighbor and a potluck item: a hot dish, salad, dessert, appetizer....whatever.

Did you receive the bylaw changes ballot we sent you ? – Aaron Lowin, Bylaws Committee

You should now have received in the mail your ballot to vote on two proposed bylaw amendments.

(If you didn't receive your ballot, let us know and we'll send a replacement.)

One amendment is urgently needed to help us recover our full actual legal, court, and other costs of collecting unpaid assessments.

The second amendment clarifies the requirements for Board members and their election. This amendment would eliminate the awkward four-month "lame duck" problem that occurs between our elections, now held around Labor Day, and January 1, when the new Board members take office. The amendment would also clarify that Area Reps must own property in the area they represent, and that only property owners from that area may vote for an Area Representative.

Your vote is important. Please vote and return your ballot.

We need your vote to reach the 133 votes required to validate this election. So, whether you vote Yes or No on each proposal, **please vote.**

Loose dogs and speeding cars ... From the President - Linda Armstrong

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It's truly amazing! I've spent some time lately reading from the archives of the Lagoon Point Improvement Club -- the newsletters and minutes of past meetings, the correspondence and concerns of the neighborhood. It's truly amazing how much the more things change, the more they stay the same. We know that dredging and the jetty and even the bridge bring out a lot of disagreement. But we also know we live in a magical place and believe we are lucky to have found a piece of heaven. We all agree the common properties have to be maintained or even improved, but we don't agree on the details ... how to do it. These are the common threads that run through the contents of our archives. Common too are concerns about loose dogs and speeding cars. They were issues then and they remain issues with us today.

Yet what strikes me deeply is the sense of community, continuity and celebration that inhabits these documents. Three times each year we agree to check our differences at the door and participate in sharing some food, some conversation and some time together. In March, September and December we come together and we have come together for years to simply enjoy what we share.

So I invite you one and all to join us on Saturday March 19th at 6 PM at the Greenbank Clubhouse for our annual celebration of community and St. Patrick's Day. For one evening we will eat, talk, meet old friends, make new friends, get acquainted and reacquainted. We'll talk about the things we love and share and, yes, about things we see differently. But behind it all will be the reality that we are neighbors, that we want the best for our magical place, and that we can and will continue to be a community of caring people.

Please join us, and bring along your neighbor too !

We remember Gene Armont by Judy Miller and Luella Finsen

We send our condolences to Bobbi Armont on the passing of her husband Gene, on February 14, 2005, while Gene was working on one of his old cars. Gene was a great mechanic, helping at the farm for a few years, restoring much of the old equipment there.

He loved Whidbey Island and had worked on his property at Lagoon Point for the past 17 years, previously owning other property on Whidbey. Over the years Gene and Roberta (Bobbi) made a park of their 5 acres. He loved going to Senior Meals and joking with the group there. We will miss his gentle smiles and his love.

From the Treasurer – Bill Schmid

Our budget year (our “fiscal year”) runs from July 1st of each year through June 30th of the next year. Annual assessment payments are due June 30 of each year.

Status of this year’s budget (Fiscal Year 2004-05) – Our operating funds are tight for the rest of this fiscal year. Some lot owners have not yet paid their assessments and some of our expenses have been greater than we’d budgeted. We can handle this. The Finance Committee and the Board have reviewed ways to contain our spending for the last months of the year. They decided to defer paying portions of some of our large bills (audit, insurance premium, etc.) until more funds come available (as overdue assessments continue to be paid), and possibly using our Contingency Fund to pay unbudgeted and unexpected expenses under \$500, as our budget permits. These steps should leave us sufficient funds to pay our bills for the last four months of this Fiscal Year.

We’re now planning next year’s budget (Fiscal Year 2005-06) -- The Board is weighing whether or not to propose a new budget for Fiscal 2005-06. The alternative is to repeat this year’s budget, unchanged, for one more year. This year’s budget was first adopted in 2002-03. Continuing it for another year would make four years for which we have used the exact same budget.

Two issues are important here. (1) Our experience with actual income and actual expenses indicates that some of our budget estimates could be more realistic. We should perhaps change those budget items so they are more in line with what actually occurs to us financially. (2) Is the current \$65 per lot annual assessment sufficient to build adequate long-term maintenance reserves? The \$65 assessment remains adequate to cover our maintenance expenses and administrative costs, but our long-term reserves are not building up very fast.

A new budget would have to be approved by a vote of the membership. If the Board decides to seek a new budget, we will send out a ballot some time in mid or late April. In any case, your annual assessment bill will be mailed in late May, and your assessment payment will be due back June 30th.

Delinquent assessments are being paid: Thank You to the six lot owners who paid their past due assessments this last month. We still have 18 delinquent accounts, totaling \$7,902.50 (figure includes penalties accrued for not paying assessments when due). Delinquent assessments restrict our ability to pay all our bills on time. We will have to defer partial payment of a few administration and maintenance expenses till more assessment payments come in. Some bills will be paid after July 1.

Finance or assessment questions? Please contact the Treasurer by mail (LPIC, PO Box 123, Greenbank WA 98253) or by phone (360-222-3305)

Progress toward new Division 2-3-4 Covenants *by Frank Roberts, Committee Chair*

The Div 2,3,4 Covenant process is moving forward. The Covenants meeting on February 26, open to all Division 2-3-4 lot owners, focused on building height restrictions and set-backs. The meeting was well attended and apparently well received as it ended with a round of applause.

The Committee now has the results of that first meeting and of the survey it had sent out. It looks like the path being taken to draft the new covenants is being productive.

The Committee will next be moving on to tougher issues, including election of the members of the Architectural Committee and staggered terms of office. Also needing attention will be the Division 2-3-4 Waterway Fund and possibly an "Operating Fund."

The Committee is open to all; there are no Committee "members" as such. All Div 2,3,4 lot owners are invited to participate at any time, on any subject, in all working meetings and public meetings. We invite suggestions and comments from all Division 2-3-4 lot owners.

Questions? Comments or suggestions? When's the next meeting?

Please contact Paulette Clayton, Andy Messer, Bob Bennett, Bob VonDrachek, Don Chamberlain, Tom Heerhartz, Janet Bondelid or Frank Roberts.

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- For Sale: 1993 Grady White Fishing Boat, 20' 4", Beam 8' 1", Yamaha 175hp outboard, Galvanized Tandem axel trailer, loaded with extras, \$24,000.00 Call Rosalyn Williams (206) 365-2873 or Keith Williams (206) 605-0200 (3rd x)
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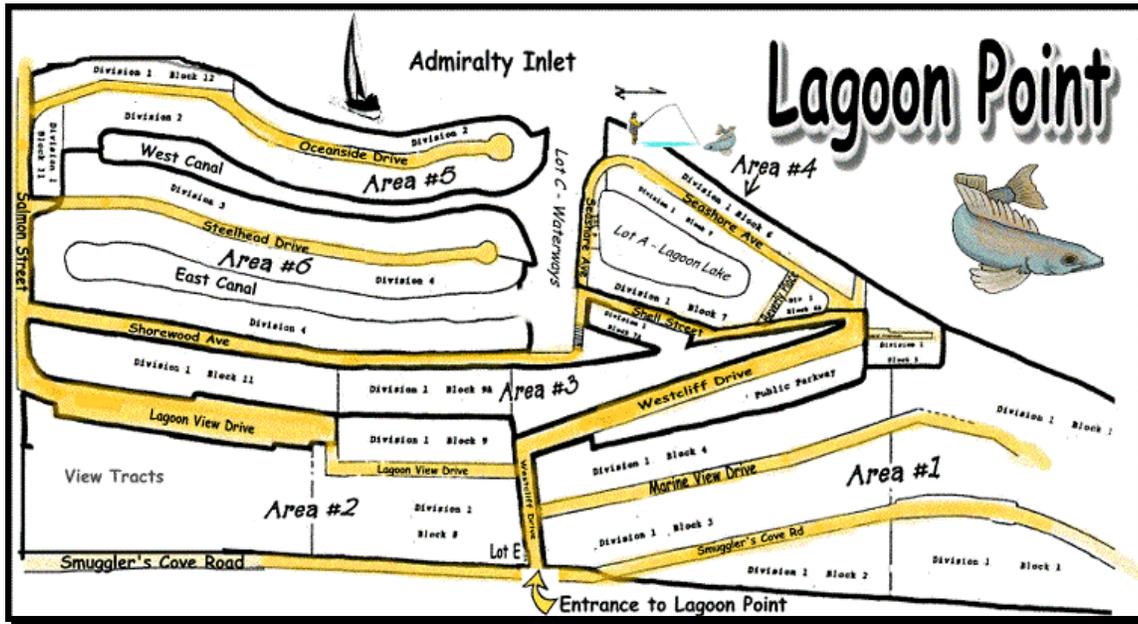
The speed limit throughout Lagoon Point is 20 MPH !!

Your neighbors are watching you !

20 MPH is really S L O W Relax. Slow down.
Be considerate of your neighbors and enjoy the pace of the island.
Please caution your friends, relatives, visitors, and your contractors in a hurry.

Fine schedule for speeding
1- 5 mph \$91
6-10 mph \$101
11-15 mph \$132

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Contact your 2005 Area Representative:

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| Area 2 | (vacant) | | |
| Area 3 | Roy Blackwell | 425-347-9312 | |
| Area 4 | Mike Stevens | 206-542-7139 | 360-678-3689 |
| Area 5 | Tom Heerhartz | 360-678-7787 | |
| Area 6 | Janet Bondelid | 360-222-3182 | |

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