

Lagoon Point Newsletter

April 2004

Next regular open Board meeting: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, May 4th 2004, at the Greenbank Clubhouse

Island County Code 10.01.150 B. The Maximum speed on ALL Lagoon Point roads lying west of ... (Smugglers Cove Road), twenty (20) miles per hour. (Ord. 661, September 2, 1969, vol. 13, p.210)



Watch your speed – The speed limit throughout Lagoon Point is 20 MPH – radar enforced 24 / 7

So who is it that is tearing up and down our streets at 30 to 40 MPH anyway? Sadly it is mostly residents! Although some contractors, delivery vehicles and guests are seen driving well over 20 MPH, residents don't have any excuse. **20 MPH is really SLOW.** Relax. Slow down. Enjoy the pace of the island. We take walks in these streets. There are no sidewalks. Please caution your friends, relatives and visitors as well. Island County Sheriff's Department Patrol cars with radar have been seen around the neighborhood in some pretty clever places.

Members of the LPIC Board of Directors recently met with Island County officials to discuss enforcement of our 20 mph speed limit. Subjects covered adding more speed limit signs, improving visibility at intersections, more sheriffs' patrols and increasing community awareness. There is no single, simple fix. It takes continued time and effort from all of us to keep our neighborhood safe.

Fine Schedule for Speeding

1- 5 mph	\$91
6-10 mph	\$101
11-15 mph	\$132

As you drive around Lagoon Point, you will notice a few new 20 mph signs. Take a look at your speedometer. Surprised? OK, slow back down to 20 mph – be part of the solution. Thanks for your cooperation.

Lagoon Point Saint Patrick's Day Party

The annual Lagoon Point Saint Patrick's Day Party was held Saturday March 13, 2004 at the Greenbank Clubhouse. The "pot luck" dinner was great. There was plenty of mouth-watering corn-beef & cabbage, delicious side dishes, salads, and deserts. The hungry crowd didn't leave any leftovers. Thanks to everyone for the great cuisine. Special thanks to Carole Holmes for volunteering to chair the event and to all the other folks who volunteered to help her.

Jetty Project Status

All required Island County permits are in hand. All additional information has been coordinated with the requesting agency and submitted to the Army Corps of Engineers. While we wait for the final issuance of the COE permit, we have begun the contractor bid process. Although the work schedule is not finalized, we are targeting the low tides in late July. The repair should take about two weeks.

Jetty Assessment Payment Status – 90%

As of March 31, 2004, we have received \$91,756 of the \$101,985 approved for the Jetty Repair Assessment. Of 393 property owners, 357 owners have paid in full. 33 property owners are \$10,229 delinquent, including 26 who have made no payments. A 5% penalty was added to past due balances on April 2nd 2004.



The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met Tuesday evening April 6th at the Greenbank Clubhouse. It was reported that, of the 19 liens filed in July 2003 for delinquencies of more than one year, 11 have been paid in full and have been removed.

Lagoon Point Dredging Funding Committee Report

The Dredging Funding Committee has presented a proposal to the board for final review. Following board approval, the proposal will be presented to the membership.

Bylaws

An LPIC Bylaw amendment is being prepared to revise the procedure for election of the board of directors. If approved by the membership, the amendment would change the purpose of our LPIC annual membership meeting (late August or early September) to nominations and move the election to November, by mail-in ballot. This will make the election process consistent with our other voting procedures. Other separate bylaw amendments, for a variety of administrative purposes, are also being studied.

DO YOU HAVE A FAILING DRAINFIELD? *By Mike Stevens*

If you have a failing drainfield you may be eligible for a low interest loan. Island County currently has a Water Quality Improvement Fund that is available for the repair of failing drainfields. The repair may not be part of a home remodel or replacement proposal. The program assists homeowners in making drainfield repairs if it meets pollution potential criteria. The loan is for five years and is currently just one-half (0.5) percent. For more information, please contact Kathleen Parvin, Island County Health Department at (360) 321-5111.

Food for Thought – *Confessions of a Reformed Dumper*

Dear Neighbors:

After you have read this article, for obvious reasons, you will understand why I prefer to remain anonymous. I am one of the “cliff dwellers” that lives on top of the bluff at Lagoon Point. A couple of weeks ago, another neighbor of our community brought to my attention, that dumping bio-degradable yard clippings over the bank, was probably not a good idea for us living on top, or the people below at the foot of our cliff because should a slide occur, we could lose our front yards or more, and the folks below could be buried under tons of clay, sand, and vegetation!

This neighbor was kind enough to share a publication sponsored by the Washington State Dept. of Ecology to substantiate the claim, entitled “Vegetation Management: A Guide for Puget Sound Bluff Property Owners.” I found it to be very interesting reading. Removal or cutting of trees and vegetation must be carefully researched before any action is taken. What do we do with yard debris and grass clippings? After listening to my neighbor and reading this publication, I know for sure, they should not be dumped over the edge! These materials will decompose, form a mat, hold water, and add weight to the top of the bluff while killing the vegetation underneath, thus contributing to the instability of our sand/clay bluff.

Now I don't think any of us want to wonder if we might have contributed to a slide at Lagoon Point, so, while we may have been lucky up to this point, there is no better time than right now to stop this practice. Check around with authoritative sources, and you will find that an innocent action like dumping bio-degradable grass clippings, over time, has contributed to slides in the Puget Sound area. This is my guilt offering word of wisdom, and I will dump no more.

Dogs Adrift – Reminder

The County Dog Leash Ordinance requires that **dogs must not be allowed to run free** here in Lagoon Point.

Lights Out

Island County night lighting regulations prohibit the use of unshielded outdoor lights in excess of 60 watts. As good neighbors we should attempt to comply. Please do not leave outside lights on all night. Motion sensors are recommended both for security and for compliance.

Neighborhood Watch

The most effective way to increase security in our neighborhood is to look out for each other. If you see something that looks out of place, but you don't feel like it warrants a 911 call, you may report the situation to the Island County Sheriffs Department Dispatcher:

North Whidbey: 678-6116 or 679-9567
South Whidbey: 321-4400

Take note of vehicle descriptions, license numbers, time of day, etc. The report may not generate a police call, but all information is useful. The dispatcher has a bigger picture of what is going on, and you might have the missing piece to put it all together.

LPIC e-Bulletins

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

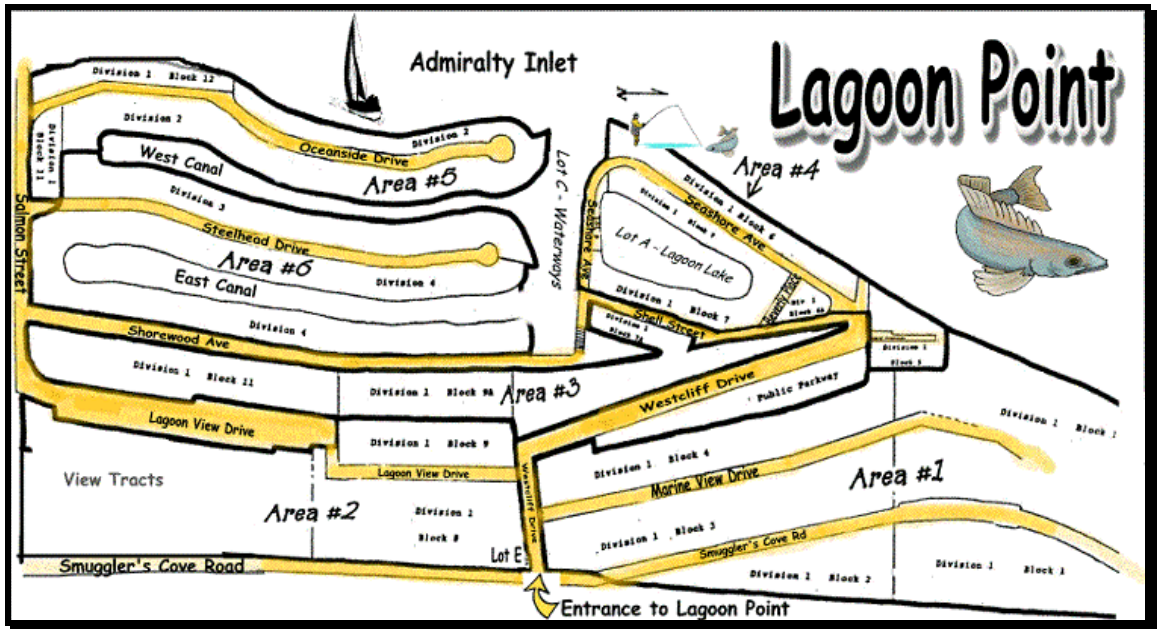
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- Need sewing done? Experienced seamstress. Many baby afghans, a few baby quilts made up, can take orders, great handmade gifts for a shower. Call Monica Vierra 678-6310.
- Hi, my name is Maddy Ess and I would like to walk or take care of your pets for you. Rates are negotiable & reasonable. 678-2913.
- We have several ceiling lights (round with gold trim) and ceiling fan with lights free for anyone who could use it. If interested, please contact Cindy and Tony at (360) 678-1715
- Dock Space For Rent – Lot 37, Division 4 (Steelhead Dr). Monthly fee negotiable. Call Marv Earl (253) 631-0750

If you need to delete your ad, or would like to add an ad, please e-mail: lpic@whidbey.net



Contact your 2004 Area Representative:

Area 1	Bob Vierra	360-678-6310	
Area 2	Graham Benson	360-222-3018	
Area 3	Roy Blackwell	425-347-9312	
Area 4	Mike Stevens	206-542-7139	360-678-3689
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