

Lagoon Point Newsletter

June 2005

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

Next Board agenda-planning meeting: Thursday, July 7, 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

Next regular monthly Board meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2005, 6:30 PM, at the Greenbank Clubhouse.

The August regular Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, same time and place.

From the President – Linda Armstrong

Surprise: A new computer donated !! On the next page you will find the happy news that one of our neighbor lot owners (who wishes to remain anonymous) has donated to LPIC a new computer. The computer will be used principally to maintain our membership and financial records.

Never having had our own computer, we've always kept our records on whatever system the treasurer happened to own. Transferring our records from one treasurer's system to the next and assuring that the old files ran well on the new system always posed difficult problems. This will help a lot.

We get a new treasurer about every two years. The outgoing treasurer will still have to pass their experience and skills to the incoming treasurer, but now we will be able to hand the computer over, its files intact and working. Thank you, Mr. Anonymous Neighbor, for your generous gift.

Staying in touch with all our lot owners. This donation got me thinking about something else. The gift came about because of an article the treasurer wrote in the April Newsletter. The article explained that in the next budget we'd be proposing to purchase a computer and, in time, certain other essential office equipment we don't own. The anonymous lot owner read the article, and contacted the treasurer.

Here's the interesting thing: This anonymous neighbor-lot owner doesn't live here much of the year. And that's not unusual. More than half of our lot owners live elsewhere much of the year. While not here they may not be aware of what's going on at Lagoon Point. So how do we communicate with them? This newsletter is how we stay in touch with our many absentee lot-owners. The only other regular contact LPIC has with absent lot owners is when we ask them for money: through our annual assessment invoices, our infrequent special assessment invoices, and also through our occasional ballot mail-outs for special assessments or bylaw changes.

Think about it! This newsletter is the main way we keep in touch with our many absentee lot owners, and of course with our neighbors who live here more regularly. This newsletter builds good will. The newsletter tells people what's going on in our community, about our community problems and how we resolve them, and explains why we need and how we use lot owners' assessments for area maintenance. Without this newsletter we would lose touch with our lot owners who live elsewhere, and that in turn would undermine crucial voting support for our maintenance and governance initiatives.

From the Treasurer – Bill Schmid

Our 2005-06 budget (July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006) was approved by 87 percent of the 227 lot owners voting. That's a high voter turnout. We will post the new budget on the LPIC website. (Fifteen voters used the secret ballot option.) For their work on May 31st I thank our budget ballot counters: Luella Finsen, Judy Miller, Marty Crowley, and Mike Stevens.

We have a new LPIC computer, very generously donated to us by a property owner, who wishes to remain anonymous. Thank You !! The donor indicated he/she wanted to "show the LP community that we can work together to make ours a positive and unified group of property owners, who donate their time and resources to better the conditions of all the LP property owners". (Not a direct quote; my summary of the comments made to me).

The 2005 annual assessment statements will be mailed to you around June 15, two weeks late. Please send us your payment promptly. The annual assessment will remain at \$65 per lot. Division 2, 3, and 4 lot owners will see an additional assessment of \$18 per lot, for their Waterway Fund.

The annual assessment covers our routine predictable maintenance and administration, and builds our reserves for more costly less predictable work. The mailing delay is due to our having to acquire and install essential support software on the new LPIC computer, transfer the LPIC files from my personal computer to the new one, enter the approved budget and generate the new billings. (Whew!) Your annual assessment payments will be due July 15, 30 days after we mail you your billing.

Please, don't put this off. After July 15th penalties begin to accrue.

Page Gilbert is our new Area Two Rep

We welcome Page Gilbert to the LPIC Board!

At the June 7th Board meeting Page Gilbert was unanimously approved by the Board to fill the long-vacant Area Two rep position. Page is a school district administrator/specialist, most recently involved in program development and funding (for the Edmonds School District). The Board will quickly begin making use of her administrative experience and skills. Page lives on Westcliff Drive.

Page can be reached at 360-222-3104, or by e-mail to: lpic@whidbey.net

Lagoon Point To Cooperate with Island County Oil Spill Response Program

Lagoon Point resident Marty Crowley talked In June with the LPIC Board about LPIC cooperating with a new Island County Oil Spill Assessment Team ('ICOSAT'). ICOSAT, a community volunteer organization, will prepare damage control plans to be used in the event of a hazardous spill off Whidbey. ICOSAT is patterned after a similar organization at work in the San Juans.

ICOSAT will be preparing a manual their teams and local folks such as us can use to respond well to a hazardous spill off Whidbey. ICOSAT will give LPIC the new manual. The Board explained that we already have some oil spill gear set aside, but mainly for spills inside our waterway. (There was some recognition that we may not be fully trained in using our own gear.) The LPIC Board gave ICOSAT permission to access Admiralty Inlet through our common properties in the event of a hazardous spill.

For information contact Marty Crowley

Clear it all out. OR - - Bring it home ('cause some day we may need it)

The annual Lagoon Point Garage Sale: Saturday July 2nd ! Be There. Sell stuff. Buy stuff. Meet your neighbors' neighbors and check out their stuff.

This is our one-day only sale, 9 AM - 4 PM. LPIC owners and guests get a head-start (presale) at 8 AM.

We will be advertising the Garage Sale in advance, in the local Whidbey Island newspapers. As in prior years we expect to draw a lot of people. It should again be a great success.

Here's your opportunity to clean out your garage, basement, under the kids' beds, your spouse's dusty collectibles. Get out, walk around, talk with your neighbors. Many sale items do seem to pass from one LP household to another. That's OK. That's how people meet.

This is also a good time to consider a donation to LP's 'Neighbors helping Neighbors'. Many LP owners donate 10 percent of their garage sale proceeds to 'NHN'. Neighbors helping Neighbors is a volunteer group of LP homeowners. NHN funds are used to help neighbors within the LP community. (NHN is not part of the LPIC Homeowners Association).

For information about the garage sale call event coordinator Lynn Schmid, 222-3305.
For information about NHN call Margo Lane (222-3209) or Carole Holmes (678-8874).

Parking Lot Passes and Beach Tags

You must display these when using any of the LP common property parking areas or beachfront. This summer we will be enforcing these rules. This is in accordance with our "LPIC Boat Ramp Key Control and Waterway Rules." Identifying yourself (and your vehicle) as a Lagoon Point property owner greatly helps your neighbors who own homes along Admiralty Inlet and near the Lot C waterway.

Our commonly owned properties are not open to public use. Our properties are owned by and maintained for the Lagoon Point property owners. A good portion of our annual assessments goes to maintain these common properties for our use and for our guests.

This year is promising to be a great year for fishing and vacationing. We expect lots of people to visit our area, some with invitations, some without. We post signs, but not everyone respects them.

Please challenge anyone who appears to be using our common properties without sponsorship by a LP property owner. Vehicles not displaying a large LP decal and people using our common beach property without someone displaying a small LP decal should be asked *politely* (always politely) to please leave our private property. Most do so when asked. If someone refuses to leave *don't argue with them*. Note their license plate number, go home and report them quickly to the sheriff (321-4400 or 678-9567) as trespassing on private property.

To avoid arguments at the Parking Lot (this happens a lot), we will be reporting unauthorized vehicles to the sheriff's office. If your parking tag is not visible the deputy (see item next page) may challenge you on summer weekends.

Be sure you have your keys and decals. They are the same ones we've issued previously. If you can't locate yours, contact us for a replacement. No charge for replacement decals. Replacement keys (these are expensive security keys) cost \$150. For replacements contact Bill Schmid, 222-3305 or lpict@whidbey.com.

Should we again hire a sheriff's deputy for fishing season security?

At the July 12 meeting the Board will consider contracting (as it has in the past) for a sheriff's deputy to patrol our commonly owned Lot-C waterway and adjacent parking areas. About \$1200 is set aside for this in the newly approved budget, enough for eight patrol weekends.

This expenditure has been questioned by some. If you feel strongly come to the Board's July 12 meeting or send us an e-mail or letter. The Board will carefully consider all legitimate correspondence it receives on this question.

Hooray - the Stibre dock is repaired and back in use. We all thank the repair crew: Frank Roberts, Bert Pack, Bob Vierra, Bill Schmid, Andy Messer and Ernie Clayton.

More on the future of Lots E and EE

There sure are strong feelings on this matter, pro and con. The May newsletter reported that the Board is beginning to consider selling these two community-owned lots, either individually or as a pair. E and EE make up the southwest corner at the entry to Lagoon Point. There will be lots of discussion, and what the Board will recommend or when is by no means clear.

The Board's recommendation will depend very much on how much LPIC could realize by selling the lots. That, in turn, would depend on whether the lots perk, separately or if combined. Perking is crucial. The Board at its July 12th meeting will consider purchasing perk tests for both lots.

If you have strong opinion on this matter, let us know. Come to the July 12 Board meeting, or speak with your Area Rep or any other Board member. Or, send us a letter or e-mail. Our e-mail address is: lpic@whidbey.net

However the discussion goes, the lot owners will have the final say: Any recommendation by the Board will be sent out for a vote of the lot owners.

Good result from the coliform testing of Lagoon Lake ('Lot A')

The lab reported back that the sample showed a coliform count typical for environmental waters.

We'll continue testing Lagoon Lake, for coliform, three times a year: in spring (after the flapper valve is re-opened), late summer (after the value has remained open and the lake flushed by tides), and mid-winter (after the flapper valve has remained shut for some time). Excessive fecal coliform is an indicator of unhealthy lake water, possible septic system failure.

Think about running for a Board position ! All six officer positions will be open for election, also, this being an odd-numbered year, the three even-numbered Area Rep positions: Areas 2, 4, and 6.

Now's a good time to think about volunteering to participate on your community's vibrant governance organization. The election will be in November, by mail ballot, but there's a long runup before that.

In July the Nominating Committee will begin recruiting LPIC members to run for office. At the Annual Meeting of the LPIC Membership, in late August or early September, the committee will report nominations. The subsequent newsletter will announce the candidates.

Think about joining the Board in one capacity or another. Ask a Board member about their experiences

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If you'd like e-mail delivery instead of snail mail send us an em (our em address is: lpic@whidbey.net) and we'll add your name to our e-mail distribution.

Community announcements

Please keep EVERYONE OFF the jetty

The rock walls of our jetty are inherently dangerous. Climbing, even walking, on the walls is very unsafe! The jetty rebuild has not changed that. Even the biggest jetty rocks can become unstable due to wind and wave action, and some do tumble down. And the rocks may be slippery, so footing is uncertain. Between the rocks are gaping holes large enough for a small child to fall in, or for your ankle to slip in and snap.

Keep your kids and yourselves **OFF the jetty**. If someone is on the jetty walls, warn them to get off.

We have put up warning signs and a temporary barrier fence. A more durable fence is under consideration.

Does your address label show an error?

Tell us. We'll fix it ! We can't fix an error we don't know about.

Have you moved? Planning to? Save us money. Send us your new address now !

Please send us your new address before you move. For every address that is not current, the Post office charges us \$1 extra to forward your newsletter.

Send your address label correction or address change to LPIC, PO Box 123, Greenbank WA 98253

THE BULLETIN BOARD

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

- 'LP HERON' hooded & regular sweatshirts, T's! Any size, any color, they Benefit "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", our own voluntary LP help organization. Call Margo Lane, 360-222-3209
- Looking to rent a dock for July-Aug. We live on Marine View Dr and have a 38' power boat. Marty Gohlke (360) 222-3455, or punkin@foxinternet.net
- For sale: 1996 Chevy S10 Blazer. Religiously maintained (so to speak). New brakes, tires, wipers. 109K miles. Asking \$4950. Colleen Hammer 678-5925, hammcoll@aol.com, 3576 Marine View Dr
- Need sewing done? Embarrassed by droopy seams? 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 specialize in Happy Pets – yours. I would like to walk or take care of your pets for you. My rates negotiable & reasonable. 678-2913.
- Need anything done around the house? Odds and ends, babysitting, yard work? Please contact me, Elena Caldwell, I would love to help you out! My rates are reasonable. 678-9332

Watch your speed



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.

This speed limit also applies to All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs). Please advise your children of any age !

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

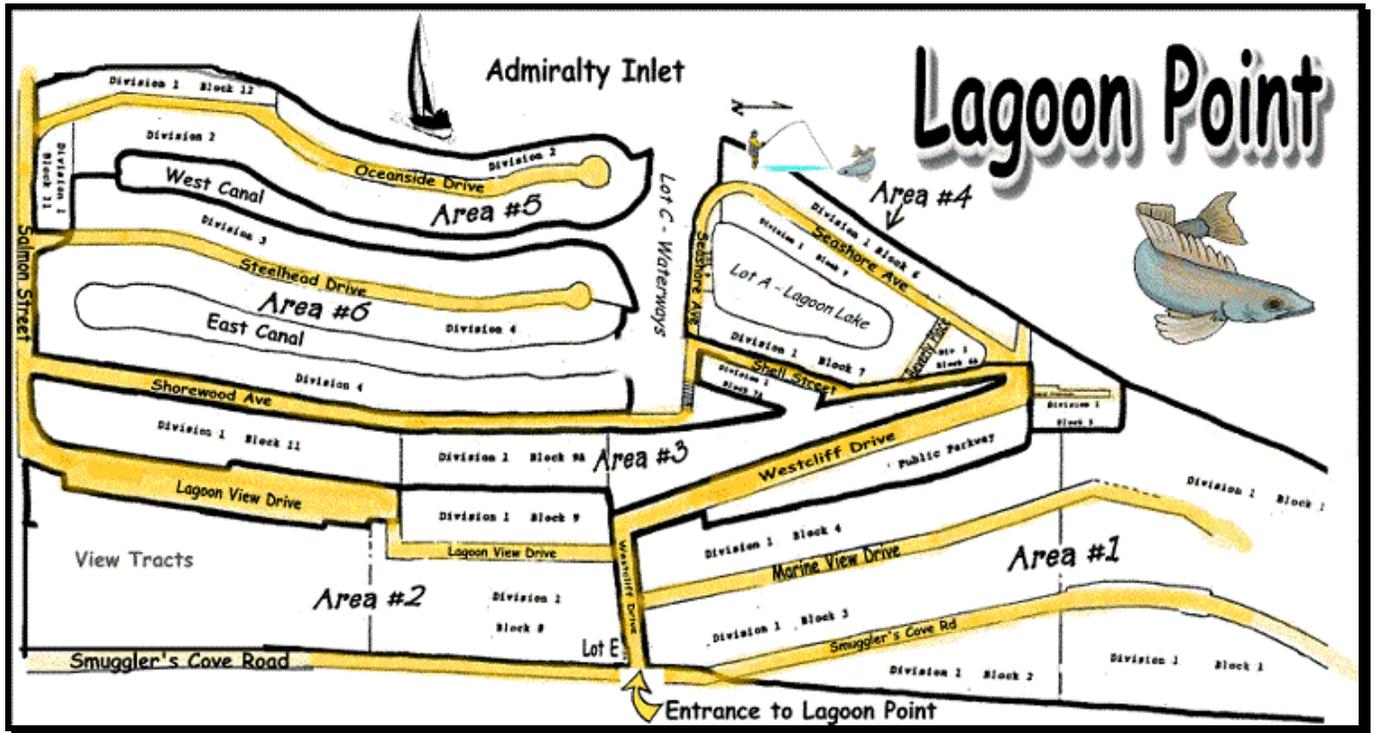
Be considerate of your neighbors and enjoy the pace of the island. Please caution your friends, relatives, visitors, and your contractors in a hurry.

Contact your 2005 Area Representative

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

Area 4 Mike Stevens 206-542-7139
or 360-678-3689
Area 5 Tom Heerhartz 360-678-7787
Area 6 Janet Bondelid 360-222-3182

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Fishing Derby and Community Potluck: Saturday, August 27th

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8 AM for LP property owners
Fishing Derby and Potluck: Saturday August 27th