

# Lagoon Point Newsletter

April 2003

Next regular open Board meeting: Tuesday May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbank Clubhouse.

## Results of the Vote on the Phase II Amendment to the LPIC Bylaws

The votes are finally in. The final tally, conducted by Don Franett and Suzanne Hoel, was 189 yes (66.5%) and 95 no (33.5%). Your vote does count – The proposal failed to achieve the required 2/3 majority by one vote! Out of a total of 378 ballots sent out, 168 (44.4%) were voted. The concerns of the community regarding this proposal are being considered and this issue will be modified and resubmitted as Phase II 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. We still need to revise the bylaws to correct numerous errors and omissions that have crept in over the years.

## The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met Tuesday evening April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Greenbank Clubhouse. After the committee reports, the promised announcement of the final results of the Phase II ballot was deferred, as the vote was still too close to call. Also, most business was deferred until the next board meeting. However, a straw pole was taken on preferences for alternative definitions of membership. An option to make membership in LPIC automatic with lot ownership, and to provide mail-in voting by lot was overwhelmingly preferred over our current form of membership, or any variation of it.

## Annual Budget

The board met April 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to discuss our Annual Budget. The annual amount of \$65 per lot will not change, but the allocations have been adjusted to reflect more current requirements. As soon as the budget is finalized it will be mailed out for member approval by mail-in ballot, by lot. If this revised budget does not pass, the current one remains in effect.

## Fire Destroys LP Residence *by Roy Blackwell*

Early on the evening of March 27, 2003 a fire destroyed the home of Dave and Marilyn Gouch in the northern part of Area 3. Their daughter occupied the home, with her two children ages 15 and 2 and two dogs. Fortunately the daughter was awake when the fire started and was able to take everyone to safety. Paula Ratcliff made contact with the Red Cross who provided assistance for clothing, shelter and basic needs. Neighbors took the family in for the night. Janet Ferguson along with others provided help from LPIC "Neighbors Helping Neighbors". A \$300.00 food certificate was given to the family. Early indications are that the origin of the fire was the electrical system. Local volunteer Firefighters responded and prevented the fire from spreading but were unable to save any of the structure.

## Watch your speed

The speed limit throughout Lagoon Point is 20 MPH – and the Island County Sheriff's Department is enforcing it. Please caution your visitors as well.

## Dogs Adrift

Reminder: The County Dog Leash Ordinance requires that dogs 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. The grace period since the ordinance went into effect 3 years ago just expired. As good neighbors we should attempt to comply. An information pamphlet will be available from Island County Planning Department next month.

## Dues

As a result of the failure of the Phase II bylaw amendment proposal, our club dues are still \$50 per year, even though we have replaced that form of funding by our annual lot owner's maintenance assessment for \$65 per lot per year. The collection of the July 1, 2002 dues was deferred until Phase II (which would have reduced the dues to \$10) was voted on. We have a choice: Either collect the \$50 dues now or defer them again and change the bylaws. The board has elected to modify Phase II and send out Phase II 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition for reconsideration.

## What is the Phase II 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition Bylaw Proposal?

Although we had been asking for member input to the bylaw discussions for several newsletters prior to the ballot mail-out, there was very little response. The ballot finally precipitated the feedback we were looking for. New in the "2<sup>nd</sup> Edition" will be a significant change to the definition of membership. It will be automatic with lot ownership and voting will be by lots owned:

### Section 1: (Members)

Membership in Lagoon Point Improvement Club, referred to herein as LPIC, the Club or the Corporation, is as follows: All persons who are lot owners in the Plat of Lagoon Point or Lagoon Point View Tracts are Members of Lagoon Point Improvement Club. Members are entitled to participate in the discussions and matters properly before this organization, and shall have one vote per lot owned. All mailings, including billing statements and ballots, shall be sent to the recorded name and address of each Member as maintained in the Club roster of members. It is the members' responsibility to notify LPIC of their current mailing address

There will be no club dues. Social functions will be funded by "pay at the door" or other fund raisers. Our charitable activities will continue to be by voluntary contributions and fund raisers. A new bylaw article will be added to address social and charitable activities. Article II will be changed only slightly from the Phase II mail-out to eliminate the references to "club dues". Once again these Articles are closely dependent on each other and will be voted on together. In addition, a review panel of non-board members will be named to give the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition a final going over before it is mailed out. This will happen fairly soon. This proposal needs to be approved in order to put our funding in proper order. Otherwise we will be required to collect the long overdue \$50 club dues for 2002 and then collect them again on July 1<sup>st</sup> 2003. See the full text of the draft at [www.lagoonpoint.com](http://www.lagoonpoint.com).

## After Phase II 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, What is next in the "Phase III" Bylaw Proposal?

After completion of Phase II 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, we will turn to meetings and election of Officers. Phase III will change the purpose of the annual meeting to be for nominations only. The election will be by mail-in ballot in November and the results will be announced in December. Comments, opinions and suggestions are welcome.

## Jetty Funding Assessment

Although the Jetty repair permit has not been issued yet, it is in the final approval stage (mostly waiting). However, once approved we need to be able to move quickly to take advantage of the timing constraints we expect from both the permit and the contractor's schedule. Based on two contractor estimates, the total cost will be about \$100,000. A Jetty funding and assessment proposal will be sent out for member approval by mail-in ballot, by lot. It will contain provisions for use of existing funds and an assessment for additional funds.

## Notes from the President *by Andy Messer*

Whether Phase II of the bylaw revisions passed or failed, the dissatisfaction of the community was apparent and indicated that changes needed to be made. Our present form of membership is confusing and no amount of revising will fix it. By attempting to "clarify" and "improve" it in Phase II, we merely pointed out what an unsatisfactory situation now exists. Changing completely to automatic membership, with the same form of voting we now use for the financial issues, clearly simplifies the definition of membership, voting and administration of all club responsibilities. In addition, "pay at the door" is a much more equitable way to fund social events – some members never attend and others want to bring family and guests. There are concerns by some members that changing our form of membership might trigger a change to the way our common areas are assessed for property tax purposes. This has been investigated, and is not an issue. Our property taxes are assessed based on sales value, which includes the value of our community property in the assessed valuation of each lot. It was my intent that we create a bylaw revision that would pass easily and on its own merit. As this goal was not achieved, it is preferable that Phase II failed in this close vote, because it is easier to modify and resubmit than it is to implement and then amend. Thank you all for your participation. Please vote on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition.

## **Passages** by *Monica Shull and Carole Holmes*

**Herman S. Jondall**, a longtime resident of Lagoon Pt. passed away on March 2, 2003. He was born July 13, 1906. He and his wife Helen resided in Kirkland until 1967 when they moved to Lagoon Pt. fulltime. . He founded Seattle Lithogram in 1947.and was a lifelong Mason. He is survived by his daughter, grandson, granddaughter and great-grand daughter. A gracious, kind, loyal and caring person who will be missed by many.

**Lee Swetnam** passed away on Friday, April 11th at Whidbey General Hospital. She will be remembered by many as a good friend and neighbor. As was her tradition, she always greeted new neighbors with one of her delicious homemade apple pies, welcoming them into the community.

## **LPIC e-Bulletins**

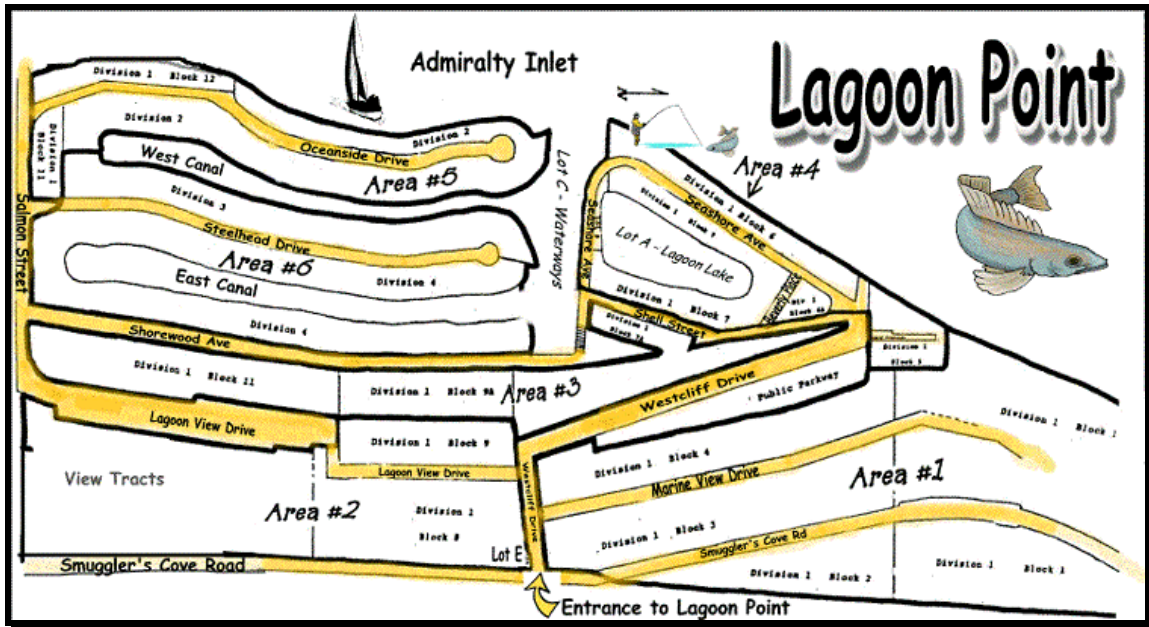
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- Need sewing done? Experienced seamstress. Many baby afghans, a few baby quilts made up, can take orders, great handmade gifts for a shower. Call Monica Vierra 678-6310.
- Hi, my name is Maddy Ess and I would like to walk or take care of your pets for you. Rates are negotiable & reasonable. 678-2913.
- Do you need help with any odd jobs around the house? Like babysitting or housekeeping? If so, please call Kelly Ess. 678-2913.
- For sale: 1987 14' Livingston with easy loader trailer, 25 hp, Evinrude \$1,850.00 Call 678-6310
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- Help Wanted: Tutor for Canon Scanner and related Canon graphics software. Call Mona, 360-222-3218
- Wanted: Space on very low dock for racing shell, during summer. Call Fine Gelfand, 360-222-3114
- For sale: 21' 1978 Bell Boy, cutty cabin, 351 Cleveland I/O. Runs good, in good shape, good yachtsman starter. \$3,200, Call Chuck Burton, (360) 222-3039
- Split alder for sale. \$125 per cord, delivered. Contact Chris Ratcliff, 360-222-3027 or 678-1065
- For sale: '96 Jeep Cherokee Sport 4x4, 88k, \$8,500, Call Jim or Diane, 360-678-8731
- Storage space to rent: one 10' X 12' and one 8' X 14', \$50 / month each. Call Bob 360-678-6310

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**Proposal for  
 Bylaw Phase II - 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**