

November 2001

Lagoon Point Newsletter

SNOWBIRDS

Please be sure to leave your winter address with our treasurer, Kathryn Bennett. She will make sure you get your newsletter all year long. Include the time frame if possible. (360) 678-1125 or bennettb@whidbey.net.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 8th at 5PM, at the Greenbank Clubhouse. Bring a dish to share, your plates, silverware and beverage. The club will provide the cheer, coffee, and main dish. Thanks to Sylvia Brown and Mary Hatch for the decorations. The place always looks great.

SANTA CLAUS

Santa will be making his rounds and is scheduled to come to Lagoon Point on December 11. As always dates, are subject to change due to weather and emergencies.

LAGOON POINT LADIES

LP Ladies have an outing scheduled for December 4. We'll be going to Snohomish on an antiquing excursion, lunch and a stop at Molbak's Nursery on the way back. Meet at 8:30am at the north end of Seashore in the parking lot to arrange carpools. Call Donna Chan at 678-5500 or Shirley Bauder at 678-5006 for more information.

THINGS THAT GO BUMP DAY OR NIGHT

After that last all day westerly storm we had during a flood tide, there is a big pile of sand and gravel at the entrance mouth. It's about 3 ½ feet shallower than the rest of the entrance. It should recede sooner or later, probably going further into the entrance, but for now, consider yourself warned.

CLARIFICATION OF BYLAWS VOTE

The December 1st meeting 10 AM at the Greenbank Clubhouse is an important meeting. Please attend if at all possible. As you know, we will be voting on important updates to the LP bylaws.

If anyone needs clarification on any of the proposed bylaws changes, contact the bylaws committee members. John Mott, Paul Kukuk, Alex Maxwell, or Jim Tuggle.

LIFE IS SHORT, SAIL FAST

This will be my last newsletter as I am going to be absent during the latter part of November and most of December. While you all shiver, I'll be delivering a sailboat to Puerto Vallarta. Someone has to do it. It's been fun being president, I have met a lot of people that I might not have otherwise, and am glad to know you as friends. Please take what I say next in the spirit that it is meant; making Lagoon Point a better place in which to live.

The following is **MY OPINION**. It may or may not reflect the opinion of other board members. They can speak for themselves individually.

There seems to be a rumor and petition circulating that the board is embarking on an extensive "power grab", with the intention to spend money willy-nilly. In this petition here are accusations of "illegal attempts" by the board, and phrases such as "disenfranchised forever", "over zealous minority", and other inflammatory statements. Nothing could be further from the truth.

First of all, with the exception of treasurer and secretary, they are all UNPAID positions. The

pay for the others is only a pittance compared to the work. Who needs the hassle? These "board of director/area rep." jobs and other committee positions are performed by your neighbors who know that none of the work will get done without volunteers. The duties required of board officers, or area reps. are many. My hat is off to all of them. On average, I spend at least a couple of hours every day on president stuff, so I know what it's like (writing this newsletter, for example).

Secondly, the board tries its best to adhere to the bylaws. The fact that misinterpretations of the bylaws occurred for an extended time in the past doesn't make it right or legal to keep on doing things in the same way. EVERYONE had interpreted the bylaws incorrectly for years. In other words, now that we know what we should do, WE ARE BOUND BY LAW TO DO IT RIGHT FROM NOW ON. If we don't, we are legally liable. That's what we are attempting to accomplish with the clarification of the bylaws. The simple facts are that the way the voting has been done by the residents has been wrong for a long time. It's time we did this by the book and not by "how it's been done for years". Truth is, nobody really knew we were doing it the wrong way, but it didn't matter much anyway because it didn't involve much money. Now, with all the maintenance catching up with us, it does matter.

At the November board meeting, the main topic was the confusion over the bylaws changes. Therefore, only the LP bylaws issue will be voted on at the December meeting, and we will postpone the maintenance projects.

The following is a **SEPARATE ISSUE**.

Unfortunately, depending on the particular month, a delay of even a month can cause a delay of almost a YEAR in implementation of necessary repairs due to the bureaucracy and DNR permit process. *We must be nice to the Mudlicker flipperdauber larvae, and there might be fish that are too dumb to get out of the way of a pile driver or a bulkhead installation. Don't forget the barnacle spawning season (I didn't know they were endangered) etc... (sorry, my conservatism is showing. I couldn't resist.)*

Now, after 20+ years, a lot of the LP infrastructure is in need of replacement. This was outlined in the last newsletter. A lot of people on the board and others (not the least of whom are Bob Bennett & John Mott) have put in a lot of time and work to find out costs and what needs doing around here to keep the place from going to seed.

If LP were a car, it would be time to fix the brakes, transmission and get new tires and battery. Let's face it, we have 100,000 miles on a lot of things around here. The north jetty is going away, and if we don't fix it, the south jetty won't be far behind. The bulkhead on the north side of the canal east of the boat launch is rotten, and falling apart. Go take a look if you don't believe me. From my place, I can see it coming apart almost daily. If it isn't replaced soon, the road will start sagging, and the bridge will be unusable and endangered. You get the idea.

The board will have performed its legal obligation by informing the LP members of the needs for maintenance, and the proper interpretation of the bylaws. If the maintenance recommendations are rejected by the Lagoon Point membership, the will of the LP

members will stand. The board has no official position on any of these issues, it just addresses needs, and implements solutions to them. As individuals, we each have our own ideas about what LP is, and should be. Everyone does. That's what makes a community, but YOU have the power to vote on any bylaws changes or the spending of community funds.

YOU voted the board into office. If you don't like the board, next time why not run yourself? The board has been given the authority by the property owners to run the day to day operations of LP, and in my opinion, they are doing a good job. If their authority to govern is removed, there is no reason for a board. With no reason for a board, there is no reason for board meetings. (Gee, come to think of it, I'll miss the desserts!) If there is no board, there won't be any enforcement of any of the bylaws. They won't exist anymore except as a piece of paper. 17' height restriction? Gone. No mobile homes? Who's going to stop them? You won't have any architectural committee. Enforcement of Lot "C"? Nope. Island County would LOVE to get its hands on our boat launch. With the flap at Bush Pt. recently, we're already in their crosshairs. Think of the traffic and loss of security. We would have NO VOICE as a community. I lived in a community like that in Bothell for over 20 years. The board had disbanded and community spirit was nil. No thanks.

All communities have disagreements from time to time, but we need to keep the big picture in mind here. The maintenance of our community infrastructure is an important issue. Granted, it will be expensive because we have ignored it for many years. A lot of LP

stuff is aging, and some of it needs repairs NOW. If LP had thought ahead and deposited money in a bank account for these things all along, THE MONEY FOR THE REPAIRS WOULD BE THERE NOW. But we didn't and it isn't, so we are faced with assessments to catch up. That's what the big (and temporary) assessment is all about. It's **NOT** about a power grab, a secret society, or other far fetched conspiracy.

My ranting is not designed to scare anyone, just inform. I am not known for my tact, although often I get compliments on my no baloney way of speaking. Comments welcome.

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BULLETIN BOARD

LOST CAT

Long haired gray and white cat, answers to Pierre. Missing since Sept. 21st. Please call if you have seen him, or have any information. (360) 678-0541. Janet and Bob Woodyard thank you.

LOST KITTY

We're part timers on Smuggler's Cove Rd. Our Tortoise shell cat "Elsie" has been missing since August 1st. She's 9 years old, friendly and street smart. We miss her, and hope that someone has seen her, or has taken her in. Marilyn Pray (206) 525 4288 or (360) 678-1620.

LOST

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FOUND

A whitehulled Hi-Laker drifted up on our mud a few weeks ago. We now have it tied to our dock. There is a crab pot with the name of R. Rodgers on the

buoy in it. If it is yours come and get it or call us please. East canal at the very south end, the brick house. 105E Salmon. 678 3496 Chuck or Sandy.

- I am looking for a good used refrigerator, also a garage to store my car for a couple of months during the winter. I will pay the going rate 678-8752 Chris
- Do you need help with House cleaning, errands, xmas shopping, grocery shopping i do it all. great references. call diane @ 678-068
- Levolor - Cellular Blinds - Cream color - Great Condition - \$10 each - (2) 93"X57", (1) 69"X45", (1) 34"X22". 678-5628
- '71 Chinook 24' RV,350,AT, lots of new stuff, run great. \$4500, OBO. 678-5628 Nancy Menne
- Do you have jobs around your home that you don't like to do? I can do yard work, split/stack wood, wash/wax cars, etc... references available. Call Chris, 678-1065 OR 222-3027. 0
- House Cleaning one time, weekly or monthly. Great references. Call Kathy Stephenson @ 678-1356 0
- Bridge anyone? Qualified tutor to teach. We have the place. We need a fourth. Call Irene at 678-3904 or 222-3115. 0
- For rent: 2 bedoom 2 bath, with large carport and shop. \$750/mo. 3564 Smuggler's Cove Rd. (253) 862-8502 or (360) 678-6310
- Greenbank Millennium Cookbooks available for sale. Favorite recipes from the Greenbank Garden Club (about 12 members from Lagoon Point). Profit from the sale of the cookbooks goes back into the community of Greenbank. We support the Greenbank Farm, Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens and the Greenbank Clubhouse. We also give donations to several local charities. Call Bobbi Bixby @ 678-7422 or email: bobbidon@whidbey.net .
- 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. 0

- Need sewing done? Experienced seamstress. Many baby afghans, a few baby quilts made up, can take orders, great handmade gifts for a shower. Monica Vierra 678-6310 0
- Notary services in Lagoon Point, free for LP'ers. Suzanne Hoel 678-6579 0
- LP HERON SWEATS and T's Available in several sizes, they Benefit "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", our own, voluntary LP help org. Janet, 678-6156 0
- Exp'd. 13 year old girl to baby sit your small children. Infant and child CPR. Certified baby sitter. Ref's. \$3.50/child \$2.00 add'l./child. Kelly. 678-2913 or 222-3045 0

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