



Lagoon Point Newsletter



December 2002

For Christmas

Lord, as we celebrate the birth of Your Son, Bless us that we may love our neighbors as ourselves, as He has commanded us.

Next regular open Board meeting will be January 7th at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbank Clubhouse.

Our Christmas Party

The Lagoon Point Christmas Party, December 7th, was a lot of fun. The food was outstanding and the decorations were really beautiful. Our sincere thanks go out to Sylvia Brown and Mary Hatch for all their hard work. Sylvia and Mary have been our Program & Publicity Committee for the last four years. Their volunteer efforts, many times with little additional help, have been responsible for the success of our social events. Sadly, they will be "retiring" at the end of this year. The Board of Directors will be looking for new volunteers to fill their shoes. Interested?

2002 In Review

Amid a swirl of controversy, some of which still remains, there were a number of significant accomplishments:

1. The 1977 Lagoon Point Property Owners Resolution was amended to provide voting on maintenance and assessment issues, by lot and by mail, by all lot owners.
2. An annual maintenance budget and corresponding assessment were passed under the newly adopted voting procedures. This changed our funding source from dues (collected by membership) to assessments (collected by lot).
3. The much-needed Jetty Repair project was initiated. The permitting has been approved by Island County and is currently waiting on the Fisheries Department.
4. The LPIC Constitution and LPIC By-Laws were both amended to provide mail-in voting, on all future amendments, by all members.

Yet To Do

Change generates controversy. Controversy is overcome by communication, which leads to cooperation and finally to creative conclusion. We still have a lot of work to do:

1. The By-Laws are the foundation of our organization. They need to be clear and concise, as well as up to date. Corrections and improvements will continue to be presented for consideration by all of the members.
2. The Jetty repair project will continue to completion, and other long term maintenance projects outlined last year will be investigated, planned and presented for approval by all of the lot owners.

Your opinions and comments are welcome. Write to us at LPIC, PO Box 123 Greenbank, 98253 or contact your Area Representative. (See the back of this newsletter.)

When's The Web Page Going To Be Updated?

"It's already been done." All of the newsletters for the last 2 years (including this one) are there. The latest versions of the LPIC Constitution and By-Laws (16 November 2002) can be found under Governing Documents. A few other things have been re-arranged and more is on the way. Check it out at: www.lagoonpoint.com

December 3 Board of Directors Meeting

Ray Lane introduced the President of the Fishing Club, who gave a presentation in regard to Fire District #3's need of a personal watercraft. The Fire Marshall from District #3 also gave us some information as to the benefits of having this type of craft. See **Fire District #3 Rescue PWC** in this newsletter for more information on this and how to donate.

The Volunteer Committee reported that Bert Pack, Bob Bennett and Bill Schmid cleaned and repaired the clapper valve in the big pipe that connects Lagoon Lake with the main waterway. This has to be done at low tide, which occurs at night this time of year – so the work was done, in the wet, in the cold, in the pipe, at 10 o'clock at night. A round of applause was given in appreciation for this gallant effort.

The Treasurer reported that 70 members still have not paid the \$65 July 1 assessment, 34 have not paid the \$50 March 1 assessment and that three of the 2003 board members-elect were among the delinquent. Late fees for the March 1 assessment will be added January 1st.

The Treasurer presented a resolution to hire the firm Fine, Dahlen and Warner to perform this year's audit of LPIC financial records. The resolution was approved.

Another resolution was presented to vacate the board positions of the members-elect who had not paid their assessments. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and passed to defer the vote on the resolution until a special board meeting the following Monday.

December 9 Board of Directors Meeting

It was reported that two of the members-elect were now current in their assessments and the other was out of the state dealing with a family emergency. After a thorough discussion, a vote was taken on the deferred resolution. It was defeated 7 to 3. It was also noted that to avoid similar situations in the future, various ambiguities in our by-laws and constitution require our immediate attention.

Five separate petitions for proposed amendments to our constitution were presented to the Board. They were assigned to the By-Laws committee for review, and will be discussed at the January 7th board meeting.

The Board of Directors – by Andy Messer, President

The Board of Directors is not the ruler of Lagoon Point. Its only purpose is to serve the membership. It takes its orders from the membership by means of the by-laws. It is made up of volunteers who give their time for the benefit of the community. Their only reward is a job well done. They need the cooperation and help of all of the members. We live in a very special place and it is up to all of us to work together to keep it that way.

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. Ephesians 4:29

LOST CAT ALERT

My sincere apologies to the lady who called me about her cat being lost. I have misplaced the information. If anyone has seen or taken in a lost cat, please call me, Beverly Pack, at 222-3058 and perhaps the cat's owner would call again.

Injured

Our secretary, Beverly Pack was injured in a rear-end collision on the afternoon before our Christmas Party. Her car was hit from behind as she was slowing to pass children on the roadway. She suffers from whiplash and will wear a neck-brace for a while. Except for feeling like she was run down by a truck, she's doing OK. Of course anyone who has had this misfortune understands that OK is a relative term. We send her our sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Passages

Our neighbor Johnny Casebeer, who lived on Marine View Drive, passed away December 2nd. He is survived by his wife Faye.

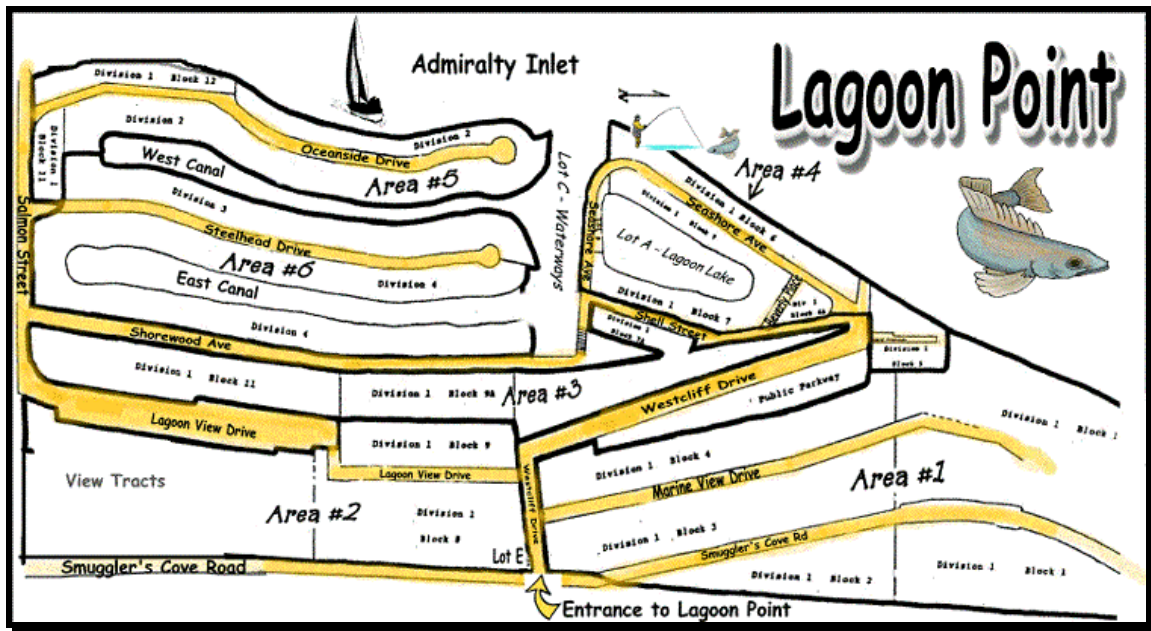
Fire District #3 Rescue PWC

Several organizations on Whidbey Island are joining together to raise money for a 3-man personal watercraft for Fire District #3's marine rescue program. About \$9000 is needed and about half of that has already been raised. The Fishin' Club will present the donations at their meeting January 2nd 2003. If you would like to make a contribution (tax deductible), make your check out to the "VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION (PWC project)" and Mail your check to: The Fishin' Club, PO box 1292 Freeland, WA 98249. You may also call Ray Lane, past LPIC Vice President for more information at 360-222-3209.

BULLETIN BOARD

- 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.
- 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.
- Notary services in Lagoon Point, free for LP'ers. Call Suzanne Hoel 678-6579.
- LP HERON SWEATSHIRTS and T's! Available in several sizes, they Benefit "Neighbors Helping Neighbors", our own voluntary LP help organization. Call Janet, 678-6156.
- Do you need help with any odd jobs around the house? Like babysitting or housekeeping? If so, please call Kelly Ess. 678-2913.

If you need to delete your ad, or would like to add an ad, please call Beverly Pack at 360 222-3058 or send it by e-mail to Bpacks@aol.com



Contact your 2003 Area Representative:

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| Area 1 | Bob Vierra | 360-678-6310 |
| Area 2 | Jim Day | 360-678-1546 or 206-527-3009 |
| Area 3 | Roy Blackwell | 425-347-9312 |
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