

October 2010



Member Newsletter

# Longbranch Improvement Club

*For the Betterment of the Community*



"There is no season when such pleasant and sunny spots may be lighted on, and produce so pleasant an effect on the feelings, as now in October." - Nathaniel Hawthorne

## **Fiber Arts** threads through time . . . **See page 3**

The 3rd Annual **Fiber Arts: Threads through Time** is on October 2nd from 10 to 4. See Page 3 . . . This is presented in conjunction with the Key Peninsula Farm Tour--so you may want to visit some other stops along the way. Last year, 300+ visitors visited the LIC and came from all over (19 zip codes were recorded). It is free, it is fun, and informative.

F.Y.I.

In the member survey last spring, the Fiber Arts show was ranked as the 4th most popular LIC event. The top three were Dock Breakfast, Beyond the Borders, the Christmas Potluck.

We hope to see you there! Even better would be a few supplemental volunteers between 10 and 4 next Saturday. Currently the on-site volunteer staff\* consists of--Peg Bingham, Babette Cook, Mary Mazur, and Jan Prichard. Having another 4-6 bodies really would be nice. If you could spare 2-3 or even 6 hours, or have questions, please contact me (Carolyn Wiley) at home 253.884.9157 or by email at c.wiley@mac.com.

### **Jobs to be volunteer covered:**

- GREETING VISITORS
- keeping food & drink out of the big room,
- collecting Farm Tour raffle tickets,
- encouraging people to fill out the surveys (this information was used to obtain a grant for the Farm Tour),
- spell exhibitors;
- keep the hospitality area tidy,
- monitor kid activities (these may not occur if we do not have the volunteer power).
- provide information about LIC & the Farm Tour

Thanks, Carolyn Wiley. New members, Jim and Monika Versante did volunteer, but I convinced Monika that her angora goat, Nelly, would be a great addition, and Jim agreed to keep an eye on Fred Leenstra's antique tractors.

*Submitted by Jan Prichard for Carolyn Wiley, Membership Chair, 884-2030, jan@pacinfo.com*

# General Membership Meeting Minutes

LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB

SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

Meeting called to order by President Geoff Baillie at 7:13 p.m.

Board members present: Geoff Baillie, Peg Bingham, Francie Carr, Lynn Carr, Phil Johnson, Gretchen Lippert, Pat Muchmore and Marlies VanCise (for Jan Pritchard).

Geoff introduced Emily Watson, Pierce County Sheriff's Office and Mike Baum, Citizens Against Crime.

Emily Watson spoke regarding crime on the Key Peninsula and how we can assist the Sheriff's department in reducing crime in our neighborhoods. Being observant, noticing unknown cars and people in our neighborhood and writing down descriptions and license numbers are important steps. Talking with neighbors and knowing when and if they are going to be absent for any length of time. The Peninsula Sheriff's detachment, here as in the rest of the county, has been depleted and it will need more of our help to stop crime and catch perpetrators. Be sure to report even the smallest incident to the Sheriff so it can be logged and used when the budget is being set. If you see a crime in progress or believe you or someone else is in danger, call 911 to report it. If you are reporting a crime that has already been committed, call the non-emergency number (253)798-4721 #1. If you would like more information you can call Emily Watson at (253) 798-4995.

Copies of 911 pamphlets and Neighborhood Activity Logs were passed out and additional copies will be available at the next general meeting.

Mike Baum of Citizens Against Crime passed out applications for membership in the organization. Additional copies will be available at the next general meeting. He reiterated what Emily said regarding neighbors watching out for neighbors and keeping track of strange or unusual vehicles or activity.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Marlies VanCise, filling in for Jan Prichard, thanked Lisa Bryan and Elosie Colbert, hostesses and Trish Goodvin at the sign-in desk.

**BUILDING:** Lynn Carr asked for a round of applause for Viking Glass for all their hard work to have windows in place for a wedding last weekend. He is working on building a liquor cabinet for the storeroom.

**DOCK:** Pat Muchmore deferred her report to later in the meeting.

LIC Meeting  
Minutes from the  
General Membership  
Meeting 9/15/2010

**EVENTS:** Still need an Events Chair. Carolyn Wiley said the Fiber Arts Show scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> still needs volunteers. At this time she has just 1, Babette Cook. Any and all volunteers would be greatly appreciated. At this time there are 27 exhibitors.

Geoff Baillie announced that the October 30<sup>th</sup> Benefit Dance will have three bands donating their time, there will be contests and the "Little Merc" will be available for snacks and coffee.

Gretchen Lippert presented Jan Place, Labor Day Dance Chairperson, a thank you from the Board and the Membership. She was given an LIC mug filled with flowers. As a new member Jan took on a big job and chaired an enjoyable evening. Many compliments were received from attendees.

**DOCK:** Geoff announced that the County had notified the club that the Marina Wharf is condemned and will be closed on September 16<sup>th</sup> or 17<sup>th</sup>.

He also said the County is will to demolish the old structure and surplus the land including the parking area to us. We would be required to give the county an easement to the wharf. Our options at this time include getting together a dinghy flotilla, putting in a temporary ramp and then putting in a permanent wharf, doing nothing - thereby jeopardizing a valuable asset, or selling the Marina.

Cost estimates were given of \$150,000 to \$200,000 from Marine Floats.

Money raising options were discussed: borrow the money - mortgage, double moorage rates, appeal to county council, make arrangements with Steamboat Landing to attach a temporary connection to the dock, do a temporary fix to the pier (county will not accept a piecemeal fix) whoever fixes it must assume responsibility (liability) for the job and no one is willing to do that. It was also suggested that commercial boats be allowed in the Marina and that possibly some of the contract costs could be offset with member labor.

Marine Floats is willing to do a temporary solution but wants a guarantee they will be given the contract for a permanent wharf if and when that is done. If approval of the temporary fix was obtained from all the involved government entities Marine Floats could install the temporary floats within a week of approval. A permanent wharf cannot be started until the existing structure is demolished. Geoff asked what the membership would like us to do.

A motion was made and seconded that the Board begin whatever was necessary to start the process with Marine Floats to install temporary access to the Marina and then install a permanent wharf. Motion passed. Membership will be kept apprised of the progress of negotiations and results of necessary meetings with government departments and Marina Floats by e-mail.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted by Peg Bingham, Secretary LIC*

*Exhibits Demonstrations Vendors*

*Third Annual*  
**Fiber Arts**  
**Threads through Time**

*Artistic to Utilitarian  
Traditional to Modern*

**Free Admission**  
**Saturday October 2**  
**10am to 4pm**

**Longbranch Improvement Club**

*4312 Key Peninsula Hwy S.  
50 minutes from Tacoma*

**call 253 884 9157**

*Presented by LIC and friends*

Please feel free to distribute the graphic to people you know who may be interested.

**MARK YOUR  
CALENDARS  
FOR SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 2ND  
10-4**

The 3rd LIC Fiber Arts Show is presented in association with the KP/Pierce County Farm Tour.

Some of you have already expressed interest in participating, as exhibitors, or as volunteers.

This is a fairly big project so please let me know if you want to play.

**SOME TASKS NEEDING TO BE DONE:**

Promotion--  
Distribution, Phone contact with potential exhibitors, Set up on Friday, Oct 1, Door keeping, Sign-in & Exhibit set up, Hospitality, etc. etc.

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call 253.884.9157 or e-mail me @ c.wiley@mac.com

**Carolyn Wiley**

# Dock Report . . . Longbranch Wharf Update, September 24, 2010

The County Engineer inspected the Longbranch Wharf on September 10th and notified the LIC by letter dated September 14th that the wharf would be closed permanently as soon as possible. County maintenance crews physically sealed off the wharf with fencing on Friday, September 17th. Geoff Baillie and Pat Muchmore met with the County on Tuesday September 21st to expedite the process for temporary and permanent replacement of the wharf. Also attending were the County Engineer, Marine Floats, Terry Lee (Councilmember), and Mike Krueger (Councilmember staff aide). The purpose of the meeting was to define and agree on the scope and schedule for replacement as well as roles and responsibilities.

The County has agreed in principle to demolish and remove the wharf, at their expense. They have not agreed to contract for the work themselves and are likely to request the LIC handle the contractor selection process, contract with the demolition contractor, and manage the construction. This will require an agreement with the County. The LIC has not yet agreed to handle the demolition.

The County has agreed in principle to surplus to the LIC the tideland upon which the existing wharf sits, subject to their surplus requirements. This will involve some cost to the LIC, but the cost is not known. The County Engineer supports surplus to the LIC. The LIC also asked for the upland property (the parking lot). The County did not agree, but promised to look into it. Access will need to be maintained to Steamboat Landing.

Marine Floats explained the preferred temporary and permanent solutions. The temporary fix includes the relocation of the existing ramp to the bulkhead, and 140' of floats that connect to the marina near the dinghy dock on the north side of the existing wharf. The permanent fix includes a 168' gangway supported by 6 steel piling. Marine Floats agreed to prepare a plan sheet and additional information for the LIC's use in approaching the DNR and the Corps of Engineers. The County agreed to expedite the Shoreline Permit and other permits that require County approval.

The LIC Board earlier gave oral authorization to Marine Floats to proceed with the Biological Evaluation (BE), one of many requirements for the permitting process. This was done because the BE field work must be done by the end of September or will need to wait until later in 2011. The cost of the field work is \$3,500. If the in-water work to replace the wharf is not completed by February 15, 2011, there will be a delay until after July 15, 2011 as no in-water work can take place during this period, called the Fish Window. This is a requirement of the Endangered Species Act.

The next major issue to resolve is the source of funds for the temporary and permanent fixes. The LIC has enough capital reserve to fund the temporary fix, which is estimated to cost about \$30,000, including labor, floats, the BE, permits, and taxes. The balance of the project cost, estimated to be between \$170,000 and \$270,000, will need to come from the LIC from new revenue sources.

The Dock Committee met during the week of Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> and will likely recommend to the LIC Board at its meeting of October 13<sup>th</sup> that the revenue come from a combination of increases in permanent and transient moorage rates, increased member dues, and additional fund raising events. The recommended increase in permanent moorage rates is likely to be significant, possibly as much as 100%. The Board will consider the issue and will likely have a recommendation for the General Members at its meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>. All members are urged to attend the meeting and, if possible, contact any Board member prior to the Board's October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting with any input on the wharf replacement.

*Submitted by Pat Muchmore, Dock Chair, 884.3890, patroon9047@aol.com*

HAPPY, HAPPY BELATED  
BIRTHDAY, **ADDIE**  
**MCMENAMIN!!!** 91 YEARS  
OLD - HOW CAN THAT BE?

ALL YOUR FRIENDS FROM THE  
LIC HOPE THAT YOU AND JOHN  
WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE SOME  
QUALITY AND HAPPY YEARS  
TOGETHER.

TAKE GOOD CARE OF EACH  
OTHER! THE LOONS ARE  
SENDING THEIR WELL  
WISHES TOO.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY  
MARLIES VAN CISE

## TRUNK OR TREAT

Once again the LIC and Evergreen PTA are teaming up to bring you Trunk or Treat.

Trunk or Treat is a safe way for kids to enjoy Halloween; are you missing those cute little ghosts and goblins ringing your doorbell then come join us for some fun. Bring your car, park it in the LIC lot and hand out candy from your trunk. Dressing up is always fun but not required.

If that doesn't interest you then there are crafts and games inside, snacks, drinks as well as the spooky decorations of member Louise Beem.

Volunteers are always appreciated,  
or if you just want to sit inside and watch, all are welcome.  
If you haven't seen this event you need to, it is fun for all ages.

Sun Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 6-8 Car decorating and set up 5:30.

Questions or volunteering opportunities please call Debbie 884-6382



# LIC Membership Report

Our general meeting was very well attended due to a presentation by Emily Watson from the Pierce County Police Department and Mike Baum from Citizens against Crime. Many neighbors and Longbranch Community Church members were also present. The critical situation of the Longbranch marina and wharf was discussed in length and options as to how to access the boats were explored. The dessert buffet was wonderful as always and our hostesses Eloise Colbert and Lisa Bryan as well as Trish Goodvin as greeter and sign-in person did an excellent job. **Thank you, ladies!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS ROB AND CHERI CARLSON!**

Happy October! Respectfully submitted by Marlies VanCise for Jan Prichard Membership Chair, 884-2030, jan@pacinfo.com

**Mark your calendars for the October**

**General "Potluck" Meeting ...**

**Wednesday, 10/20/10 at 6:30 p.m.**

**3 Contractor Positions OPEN:**

Dock Master, Rental Agent and Cleaning Service . . .

Anyone interested, please let the LIC Board know in writing; interviews will start in November and the contracts will be signed and run from 1/1/11 to 12/31/11

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