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LPCA 2018 EVENTS

01/12/18	LPCA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm*
02/09/18	LPCA Board of Directors Meeting 7:00pm*

*Board of Directors Meeting are held at Whidbey Water Services 5585 Lotto Ave Freeland. Members are invited to attend.

ON POINT - FROM THE LPCA PRESIDENT – Duane Rawson

The **annual Christmas party** was held last Saturday (December 9th) and those who attended enjoyed appetizers, beverages and good company. In the spirit of the season, we express our appreciation to those who have served this Community.

Janet Bondelid is stepping down as Vice President. Janet has served as President, Vice President, Treasure, Architectural Committee member and a number of times as Area 6 Representative. Janet was President during the completion of the dredging project and her contribution to the Community over the years is large. Thank you, Janet.

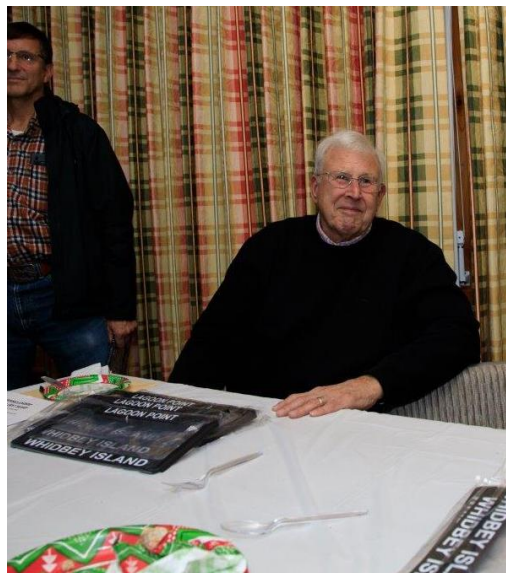
I am personally grateful to all those talented residents, both old and new who by their service, make Lagoon Point a very unique and special place to live.



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To Board Members, Committee Members and Residents of Lagoon Point, both past and present: Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a

Great New Year.



License Plate Frames sales: Tom Markley



Photos by Reed Dow

LAGOON POINT MYTH BUSTERS

By Duane Rawson

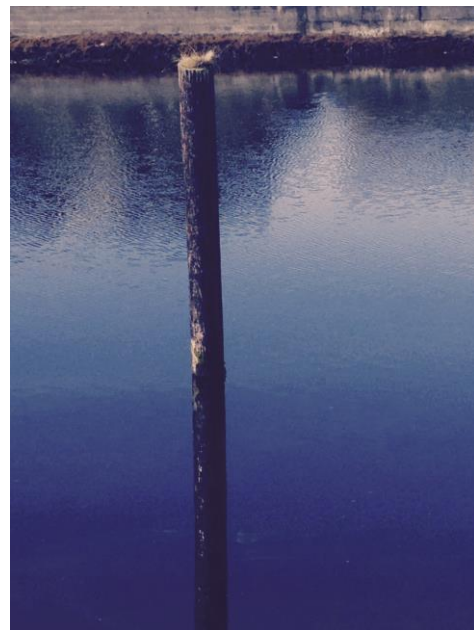
Just how much is this piling replacement project going cost the LPCA and why should I be required to pay for it?

This question has been asked about the private piling project and could be a myth in the making.

If you understand a little bit about how this Homeowner's Association operates, you know the answer. The short answer is, it will cost the LPCA nothing for Homeowner's private pilings.

Member dues go to maintain and improve Community property. The 145 canal lots with private docks are private property. All work done on those private canals is paid for by those property owners wishing to replace their pilings.

The Association is however proposing to replace the two pilings that support the Community boat ramp and will be paying the cost of those two pilings. These two pilings are estimated to be 47 years old and since the cost to replace just two pilings at a later date would be astronomical, it seems prudent to replace these two pilings now while the mobilization costs can be shared with the private owners. The long answer is, nothing for private pilings but something for the two Community owned pilings.



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THE RAT INVASION

Article by: Marilyn Randall, Steelhead Drive

To my fellow residents: Recently I have had to hire an exterminator to deal with an invasion of rats in our neighborhood and specifically under my house and he tells me I am not the only one who has recently called him from Lagoon Point. The first thing he asked me is if anyone is feeding the birds and when I told him yes, that some of the neighbors were throwing food into their yard to feed the birds, he said "then that's what is bringing them in".

Besides the potential health hazard, hiring an exterminator is not cheap and it is an expense that could be avoided. I have contacted members of the community to explain this problem and I have been met with little co-operation so I am pleading with everyone: Please **DO NOT FEED THE BIRDS**. Small particles of food falls between the rocks and that draws the rats and even if you are not yet having trouble with them, your neighbors are. Both table scraps thrown into the yard and bird seed dropped on the ground are problems.

Feeding wild animals (deer) and birds brings in all kinds of problems for your neighbors. Animals like racoons (that can be dangerous to our pets) are also drawn to people's yards when deer are being fed and they can be a serious nuisance. One of my neighbors is feeding the crows and seagulls off their back steps and not only do I now have rats but I also have large amounts of gulls and crows hanging out on my metal roof early in the morning waiting for their handouts. They are both messy and noisy in those numbers.

Please do the right thing and stop feeding wild birds and animals so that we may all live without the influx of these rodents and problems.

Comment from Chris Anderson, Assistant Secretary: A few days ago I said to Duane have you noticed how there are a lot of Pest Control trucks in the neighborhood? Now I know why. I know of three people where the wires in their cars have been eaten by rodents. When you mess with Mother Nature, she will get even.

LAGOON POINT LICENSE PLATE FRAMES

Tom Markley, Oceanside Drive

I am happy to report that the sale of our **Lagoon Point, Whidbey Island** license plate frames is going strong. In just a month you have bought 33 frames, and there are 4 more frames that are being held for a bit longer until the money is mailed to me. That would make a total of 37 frames have been sold. Good for you/us! I hope more of you are just procrastinating and plan to buy some soon while we still have some frames. This is generating a lot of money to put in our "Neighbors Helping Neighbors" fund, which is especially nice to do during this season when we are reminded that there are others less fortunate than we are and we use the opportunity to help those people.

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Drop me an email if you want me to set aside a frame or two for you and then mail me a check (payable to me) and then I will hold them for you until it would be convenient for you to do so. Or, let me know how many you plan to buy and then you can stop by to pay me and pick up the frames. However, if you want me to hold some frames for you, it would be preferred that you mail me a check if you do not plan to stop by in a week or two.

The license plate frames are \$20.00 each

Thanks for helping the program.

Tom Markley

[3671 Oceanside Drive](#)
[Greenbank 98253](#)

[360-321-9245](#)



Photo by Reed Dow

SEASHORE AVE BRIDGE FINAL UPDATE:

Chris Anderson, Assistant Secretary

The following is the final cost of the Seashore Ave Bridge, the underrun amount of **\$48,267** has been returned to the reserve funds.

	TOTAL BUDGET	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	VARIANCE
Permitting	\$23,783	\$23,783	\$0
Engineering	\$137,342	\$131,819	\$5,523
Construction	\$503,387	\$492,131	\$11,256
Contingency	\$31,488	\$0	\$31,488
TOTAL	\$696,000	\$647,733	\$48,267

FOLLOW UP ON THE GREEN CRAB TRAPPING AT LAGOON POINT:

Article by Emily Grason, Ph.D. College of Environment University of Washington

Volunteer monitors recently found one thing at Lagoon Point they hoped never to see – an invasive European green crab. The volunteers had been sampling for this crab since 2016 as part of Washington Sea Grant Crab Team. The crab they trapped in September was the first evidence that the globally-damaging invasive species had made it so far into the Salish Sea. Lagoon Point is one of six places green crab has been spotted along Washington’s inland shores, which tells us we are on the leading edge of a potential invasion. Why are we worried? Green crab have a knack for becoming extremely abundant, and can dramatically alter local ecosystems. They can damage eelgrass beds, and eat the same types of seafood that we enjoy.

In response to this capture, Crab Team and Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife planned expanded assessment trapping. In early October, Crab Team staff and volunteers set 57 baited traps for two overnight soaks (see map). We are grateful to everyone who responded to our request to access your beach – your help made our work a great deal easier!

In addition to traps, we combed the shoreline for green crabs under rocks and as molted shells. **The only additional evidence of European green crab was one additional male crab captured at the north end of the lagoon lake.** We did capture (and release) a lot of cool native critters including eight species of native crab. The lagoon lake itself has a lot of healthy looking eelgrass in it, which supports a diverse ecological community. That there was so little evidence of green crab does not necessarily mean that we have eradicated

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European green crab from Lagoon Point. But it does provide us with a sense that there is at least not a huge number of green crab there. The two found this year, and possibly others that have gone undetected so far, might have been the few very lucky survivors of a rare dispersal event.

It's often very difficult to be certain how green crab arrived in a new location. This species has a free-swimming life stage that can drift on currents, so it's possible they got washed into the lake through the tide gate from the large population just west of Victoria, BC. We can't rule out the potential that they were accidentally moved by humans, but it seems less likely in this case because there are no large boats or shellfish being moved into the lake.

Ongoing vigilance is critical at Lagoon Point, because trapping does not capture every single crab, and it's also possible that more larvae could be washed in. Volunteers will resume monitoring in April, when the crabs become active again. If green crab continue to pop up, or if they increase in numbers, a more aggressive response might be warranted.

Residents can help by training your eyes to recognize European green crab. It's not always easy - several native species of crab look similar to the invasive. **Color is not a distinguishing feature because the European green crab can be brown, red, orange or yellow, and a number of native crabs are green.** A few folks also have oyster bags hanging from docks. We saw a number of native kelp crabs, and some helmet crabs crawling on these bags, but it's possible green crab could end up on or in them. Look for a crab with a **smooth shell, wider than it is long, and five spines to the outside of each eye.**

Additionally, avoid potentially bringing green crab into Lagoon Point. Green crab can be moved on boats (in sea chests or bait lockers), or with shellfish. If you ever take your boat, or any of your gear (e.g., pots), to an area that has green crab, be very thorough in cleaning and inspecting for stowaways. Remember that it's also illegal to move any shellfish without a permit, even temporarily (e.g. wet storage off your boat). This is to reduce the chance of accidentally spreading invasive species and disease too.

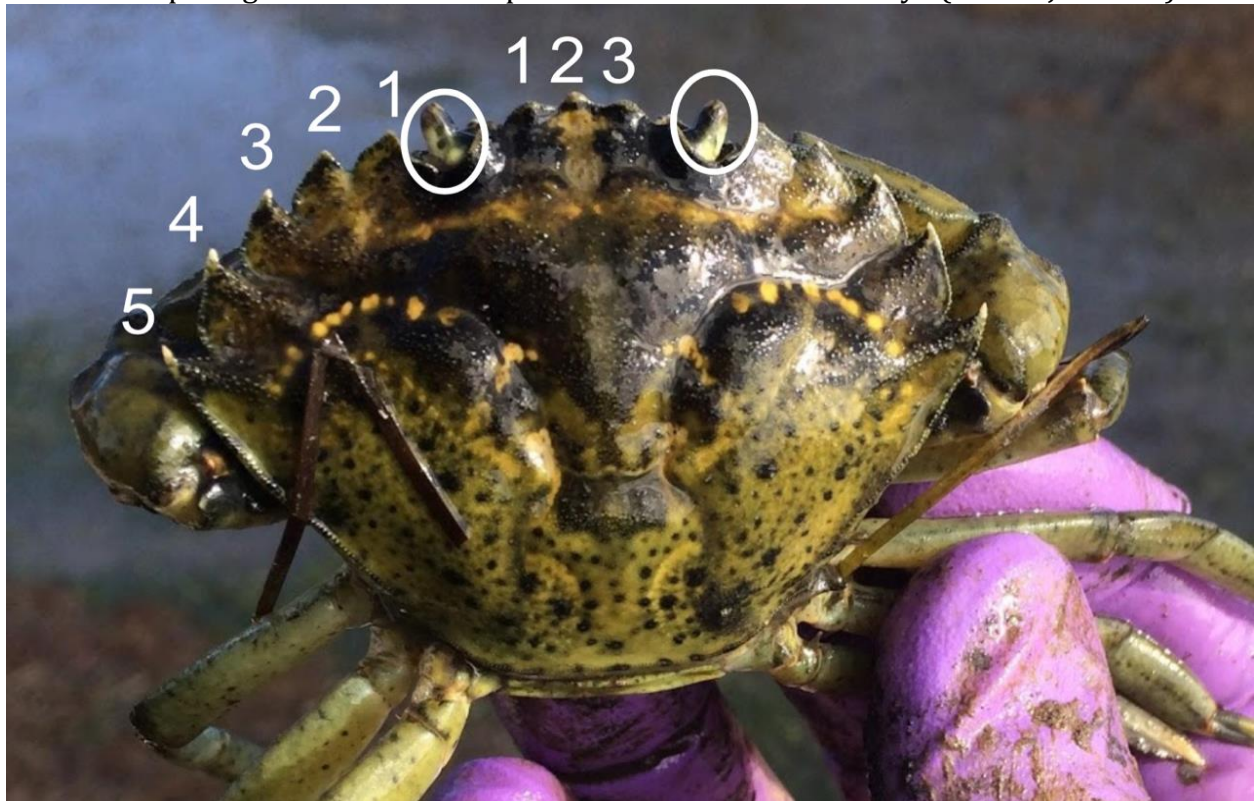
If you ever suspect you have found a green crab, at Lagoon Point or anywhere else in Washington your explorations take you, please take several photos with something in the photo for scale, but leave the crab where it is. This sounds counterintuitive, but we want to make sure we don't accidentally harm native crabs. Email us at crabteam@uw.edu with the photos and location and we'll confirm the ID.

Captions

Map: Traps (red dots) were placed across shorelines of the Lagoon Point community during the expanded trapping effort. The Crab Team monitoring site is at the south end of the North Lagoon (shaded patch), and the site of the original crab captured is indicated with a yellow dot. The additional crab captured during the assessment trapping was found at the north end of the same lagoon.

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Photo: European green crab have 5 spines to the outside of each eye (Photo: J. Adams)



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If you have questions about Lagoon Point, send an email to lpca99@gmail.com .

Has your Email, Phone Number or Mailing Address changed? Send an email to lpca99@gmail.com with your current contact information.

Drop Box Location – for dues payments, ballots and written correspondence: 3675 Oceanside –box attached to the fence, right of the driveway when facing the house.

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Or Mail Dues and Ballots to:

LPCA
P.O. Box 123
Greenbank, WA 98253

If you sell your home please do the following:

- a. Contact LPCA email lpca99@gmail.com that you have sold.
- b. Return your (2) LPCA Fishing tags, (1) LPCA Parking Hang Tag and (1) Boat Launch Gate Card to Dick Kuss prior to closing or you will be charged a \$150 fee at escrow. All 4 items must be turned in to avoid the fee. The address to return is 3675 Oceanside Drive. Email: lpca.area5rep@gmail.com
- c. If your buyer requires Board Meeting Minutes, Annual Member Meeting Minute and/or Financial Reports, you can find them at the website lagoonpoint.com under the tab "Members Area". It is your responsibility as a current LPCA property owner to supply a prospective buyer and/or real estate agent with the information.

GATE CARD, FISHING TAGS, PARKING PASS:

If you have not picked up your Gate Card, Fishing Tags and Parking Hang Tag contact Dick Kuss at lpca.area5rep@gmail.com

WEBSITE – MEMBERS AREA PASSWORD:

In order to access the Members Area of the Lagoon Point website you must have a password. The following are the instructions on how to receive your password:

First you go to the Lagoon Point web site Home Page lagoonpoint.com

2nd click on the Members Area tab on the far-right side.

3rd click on Private Information tab.

4th a dialogue box pops up on your screen. Click on "Register" in the lower left corner.

5th another dialogue box pops up titled "Register for this site" where you enter all your own information. You choose your own sign in name and your own personal password. Save your information.

Once you register for the Members Area, our iHost web site server will notify us of a pending new member for verification. Once LPCA is notified of your registration, we can grant you access to LPCA private access. We don't set up your private info, you do.

If you have questions or need help contact:

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