

# Lagoon Point Newsletter

July 2004



Mark Your Calendar: **Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>**

## Fishing Derby, Annual Meeting for Election of Officers and Potluck Dinner

Next LPIC Board meeting: 6:30 pm, Tuesday, **August 3<sup>rd</sup> 2004**, at the Greenbank Clubhouse

**Notice:** The 1-800 Information Line has been cancelled. If you wish to be notified of special board of directors meetings, please list your name and phone number or email address with your area representative.

### Jetty Repair to Begin July 22<sup>nd</sup>

We have all permits required to repair the jetty. Obtaining the Army Corps of Engineer's Permit in time to repair the Jetty this year was questionable for a while, but due to the LPIC President's tenacious perseverance and two trips to their Seattle office, we now have it. The Army Corps of Engineers approved our project, and the permit document was issued July 1<sup>st</sup>. The repair contract was signed with Sealevel Bulkhead Builders from Kingston, Washington for the repair work. The tentative equipment move in date is July 22<sup>nd</sup> 2004. The work schedule targets the low tides in late July and the estimated completion is August 15<sup>th</sup>. The ongoing repair should not interfere with boat traffic very much, as most of the work will occur during the low tides.

### Lagoon Point 2004 Resolution and Budget Amendment Proposal – Fails

Ballots were counted June 28<sup>th</sup>: 28% voted YES, 42% voted NO and 30% did not vote

### The Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met Tuesday evening July 13, 2004 at the Greenbank Clubhouse. Following the committee reports and announcement of the rejection of the 2004 Resolution and Budget Amendment Proposal, the board voted (6Y-5N) to submit to the membership for approval a spending authorization and budget amendment, to be assessed equally by lot, for permitting and dredging the Lot C Silting Basin. The nominating committee presented the slate of candidates for the 2005 board.

### Annual Election of LPIC Directors

The Nominating Committee has presented this slate of candidates for the 2005 Board of Directors:

All positions are open except Area Representative 2, 4 and 6 (2 year terms).

Several incumbents are seeking re-election, but any member in good standing is still eligible to run against them. Elections will be held at our Annual Members Meeting, Saturday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, after the Fishing Derby. **Ballots will be mailed out at the end of July.** If you have a strong interest in the current issues before our community, consider running. The duties of officers are in Article IV of our bylaws, available on our website. Be part of the solution. Contact your area representative to be nominated. See back page for phone numbers.

Office	2004 Incumbent	2005 Candidate
President	Andy Messer	Linda Armstrong
Vice-President	Ernie Clayton	Ernie Clayton
Secretary	Linda Armstrong	Aaron Lowin
Assistant Sec	Paula Ratcliff	Paula Ratcliff
Treasurer	Bill Schmid	Bill Schmid
Assistant-Treas	Bob Bennett	Bob Bennett
Area 1 Rep	Bob Vierra	Bob Vierra
Area 2 Rep	Graham Benson	* Until 2006
Area 3 Rep	Roy Blackwell	Roy Blackwell
Area 4 Rep	Mike Stevens	* Until 2006
Area 5 Rep	Bob Rodgers	- open -
Area 6 Rep	Janet Bondelid	* Until 2006

## Jetty Assessment Payment Status – 95%

As of June 30, 2004, we have received \$96,525 of the \$101,985 approved for the Jetty Repair Assessment. Of 393 property owners, 370 owners have paid in full. 23 property owners are \$5,460.00 delinquent, including 21 who have made no payments.



## Past Due Assessments? — by Mike Stevens

The Annual Assessment due July 1<sup>st</sup> each year and the occasional Special Assessments are always billed following the approval of the assessment by a majority of at least 100 votes cast by the Lot Owners. In the case of the Annual Assessment the last approved Lot Owner's Annual Budget and Assessment shall remain in effect until a subsequent annual budget is approved by the Lot Owners. All assessments are made to cover the cost of maintaining the Lagoon Point Common Areas (Lots A, B, C, D, and E).

Your community depends on the Lot Owners to pay their assessments on the due date to ensure that the Common Areas are properly maintained. Your timely payment will avoid quarterly late fees to your account. Also, after a payment is one year late, the owner(s) may be charged for the cost of the LPIC Attorney and Court fees for the collection of the past due billing, plus the cost for having a lien placed on the property.

If a Lot Owner is currently unable to make full payment of an assessment on the due date he/she may request approval from the Board of Directors for a Special Payment Plan. The Lot Owner may contact the LPIC Treasurer, Bill Schmid, to discuss arrangements for a Special Payment Plan due to a financial hardship.

## The Bridge—by Bert Pack

While inspecting the bridge on July 13<sup>th</sup>, it was noted that the five westerly support pilings have suffered the same fate as the five eastern support pilings. Three of the five are suspended above their footing pad. They are being held up by nails, attaching them to the bank retaining wall planking. Perhaps the bridge should be inspected by a professional bridge inspector. This would give the community a clearer picture of repair requirements as well as whether the load limit sign should be changed. Experience is recommended for the bridge permitting and repair.

## From the President – by Andy Messer

I would like to thank the members of the 2004 board of directors as well as members of our community who have stepped forward to participate in finding solutions to our many challenges. We definitely represent various differing interests in our community. We do not all agree, but I have witnessed numerous occasions during my twenty three months as president, when tough issues were resolved in a civil and respectful manner to the benefit of the entire community. Many issues remain. If we stay the course and “attack the problem not the person”, with your help we will succeed.

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 and other governing documents. 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.

These are not a Division 1 and View Tracts versus Division 2, 3 and 4 issues. To make them such is adversarial, divisive, and damaging to the community. If we, the community, fail to maintain our common property, we all lose. Lagoon Point belongs to all of us. We need to work together to keep it the great place we want it to be. We all have a right to express our opinions and to a free and open exchange of information. We should thank those who take the interest and time to do so. If you have a strong interest in our current issues, consider running for a board position. Be part of the solution. Contact your area representative.

...“Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand.”  
Matthew 12:25

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in your brother's way. Romans 14:13

Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Col. 3:13

"And just as you want people to treat you, treat them in the same way". Luke 6:31

## **We Need Your Help - Lot “C” Parking Lot and Beach Fishing Area—by Mike Stevens**

One of our neighbors reminded me that during the summer the activity in the Lot “C” Parking Lot increases significantly with the beach fishermen and the increased use of the boat launch. Fireworks leftovers and other debris accumulate. Please help your community in keeping the Parking Lot and the adjacent beach fishing area clean by picking up your paper, plastic bottles, old fishing lines, and litter left by others.

Also, when walking your dog in the Parking Lot and adjacent fishing beach please remember to take a small plastic bag and pooper scooper and pick up after your dog.

This area will be kept clean only with your help

## **Not as Tough as he Looks— by Bert Pack**

The Dungeness crab looks and acts like a very tough customer, but is really quite fragile.

The Fisheries Department advises all crabbers to be very gentle when handling the “throw-backs”. Turning your crab pots upside down and shaking the crabs out onto a hard surface or flinging them away from the boat of dock can be very damaging to the undersized, female or soft shell crabs. Let them grow up healthy with all limbs attached.

Another thing that helps reduce our crab population is small to medium sized children (sometimes accompanied by adults) exploring along the canal shores. These areas are our crab hatchery. Almost every rock has one or more baby crabs living under it. Turning the rocks over and stomping the crabs to death or putting the cute little critters in a bucket to die is a NO-NO. These actions probably kill more crabs in a year than we consume.

## **Watch your speed**



**The speed limit throughout Lagoon Point is 20 MPH – radar enforced 24 / 7**

**20 MPH is really SLOW.** Relax. Slow down. Enjoy the pace of the island. Please caution your friends, relatives and visitors as well.

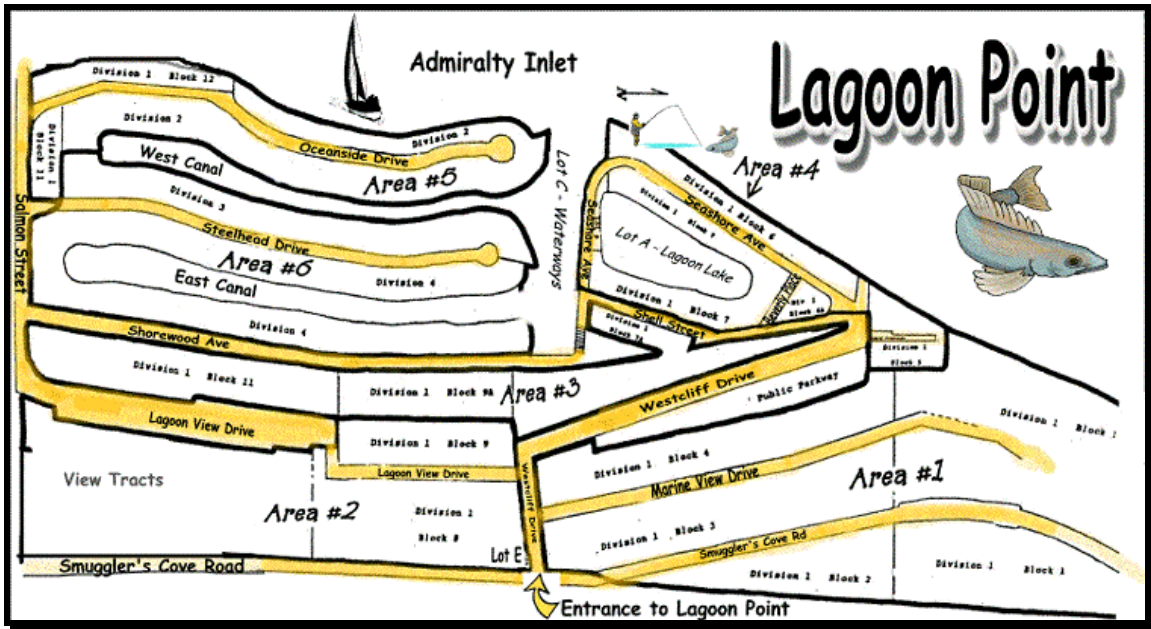
Fine Schedule for Speeding	
1- 5 mph	\$91
6-10 mph	\$101
11-15 mph	\$132

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## **BULLETIN BOARD (Ads will run twice unless otherwise arranged)**

- **LP HERON** Hooded & regular Sweatshirts, T's! Any size and color, they Benefit “Neighbors Helping Neighbors”, our own voluntary LP help organization. Call Margo Lane 360-222-3209
- 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.
- Mooring lines need splicing? Call Ted 360 222 3004. Have fid will travel. Also whip Ends.
- Twin Bed with everything (headboard / footboard / foam mattress & box spring) \$10 Call Karen Clark 360-678-4865.
- Free: Twin beds that can make bunk beds with linens. Call Ralph (3711 Oceanside Dr) 206-419-0916
- For Sale: Whitfield “Advantage” Model Pellet Stove. Free-standing model in very good condition. Works fine, looks like new. Comes with 9 bags of Pellets, vent piping, and hearth. \$400.00 678-6579
- Dock space For RENT (Lot #37 Steelhead Drive) Call Marv Earl 253-631-0750

**If you need to delete your ad, or would like to add an ad, please e-mail: [lpic@whidbey.net](mailto:lpic@whidbey.net)**



**Contact your 2004 Area Representative:**

Area 1	Bob Vierra	360-678-6310	
Area 2	Graham Benson	360-222-3018	
Area 3	Roy Blackwell	425-347-9312	
Area 4	Mike Stevens	206-542-7139	360-678-3689
Area 5	Bob Rodgers	360-678-0770	
Area 6	Janet Bondelid	360-222-3182	

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The Speed Limit Throughout  
Lagoon Point is



Thank You for Your  
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**Check Your Mailbox – Watch for a Budget Amendment Ballot**