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LPCA EVENTS:

- 3rd Thursday of the month – LPCA Board of Directors Meetings 4:00 pm*
December meeting is cancelled
- December 22, 2025 Santamobile at LP/ Central Whidbey Fire
- March 2026 - Ballots are mailed out
- April 24, 2026 – LPCA Annual General Meeting
Greenbank Progressive Club 3090 Firehouse Road

*Board of Directors Meetings are held at Whidbey Water Services 5585 Lotto Ave Freeland.
Board of Directors Meetings are open for observation by all LPCA Members.

From the LPCA Bylaws

“The purpose of this association shall be to develop and maintain the common properties in the plat of Lagoon Point.”

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VIEWPOINT:

Teresa Becker, president@lpcawa.org

You may ask, what is *Salicornia* and what is so important about this little shore plant? Some people eat these briny little sea beans, beach asparagus or pickleweed. A little too salty for me, maybe they are an acquired taste. I haven't harvested any from the canal, but have eaten them at a local restaurant. Aside from being a current menu item at trendy restaurants, sea beans play an important role in the salt shoreline ecosystem.



Salicornia grows in mats at the upper edge of the high tide line in our entrance canal and along the north side of the Lot C turning basin as well as along the edges of properties within the canals. It is valued for its mat like growth making it an important native plant for its ability to help control pollution entering the marine environment and stabilize the beach soils.

If you were a member of the LPCA during the last dredging project you might remember all of the attention that was focused on eel grass. Eel grass provides habitat for forage fish and is the in-water plant species that holds that greatest attention for dredging operations. The past Lagoon Point dredging project required an eel grass mitigation plan. Our current Waterway Project includes dredging, a shoreline improvement by replacement of the existing wood bulkhead along Seashore Ave, removal of creosote pilings and replacement of the Lot C boat launch floats. Our consultant MSA (Marine Surveys and Assessments) has submitted a multi-faceted mitigation proposal that takes all of the work items into consideration. By packaging the improvements together into a single waterway improvement project, we will receive credits for items of work that improve the marine environment. We are awaiting final acceptance from the permit agencies that will provide us with the requirements for our project and the cost of the mitigation bank fees.



So back to the sea beans - We will make every attempt to protect the sea beans during the placement of the bulkhead. A mitigation plan for the *Salicornia* will be included with our proposal. It may require the removal, storage and replanting of the plants as part of our work items. At least it is above the tideline making for a simpler mitigation item than the eelgrass.

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We should all strive to be good stewards of our community assets and the environment around us. All of the projects that we do as a community or as waterfront property owners are subject to Shoreline Management Policies. This includes the shoreline of Lagoon Lake. Lagoon Lake is a Lagoon Point Common Property; it belongs to all of us and is referred to as Lot A on our plat maps.



The LPCA Waterway Committee recently closed the tide gate that allows the salt water to move into Lagoon Lake. The tide gate is left open as long as possible to maintain a healthy flow of water in and out of Lagoon Lake. It is closed for the King Tide season to prevent flooding from the high tides. The lake is also fed from storm runoff at the North end. Island County was here earlier this week cleaning all of the storm drains around the neighborhood. The King Tides are predicted for December 6th to the 8th and January 3rd through the 5th.

A healthy shoreline will also keep the water balance healthier. A few simple things will help the health of our lake:

- avoiding overfertilization of our yards
- maintain the native reeds and plants around the edges of the lake
- don't dump yard waste anywhere near the edges of the waterways
- pick up your pet waste and dispose of it properly

This doesn't apply to only our lake or canal shoreline, but is a good reminder for the entire community. Before beginning any landscaping or maintenance projects within the shoreline jurisdiction homeowners should check to make sure it is a permitted activity. This link to the Island County Homeowner Brochure may answer your questions about the types of activities that are allowed. [HomeownerBrochure_OnlineViewing](#)

Thank you to all of our members who are committed to keeping this a beautiful and healthy shoreline environment.

LAGOON POINT - LICENSE PLATE HOLDERS:



Sure to be on everybody's gift list this holiday season. Tom Markley has license plate frames in stock for your last-minute shopping. Proceeds will be donated to the Lagoon Point Neighbors Helping Neighbors Fund.

License plate holders are valued at \$25 each.

Contact Tom at 360-321-9245 or email Promos4paula@hotmail.com.

In Memory of Jim Minstrell:

From the Minstrell Family

A long-standing member of our community, Jim Minstrell, passed away suddenly in early August. Jim and his wife Lenore have been living and fishing from their Seashore Ave home in Lagoon Point for over 25 years. Jim delighted in the physical environment, regularly walking the north hill and enjoying the geologic and meditative features of the beach. Jim also enjoyed walking 'the circuit' via Marine View Drive, pausing to breathe in and appreciate the view from the top of the south hill access. Jim cherished Lagoon Point's community, regularly stopping to chat with friends, old and new, and as a regular at LP's 'Over 90s Club' meeting.

Jim had a distinguished career in education as a teacher and researcher. He taught Physics and Integrated Math and Science at Mercer Island High School from 1962 - 1994, attaining BS in Math and Science and PhD at UW, and MS at UPenn. He was passionate about honoring students' conceptions of how the world worked, guiding them to reconsider their thinking with experiments that challenged their initial ideas. Jim received numerous teaching awards during his career, including the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching Science and the prestigious Millikan Award for Innovative Teaching in Physics, the highest honor available to physics teachers, traditionally awarded to university professors. He and his class even appeared on the Today Show. Jim continued his research, writing and mentoring in science education, including writing about building on learning thinking at the time of his passing. His work is being carried on through those he mentored and taught, along with his colleagues.

Jim wanted his friends to know he'd miss them, he loved them, and to look after one another. Lenore, and their children Michelle, James and Melinda, thank the community for their care and concern for Jim, and Lenore during this challenging time. and for creating such a wonderfully caring community. They are planning a celebration of Jim's life in the summer of 2026.

LAGOON POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION (LPCA) CONTACTS

LPCA FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Volunteer	Scott Brunner	scottbrunner@lpcawa.org
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If you have questions about Lagoon Point, send an email to info@lpcawa.org

Has your Email, Phone Number or Mailing Address changed?

Send an email to info@lpcawa.org with your current contact information.

For dues payments, ballots and written correspondence:

Drop Box Location: 105 Salmon Street
Box attached to the fence, right of the driveway when facing the house.

Or Mail Dues and Ballots to: LPCA
PO Box 123
Greenbank, WA 98253

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If you sell your property please do the following:

- a. Contact LPCA email at info@lpcawa.org to notify 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 \$300 fee at escrow. All 4 items must be turned in to avoid the fee. The address to return is 3675 Oceanside Drive. Email: dick.kuss@lpcawa.org
- c. If your buyer requires Board Meeting Minutes, Annual Member Meeting Minutes 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 and Parking Pass

If you have not picked up your Gate Card, Fishing Tags and Parking Hang Tag contact Dick Kuss at dick.kuss@lpcawa.org

LPCA Website – Members Area Password

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:

- Start on the Lagoon Point Members page by clicking on Private Information tab.
- A dialogue box will pop up on your screen. Click on "Register" in the lower left corner.
- The next dialogue box pops up titled "Register for this site" where you enter all your own information. You choose your own sign on name and your own personal password. You will be asked for your Lagoon Point address here on the island, not a mailing address somewhere else. Save your information somewhere safe.

Once you register for the Members Area, our 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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