

Beach Club/North Bay News

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LMC March Meeting Highlights

by Barbara Berthiaume, North Bay Editor

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) monthly board meeting, held on Saturday, March 14, at the Bay View Room of the Beach Club, took the following actions:

- Approved a Community Service Award in memory of John Van Zonneveld to be awarded to an LMC volunteer who has made a significant contribution of time and energy to the LMC and members of the community.
- Inserted Trustee Art Moyer's counterpoint article in the spring Navigator pending slight revisions.
- Developed policy and procedures with detailed steps to deal with member non-compliance issues that arise.
- Recommended that the membership approve the proposed Articles of Incorporation and By-law amendments that will be placed in the election mailing packets.
- Recommended that the membership waive the 2008 financial audit.
- Recommended approval of the Annual Meeting voting packet, with the proviso that if LMC finds the nomination of one of the candidates to be invalid, that name will be removed from the voting material.
- Agreed that members who have not paid their annual assessment dues in full will have their facility privileges suspended.
- Agreed to provide LMC Committee Chairs a copy of a 2004 legal opinion regarding the establishment of a schedule of fines for rule violations.

Family Night at the Movies

Celebrate spring with the family and enjoy movies with the kids on **Friday, April 3** and **Friday, April 17**, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the Bridge Deck. This is a great opportunity to socialize with other North Bay families. Popcorn and juice will be served along with the movie.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.

LMC Board Meeting
Saturday, April 11, 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 18
LOA Annual Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
LMC Annual Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
Annual Cocktail Party, 5:30 p.m.

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All LMC members are welcome. ☼

Manager's Report

by Brian Belmont

As of March 13, approximately 93 percent of this year's Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) assessments have been collected, as compared to 96 percent last year at this time.

The replacement of the men's locker room floor drains started Monday, March 9. Perdue Construction, the contractor hired to complete the project, is on schedule. The concrete slab has been cut and the resulting debris removed. The old shower and floor drains were completely rusted out. Only one electrical conduit was damaged during the cutting of the concrete floor and that was repaired yesterday. The plumbers have set the new drains, drain vents, trap primer lines and trap manifold. The new plumbing has been connected to the sewer main and the old drain lines properly capped.

Jefferson County will have inspected and signed off on the plumbing March 16. If everything passes inspection, the concrete floor will be re-poured that afternoon. I am anticipating that by the following Friday, Perdue will begin setting floor tile. Reopening the locker room by March 31 is still our goal.

Perdue will be preparing change orders involving the following:

- A two-inch cleanout will be added in the mechanical room.

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- Waterproof membrane will be added around the shower drain and up the stud wall adjacent to the drain.
- Some wall tile needs to be replaced next to the shower drain. The exact square footage has not been determined at this time.
- When pouring the concrete floor a 3-foot by x 3-foot pad will be poured under the existing mop sink in the mechanical room.
- The Perdue contract has a floor tile allowance based on \$2.50 per square foot for materials. The tile that LMC selected that most closely matches the existing tile is approximately \$9.50 per square foot. LMC will be responsible for the difference. The total difference amounts to less than \$1,500.

LMC recently hired Chris Storm as a part-time maintenance employee. Chris currently is working the opening shifts on **Saturday and Sunday** mornings. Phil Eng and volunteer Steve Siegiel recently replaced a three-phase breaker that we were having problems with. The breaker was part of the building's original electrical equipment.

Wilson Air Technologies, Inc. recently replaced one of the two compressors used in the indoor pool dehumidifier system. Wilson also replaced one of the air handler drip pans, which had rusted out.

Where is Our Voice?

by Jim Boyer, LMC President

It strikes me as ironic that this publication called *The Voice* serves a community that really has no central voice. In the opening stages of the Iron Mountain Quarry hearings, concerned citizens from Port Ludlow were told they could sit and listen, but that they would not be allowed to speak because they had no standing and, therefore, no opinions to offer. I've been thinking about this situation for some time and it strikes me that we in Port Ludlow are largely ignored except when someone wants to tax us for projects that primarily benefit others.

As the State of Washington is controlled mostly by King County, Jefferson County is largely subject to the desires of active and energetic Port Townsend voters. The three members of the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) are elected at large, not by the districts and precincts they are supposed to represent. The result of this weighted power breakout is that the Commissioners subsequently (and understandably) pay more attention to interests and concerns brought to them by Port Townsend residents, or agencies from outside the County.

An example of this is the recent BOCC vote to contribute \$500,000 to help build traffic circles in Port Townsend.

The majority of funding for that project is coming from the State Transportation Improvement Board, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, or Federal stimulus plan. Some money will come from the City of Port Townsend where the roundabouts will be built.

Apparently, there is no project in rural Jefferson County or District 3 that the Commissioners feel is as worthwhile as one that is being opposed by the affected citizens in the incorporated city of Port Townsend. In view of the impending roadway repair east of the Oak Bay Road/Paradise Bay Road intersection, I disagree.

The state of our union and our economy has me looking to the future. I am concerned about this place my wife and I choose to call home and I am concerned about the long-range value of our home and yours. Many of my friends and neighbors have told me they feel the same.

Some day Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) will near the completion of developing its remaining properties and the state of our village and our future will begin to change. My question is: Will we choose to be the primary decision makers in shaping matters that will impact the value of our homes and the condition of our village, or will we ignore these issues as others take the initiative?

Recent history has shown that problems cannot be routinely or legally dealt with in our current representative condition. But in the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) we do have a structure in place that has the ability to be modified in the sense of representation and developed with the capacity to serve our entire population and the more than three dozen separate governing organizations that make up the Village of Port Ludlow.

I suggest that the PLVC seek input from the Ludlow Maintenance Corporation (LMC), the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) and the unaffiliated associations along with the Chamber of Commerce to develop a vision for Port Ludlow, a long-range plan and a policy for staying ahead of developments within the community and PLA.

The key for a productive effort to serve our population is for our residents to be involved. I strongly urge everyone to take the time to attend and support your individual associations, the larger Boards of the LMC or SBCA and the PLVC. You constitute a vast resource of expertise and education and I encourage you to feel responsible for making comments, offering opinions and letting your views be heard and shared. The sooner we start thinking, talking and acting, the more prepared we will be when the time comes to address circumstances that could guarantee the citizens of Port Ludlow control of their destiny.

“We don't plan to fail, but we do fail to plan.”

Review of Tree Topping Policy

by Ted Buehler, Greenbelt Committee Chair

In the course of Greenbelt maintenance activity, we are frequently asked to top evergreen trees in order to restore views. Foresters and arborists as a rule are against topping evergreen trees as it almost always: 1) introduces disease and eventually kills the tree, 2) reduces the tree's ability to draw moisture, which could create drainage problems, and 3) weakens the resulting limb growth, causing a potential hazard. We often hear the statement, "it's better to remove the tree than to top it."

In the rare cases where the only viable alternative to topping is to remove the tree, there are several downsides. 1) Seedlings planted to replace the tree will take many years before they are mature enough to replace the tree that was removed. 2) Loss of the tree frequently creates a drainage problem. 3) Wind patterns are altered when trees are removed, which can lead to additional trees being lost. 4) With the tree canopy removed, less desirable vegetation is encouraged.

If, however, it has been determined that a tree should be removed, topping the tree might be considered as a first step in the tree's eventual removal and replacement. This would mean that at the time the tree was topped, the appropriate number and variety of seedlings would be planted so in the time it takes for the tree to die (frequently 10 plus years), the seedlings would have been selected, planted and would have ample time to mature, create shade and retain moisture. The end result would be no net loss of vegetation. Tree topping is never a good idea near homes or roads because the re-growth limbs are weaker and should be considered hazardous. Currently, the Greenbelt Committee's (GBC) policies and procedures discourage tree topping, but will allow it on a "case by case" basis. Initiating more specific guidelines will result in more consistent Greenbelt maintenance. The GBC is consulting with several foresters and arborists and hopes to make a recommendation to the Board in the near future.

Help Wanted

Community-conscious, responsible individuals are needed who enjoy the outdoors and are willing to spend a few hours each year contributing to the beautification of their neighborhood. No experience is necessary and compensation in the form of personal satisfaction is dependent upon effort. For details contact Jerry or Diane Purdy, North Bay Lot Owners Association (LOA) Clean Sweep Chairs, 437-1262.

April North Bay Clean Sweep

Our cold and snowy winter appears finally to be behind us, and the first days of spring will soon be here. We have a short time to get in our spring Clean Sweep before the shrubs and trees leaf out and cover up the winter's accumulation of trash. The next North Bay Clean Sweep will take place during the week of **Monday to Sunday, April 13 to 19.**

Clean Sweep is a dedicated Lot Owners Association (LOA) Committee that never holds meetings, yet gets the work done. Individuals, family groups and local businesses take responsibility for picking up the roadside litter along a few blocks of the neighborhood. Members are reminded quarterly by e-mail and through the *Voice* that another sweep is due.

The Committee is in need of volunteers to step up and take responsibility for one of the Clean Sweep routes and we also like to maintain a substitute list. Occasionally, Committee members are gone for an extended period of time and would like someone to temporarily take over their route. If you would like to lend a hand, please call Jerry or Diane Purdy at 437-1262. We encourage all community members to help keep our neighborhoods beautiful by picking up trash seen along our roadways between scheduled sweeps.

School-aged residents are encouraged to get involved in their community by picking up trash along the streets in their neighborhoods.

Reminder to dog owners: So we all can enjoy walking our trails and roadways, please carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog, large or small.

HOPL Sponsors Annual Cocktail Party

The Home Owners Potluck (HOPL) group is sponsoring the annual cocktail party on **Saturday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.**, in the Bay View Room following the Annual Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Membership Meeting. This is a special year as we are paying tribute to Phil Eng, the Maintenance Supervisor of the LMC who is retiring at the end of April after 24 years of service. Phil and his wife Karen have been invited to the party. This will give members a chance to thank Phil for all the contributions he has made on behalf of the LMC.

The LMC is providing some of the hors d'oeuvres, but volunteers are needed to provide sufficient food for all of the attending members. Local members are requested to sign up in the Beach Club office to indicate the type of appetizer they wish to bring. ☺

Home Owner Pot Luck Volunteers Needed

Have you been coming to our Pot Lucks? If not, you are missing a great opportunity to meet your fellow Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) members, experience great food, and sample delicious dishes. All LMC members, both homeowners and condo owners, are welcome to participate.

The Committee is now looking for new volunteers to organize the pot lucks for the coming year. We were fortunate this year to have a great Committee that did an outstanding job. Thanks go to the chair Fran Bodman and her Committee for their dedicated work. Bill Lazarus has agreed to serve as bartender again next year, continuing his fine job of buying the bar supplies and keeping track of what members like.

The **April** Cocktail Party, the **May** Brunch and the **June** BBQ/Picnic are upcoming events and we are hoping for a large turnout for all three. There are no pot lucks in **July and August** and they start again in **September**. The Home Owners Pot Lucks (HOPL) season runs from **September 2009 to June 2010**. If you are willing to help or would like more information, call Doris Feltham at 437-9196 or Fran Bodman at 437-5110. ☼

Easter Potluck and Easter Egg Hunt

Bring a basket and hop on down to the Beach Club for an Easter Celebration with fun for the whole family, and for anyone else who likes to be around families during this holiday.

The potluck will be **Sunday, April 12**, from noon to 3:00 p.m. with an Egg Hunt beginning promptly at 1:00 p.m. Sign up at the Beach Club, as it is important that the Bunny knows the menu and how many children will be coming. Please sign up by **Sunday, April 5**. For more information or to help with this event, please call or e-mail Piper Diehl 437-0602 or piperdiehlmp@yahoo.com.

Spring Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will be held at the Beach Club beginning **Tuesday, April 14**. The cost is \$50 for Beach Club members and \$60 for nonmembers. To inquire about the classes or to pre-register, call Lynn at 550-3966, or e-mail bhorizons@embarqmail.com

Two sessions are scheduled, Session I, **Tuesdays and Thursdays, April 14 to May 7**, and Session II: **Tuesdays and Thursdays, May 12 to June 4**.

Class times for Preschool/Level I is 3:00–3:30 p.m., Level 2/3 is 3:40–4:10 p.m. and Level 4/5 is 4:15–4:45 p.m.

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