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The Long Pointer

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Riparian Rights versus Non-Riparian Rights ...and what does it mean to Long Pointers?

Riparian Rights

means ownership and the ability to use or restrict use of the waterfront.

Non-Riparian

means a property does not have ownership or exclusive access to the waters' edge.

LPIA Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 10

Annual General Membership Meeting and BOD Elections
7:30pm at the hall

Friday, September 13

Wine and Cheese on the Beach
Circle Road Beach, 6pm

October 18, Friday

Ice Cream Social and
Movies at the Hall, 7pm

October 19, Saturday

Kid's Halloween Party
11am at the hall

December 14, Saturday

Breakfast with Santa! 10am
Santa will be visiting the hall!

Check Facebook, Twitter and the
Hall sign board regularly for current information!

Long Point was deeded as a non-riparian community with a "perpetual right of way" all around the point. This parkway, granted in the covenants and restrictions of the original Munson deed, allowed residents the privilege to walk around the entire waters' edge of the Point. It remains in effect today, regardless of erosion and shoreline changes and riparian/non-riparian ownership (and has been upheld in court when contested.)

This means that (except for a few properties who secured riparian rights to their waterfronts over the years), Long Point waterfront lots have a 15' access zone along the water that belongs to the community, not the property owners. And those few properties who have been granted riparian rights still must allow access to cross their lots along the waterfront.

It means that Long Point community residents have access to and use of the waterfront around nearly the entire peninsula!

What it does not mean is that community members can trespass on (go beyond the 15' right of way), loiter about or disturb the property owners whose non-reparian property they are crossing.

It means that waterfront homeowners must request and be granted community approval via the LPIA Board of Directors to make changes to their non-reparian waterfront land - piers, bulkheads, hard-scaping, etc.

And as if things aren't confusing enough, *even if you do have riparian rights* here in Maryland, **it does not mean** that you can automatically build a pier or make changes to your waterfront without permission from the county!

It's confusing, we know. And so we think that the best rule is to ask a board member, be aware of your neighbors and respect each other.

If you are asked to discontinue activities or practices (as a homeowner *or* community resident using community property) that detract from the enjoyment of our community, please know that we are seeking to maintain and preserve our beautiful neighborhood for our residents and our future generations.

Remember that although the waters' edge properties are accessible along the parkway, that personal property and non-reparian neighbors must be respected. Please don't loiter or trespass on (go beyond the 15' right of way of) the non-reparian properties of your neighbors or damage their personal property.

And non-reparian property owners, please remember that we are and have always been a non-reparian community and one of the awesome parts of living here is that we all can use the waterfront that you get to enjoy from your backyards, everyday.

That being said, don't forget to hang out at our community beaches and/or water access points! These are 100% available for the day-use of everyone in the community.

Have fun, be kind, stay safe!

LPIA Board of Directors

(This is not meant to provide legal advice in anyway and we are not responsible for decisions made based on this information.)

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LPIA CONTACT INFO
904-728-4703

LPIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTIONS 2019

WE NEED BOARD MEMBERS!

Elections are being held at the September General Membership meeting and we are looking for community members to serve on the Board. PLEASE consider helping your community in this very important way.

The Board generally meets 4 times a year, with extra meetings if needed. Contact Joan Hillier at joan.hillier63@gmail.com if you are interested.

Ballots and Voting

Below is a list of the current members of the Long Point Improvement Association Board. A ballot page follows. Ballots will be accepted at the September 10, 2019 General Meeting which will be held in the Hall.

Please print the Ballot/Proxy Voting page and bring it/ have it submitted at the September 10th meeting at the hall.

Get in touch with a Board Member! 904-728-4703

LPIA Board 2019

Board of Governors

Officers

Randy Bode, **President**
Term expires: 2020

Dave Zaruba, **Vice President**
Term expires: 2019

Lori Osowski, **Treasurer**
Term expires: 2019

Anne Sanders, **Secretary**
Term expires: 2021

Board Members

Jen Adams
Term expires: 2021

Joan Hillier
Term expires: 2019

Dave Lurz
Term expires: 2020

Bob Johansen
Term expires: 2019

Tricia Roe
Term expires: 2021

Committees

Ronald Smith	Boat Ramp
Jen Adams	Boat Ramp
Anne Sanders	Membership Longpointer
Bill Smeltz	Hall Sign
Bob Johansen	Hall Rentals
Tricia Roe	Welcoming, Social, Kids Activities
Dave Zaruba	Legal Liaison
VACANT	Webmaster

Board of Governors Ballot 2019

BALLOT FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS 2019 - 2022 TERM

THERE ARE 4 VACANCIES TO BE FILLED ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. PLEASE VOTE FOR FOUR OF THE FOLLOWING SLATE OF NOMINEES OR WRITE-IN NOMINEES:

- _____ Joan Hillier
- _____ Kim Jarmer
- _____ Robert Johansen
- _____ Lori Osowski

Write-in Nominees:

VALIDATION OF BALLOT:

I am a current member of the Long Point Improvement Association and have paid the annual dues for the calendar year 2019.

VOTING PROXY (for absentee ballots)

KNOW BY ALL PRESENT: That I, _____, current LPIA member in good standing for year 2019, do hereby constitute and appoint _____ as agent for me, in my name, place and stead, to vote as my proxy at the September 10, 2019 general membership meeting of the Long Point Improvement Association, Inc., on any and all matters which may legally and properly come before the meeting, and said agent may act for me as if I were personally present, and I do hereby approve, ratify and confirm that my said agent may do by virtue hereof.

I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2019.

LPIA 2020 Budget Proposal

INCOME

Boat Ramp Donations	300
Boat Ramp Income	4,200
Capital Reserve Fund Donation	100
Donation	100
Interest Income	40
Hall Rental Income	39,000
Membership Dues	6,000
<u>Social Committee Event Income</u>	<u>1,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$50,740

EXPENSES

Administration	500
Boat Ramp Expenses	1,000
Community Property Maintenance	8,000
Dues/Donations- Other Organizations	25
Insurance	5,800
Kids Activities	400
Legal Expenses	5,000
Long Point Hall Expense	28,000
Social Committee Events	1,265
<u>Tax Prep</u>	<u>750</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$50,740

LPIA Financials

Current financial statements will be made available at regularly scheduled Board Meetings.

Historical statements can be provided upon written request only.

Boat Ramp NEWS

Boat Ramp Parking

To avoid tire ruts at the ramp which make the grass hard to cut, please do not park on the grass when the ground is soft after heavy rains. LPIA parking areas on Magothy Road and Twin Beach Road are to be used **only as overflow parking** for boat ramp trailers/ vehicles, and **not** for trailer storage.

Boat Ramp Maintenance

We have been attempting to address the goose dropping problem on the ramp. Accepting ideas as well as volunteers to help keep clean! Contact Ron Smith (rsmapple@verizon.net) or a board member if you can help.

Please be considerate of the boat ramp neighbors as you use the area.



FYI

[Maryland's Online Water Access Guide](http://dnr.maryland.gov/Boating/Pages/water-access/boatramps.aspx)

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"In Maryland, non-motorized vessels may **launch** from boat ramps but are encouraged to use separate **soft launch** areas if one is provided at the same site."

The LPIA Beach Committee will be promoting several sites as soft launch locations. More details coming soon!

Community Beaches and Property

Hopefully you have noticed that we hired a crew to maintain the grass cutting at several of the larger beaches this summer! We expect to expand the service to other community properties/ water access points next year.

We hope you have enjoyed using the beaches and/or watching your neighbors use our wonderful water-front spaces. If you have a question or concern about community use of a particular spot, please reach out to a board or beach committee member!

General rules:

- No motor vehicles allowed on the beaches
- Kayak/ canoes/ SUP's can be carried across community properties to launch from a beach (but please use the boat ramp to launch trailered boats and personal watercraft)
- All properties are for day use only
- Park in designated area only
- Respect the neighbors and their personal property
- Pack in/ pack out... leave no trace! Keep the beaches clean for everyone.

Community Notices and Announcements



A warm welcome to our newest neighbors...
say hi and introduce yourself when you meet them!

Beeman/Johnson Family, 129 Circle Road
Scott Cogburn & Bill Schmelyun, 1667 Grandview Road
Sullivan Family, 142 Circle Road

Long Point Hall Rental Rates

Basic Hall Rental (4 hours) Mon-Thurs.	Basic Hall Rental (4 hours) Fri. & Sat.	Basic Hall Rental (4 hours) Sunday
LPIA Non-Members: \$325	LPIA Non-Members: \$475	LPIA Non-Members: \$375
LPIA Members: \$225	LPIA Members: \$375	LPIA Members: \$275
Additional hours \$ 50 per hour	Additional hours \$ 50 per hour	Additional hours \$ 50 per hour
*Plus a \$100 refundable security deposit	*Plus a \$100 refundable security deposit	*Plus a \$100 refundable security deposit
Meetings (per hour)	Additional fees	
LPIA Non-Members: \$35	Use of Kitchen Facilities: \$20 per rental	
LPIA Members: \$20	Putting message on outside sign if available: \$10 per event	
Cleaning fee (flat fee) \$30		
All fees are to be paid with the signed contract. Contact Bob at 410-935-6575 to reserve the Hall or for more information.		

LPIA Volunteers

We are a 100% volunteer association. New volunteers to help manage or improve our community are always welcome!

There are many ways to help out! You can join the board, become active in the membership meetings, join standing committees or help out your neighbors by signing up with Helping Hands; plan and attend social events, yard sales, beach clean-ups; and we always need help with hall maintenance, fundraising, and other special projects!

If you'd like to take part in the Association in any way, reach out! Contact any Board or Committee Member, visit our Facebook page, send us an email. Phone numbers for various contacts are in this bulletin and on the website.

You are also encouraged to attend the annual General Membership Meeting in September to meet others involved in our community.

LPIA Social Events - News from the Social Committee



Last Wine and Cheese on the Beach

Friday, September 13th, 6pm @ Circle Road Beach

Kid's Halloween Party

The annual Kid's Halloween Party will be held Sunday, October 19th. Party time starts at 11am in the hall. Kids and Grandkids are invited - make sure they wear their costumes! Games and treats will be waiting for them! RSVP, please - Tricia 410-371-1710.



Breakfast with Santa

Mark your calendars... the 9th Annual Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday December 14th, 10am. Parents and grandparents- bring the kids to have breakfast, play games, and see Santa!! Children and adults will have a pancake and sausage breakfast! Coffee and juice also served! Please bring a small wrapped gift with your child's name on it for Santa to give as an early present! RSVP required; call Tricia Roe at 410-371-1710.



Also coming up...

October 18, 7pm

Ice Cream Social and Movie Night

December

Paint Night at the Hall
Time and Date TBD

Remember... all LPIA residents are welcome to all activities. You don't have to join the Long Point Improvement Association to participate in community fun (but we hope you will soon!)

Our Social Committee has grown to include 4 new members in addition to regular 6 - that's 10 people total!! Fantastic... and a great shout out to all of our volunteers who are working so hard to help this community come together and enjoy time spent together. That is what makes a good solid community! With the addition of the Beach Committee to the Social Committee, we will be working hard to make sure anyone in our community enjoys, and benefits from living in Long Point!

Check us out on Facebook for updated event info.



Like the "Long Point on the Magothy" page to see pictures, share information with your neighbors, and stay up to date on community happenings!

Long Point Improvement Association, Inc.
2019 COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DUES
Family Membership

Dear Long Point Resident / Property Owner,

It's never too late to show your support of our community by joining the Long Point Improvement Association! Funds from membership dues are used for a great number of activities and improvements that benefit all of us.

There are two ways to join:

By mail: please complete this form and mail along with a check payable to the Long Point Improvement Association (LPIA) to: **Anne Sanders, 1634 Grandview Road, Pasadena, MD 21122.**

Online/Paypal: Visit our website at <http://www.longpointpasadena.com> and click on the Pay Online button to use PayPal.

<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Amount Enclosed</u>
Family Dues	\$60.00	_____
or		
Family Dues for Seniors (Age 60+)	\$35.00	_____
<u>Donations</u>		
Capital Reserve Fund		_____
Boat Ramp Donation		_____
	Total	_____

NOTE: Boat ramp dues will be collected separately when the keys are distributed to LPIA members who complete the boat, trailer & vehicle information form.

Please complete the following contact information:

Name: _____

Long Point Address: _____

Home/ Mailing Address/ P.O. Box: _____

City/ State/ Zip Code: _____

Home phone: _____ Work phone: _____ E-mail address: _____

Are you a first time member? _____ Yes _____ No

Would you like to have the newsletters and community alerts e-mailed to you? _____ Yes _____ No

Areas of Interest (for which you might volunteer to help):

Social Events _____ Hall Maintenance _____ Grass Cutting _____ Beach Cleanup _____

Boat Ramp _____ Fundraising _____ Membership _____ Welcoming _____ Board Member _____

Community Yard Sale _____ Long Point Kids' Activities _____ Helping Hands _____

Thank you for your interest in and support of our Community and its Association!