



LONGBOAT HARBOUR

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BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH COMMUNICATIONS

Building Modernization — President's Report



“The condo buildings look great.”

The gods smiled on LbH again this year with good summer weather and essentially no hurricane damage – a few tree branches and a small amount of carport aluminum blown off but nothing of significance and no major delays or disruptions in our painting and concrete repair project.

The project began on schedule last May, and we expect the current work on the 14 buildings to be completed by the end of November. The office complex will be painted last to minimize disruption to residents.

“It’s so fresh.”

Comments from residents on the new color and accents have been very positive as well as those on the new screen doors – the new, fresh appearance is a welcome change! (*Some comments received by your editors are inserted in this report.*) The major-

ity of those in residence during the project were pleased with Waterproofing Contractors’s performance – cleaning up each evening, covering areas being worked on, etc. There were a few hiccups but the Waterproofing staff was always responsive in resolving any problem.

“The painters have done a good and clean job . . . they seem to care about doing a good piece of work.”

Our condo staff were allowed to utilize the Waterproofing lifts to replace the large wood beams that were rotten or termite infested with considerable cost savings. The beams were purchased directly from a saw mill at a cost 20% less than if purchased from a lumber yard, and Will Wengerd designed a technique by which they could be installed without having to rent a crane.

While we have been happy with the performance of Waterproofing, we were extremely unhappy with the performance of Wilson Windows, the contractor that was to remove the lanai screen walls where concrete repair is required. After removing five screen walls in N and H buildings, Wilson Windows informed us that they would be unable to complete the project. Finding

“I must say, it all looks wonderful!”

and contracting with another company to continue as planned would have resulted in doing concrete repair in the middle of the season while most owners are in residence. Therefore, the Board of Directors approved the recommendation by the Operating Committee to defer the lanai concrete repair (and the final 1/3 of the special assessment) until May 2006. A change order with Waterproofing on the delay was executed. As well, it seeking a company to do the screen wall and, where required, the enclosure removal and replacement.

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Based on discussions with Waterproofing and quotes on the screen wall replacement, minimal increased cost is anticipated and the total cost should be within the overall original \$1,000,000 projected cost. The only work that is being deferred is concrete repair on the lanai slab edges of the 51 units where necessary. There is limited concrete repair of concrete beams on the carport side of the buildings, but repair in those areas will be completed now.



Chairman of the Operating Committee, Ernie Giordano, shows off the new screen door.

Your condominium will soon be in top notch shape with

- a beautiful recreation room
- a first class gym
- refurbished elevators
- new roofs
- new walkway carpet
- resurfaced roads with an attractive paver brick entrance and
- a fresh, new paint job.

In the future we may have to take care of water pipes that are aging and starting to spring leaks, strengthen our carport structures, and replace mansard roofs and soffits.

I think this place looks great because of the work and dedication of many of you that are reading this. Thanks to you on behalf of the other 299 owners!!!

*Hank Airth,
President*

LANDSCAPING REPORT

November Report of the Landscape Committee

During the previous month, the committee was involved with planting of flowers at the entrance to the Condo. Geraniums were planted in the flagpole bed, Bush Daisies in the interior beds, and Pansies along the street and beginning of Exeter Drive. The hot weather in November delayed growers in production of cool weather plants, and consequently the plants are smaller than we would like, but should grow fairly rapidly. The Bush Daisies are a drought tolerant perennial and should last for several years. The beds were previously planted with Impatiens which require a lot of water, and hence more attention.

Geraniums were also planted at the ends of the island between H and N Buildings, and two small Adonidia palm clumps were planted at the beach house, to replace two Pygmy Date Palms which died during the summer.

A survey was made of the entire property to ascertain the need and extent of future planting. It was found that there is an immediate need for about 650

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MCNEIL NAMED TO BOARD

Mike McNeil (I-201) has been named to the Board of Directors at the October Board Meeting. He fills until January the vacancy created by the resignation of Ted Ford. Mike and Nancy have owned their unit since 1998. Since his retirement earlier this year, they have been able to spend longer periods here at LbH .

A graduate of the University of Maine and Michigan State, Mike was a founding principal of the accounting firm Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, a prominent public accounting firm, known throughout New England and based in Bangor, Maine. Mike specialized in the provision of audit, income tax, third-party payment and regulatory consulting services to health care providers.

In commenting on his retirement his partners referred to him as “a gracious, even-handed leader and advocate. Those of us who had the pleasure of working with Mike have been enriched.”

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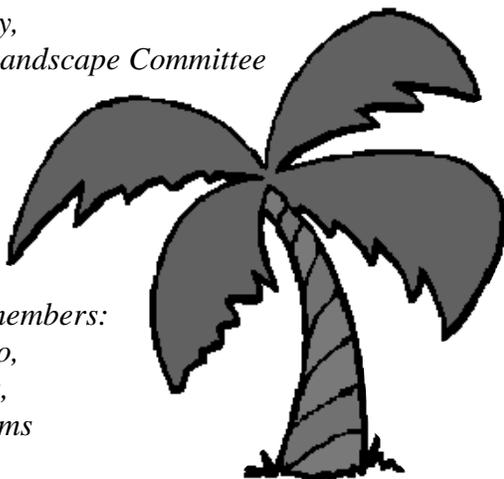
shrubs and trees throughout the Condo grounds. The need for these plants results from loss due to disease, old age, overgrowth, drought, and mechanical damage. The estimate is probably conservative, since the concrete work is not yet finished, and more plants may be lost in that process. Estimates for this work would be in the neighborhood of \$15,000 to \$22,000 assuming most of the work being done by landscape contractors. Cost would be less if in-house labor were available.

Barbara Hulyk and I attended the Federation meeting at Portobello on Nov. 12, and heard an address by Anna Marie Post of Florida Yards and Neighborhoods, the topic being landscape management. Ms. Post was previously engaged in restoration of coastal wetlands and was horticultural director at Selby Gardens. Her talk covered many aspects of landscaping, with emphasis on water conservation and use of Xeric plants. She enumerated various principles, and those which I believe apply most strongly to our Condo are the following:

1. The right plant in the right place.
2. Proper spacing of plants, and simplicity in groupings.
3. Incorporation of organic matter in beds, mulching after planting, and fertilizing plants four to six weeks after planting with a slow release fertilizer.
4. Efficient watering
5. Appropriate control of yard pests.
6. Protection of the waterfront.

Other principles such as collecting and composting yard waste and reducing storm water runoff would not be practical for this Condo.

*Bob Adamsky,
Chairman, Landscape Committee*



*Committee members:
Charlie Rizzo,
David Noyes,
Carol Williams*



Schedule of Events for the 2005 - 2006 Season

Mark Your Calendars

Fri	Nov	25	8:30 a.m.	Fall Co-ed Golf Outing
Sat	Nov	26	9:30 a.m.	Deck the Hall
Fri	Dec	2	7:00 p.m.	Yacht Club Reception
Wed	Dec	7	12:00 noon	Harbourettes Luncheon
Wed	Dec	21	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Mon	Jan	9	7:30 p.m.	Annual Meeting
Sun	Jan	15	5:00 p.m.	M.Y.N. Cocktail Party
Thu	Jan	19	7:30 p.m.	Film Society
Sat	Jan	21	6:00 p.m.	Change of Watch
Thu	Jan	26	10:00 a. m.	Tampa Bay Downs
Sun	Feb	5	5:00 p.m.	Super Bowl Party
Sun	Feb	12	8:30 a.m.	Sweetheart Breakfast
Tue	Feb	14	11:30 a.m.	Valentine Luncheon
Wed	Feb	15	12:00 noon 7:30 p.m.	Fashion Show Board Meeting
Thu	Feb	16	7:30 p.m.	Film Society
Wed	Feb	22	12:00 noon	Harbourettes Luncheon
Thu	Feb	23	11:30 a.m.	Rendezvous
Sat	Feb	25	5:00 p.m.	Cocktail Party
Wed	Mar	15	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Thu	Mar	16	7:30 p.m.	Film Society
Fri	Mar	17	5:30 p.m.	St. Pats Celebration
Thu	Mar	23	TBA	Rendezvous
Sat	Mar	25	10:00 a.m.	Chip & Putt Contest
Sun	Mar	26	9:00 a.m.	Tennis Tourney (finals)
Thu	Apr	6	6:30 p.m.	Owners Party
Wed	Apr	12		Passover Begins
Sun	Apr	16		Easter
Wed	Apr	19	7:30 p.m.	Board Meeting
Thu	Apr	20	6:00 p.m.	Pizza Party at Beach
Mon	Apr	24	9:00 a.m.	Spring Co-ed Golf Day

When the police arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain motionless?

LbH Men's Club News

The Men's Club had an attendance of twenty at the first meeting of the season. (11-8-05). Eighteen attended the next week. **All LbH men are invited to join.*** On Tuesdays at 11:30 we meet in the large recreation room starting with beverages (sodas, beer, wine or lemonade) with some chips and pretzels, too. We eat at noon finishing with ice cream and cookies. There is a brief meeting with announcements and usually some form of entertainment or maybe an interesting mini-lecture. Finally we have drawings for door prizes. We usually finish a little after 1 PM. The cost is \$6 plus a quarter. Information is posted, not on building bulletin board, but rather on **Channel 57 (New this year)** The notice includes numbers to call for more details. When you enter you will be greeted by the treasurers with their hands out. J Also, **Dave Noyes**, treasurer, will record your attendance and **Bill Shelton** will collect the money. (* Joining Men's Club is a great way to get to know many of the men of Longboat Harbour. With **you**, we'll have one more!)

On Tuesday, Nov. 8th, **Bill Holland**, president, opened the new year and acted as emcee. **Dave Noyes**, our new treasurer, gave the report, plus a joke. He promised to make telling a joke or two a custom from now on. There was little in the way of business so we had the drawings and went home a bit early.

On Nov. 15th, **Joe Callahan**, vice president, opened the meeting. Also, **Warren Conrad** returned to LbH and the Men's Club . Not only does he emcee each week and concoct the trivia quizzes, he reviews coming social events so that we don't miss out on all the good things going on. On this day Warren, having just arrived back to LbH, didn't have his usual trivia contest, but had a number of very, very tricky questions requiring sharp concentration. A good many of us were surprised that our answers, which seem obvious, were way wrong.

The Men's Club officers for 04-05 did such fine job, they will all serve again this year, except former, long time treasurer, **Jack Levy**. Jack and his wife, **Barbara** have moved out of LbH. We wish them well in their new, year round retirement home

*Dick Dilgard
Men's Club Scribe*

MEN'S CLUB OFFICERS

President **Bill Holland**
Vice President **Joe Callahan**
Treasurer **Dave Noyes**
Asst. Treasurer. **Bill Shelton**
Sunshine Chair **Dave Kee**
Emcee **Warren Conrad**

Advertisements

For Rent: I-Bldg, 3rd floor, 1 br, 1 bath,
Glassed lanai, \$2500/mo. for info/ photos,
(802) 658-3374 Email: p.bakeman@ieee.org

Kayak Wanted Buy or Rent.
Carol Shaw & Stuart Sinai — cinse@juno.com
(248)682-5514 or (941)383-2524

Oktoberfest 2005

Eighty-three Longboat Harbourites enjoyed the hearty fare typical of the season and oompa music by accordionist Bill Millnar, at the annual Oktoberfest in our Rec Hall, Saturday, October 29. Co-chairs **Donna and Bob Winter** did a masterful job in sating the ravenous thirsts and appetites of the party-starved throng. Sufficient food and drink was provided for an anticipated crowd of 100 persons.

However, some potential attendees were chased by Wilma to parts unknown. The Wilma in reference was not the ghost of Olympic champion sprinter Rudolph; or Buck Rogers significant other "in the 25th century," or a certain Flintstone of note...it was a fickle hurricane that trolled in the Gulf of Mexico in these environs. As you know, Wilma gathered some oompa of her own and hit elsewhere.

Kudos go to the four individuals who fulfilled their chores with the help of their enlistees: **Mary Harb** (serving), **Mike McNeil** (cooking), **Bill Steiber** (cleanup) and **Sue Troup** (decorating). Well-done, **Donna and Bob Winter**.

Warren Conrad



The folks who work to arrange and coordinate the many social and recreation activities here at Longboat Harbour met at the home of member **Pat Marschke** to firm the 2005-06 calendar of special events at LbH. At

this November 17th meeting were: **Joe Callahan, Warren Conrad, Mary Harb, Gladys Henry, Bill Holland, Marcia Kurzberg, Joe Longtin, Pat Marschke, Barb & Bill Shelton and Bob Winter.** Sorely missed was **Gordon Mount**, on medical leave in Canada, and we wish him a speedy recovery for we need his wise counsel.

The group announces these Calendar Highlights for what is left of November and the next two months:

Sat. Nov. 26 Deck The Hall 9:30 a.m. Chair: **Mary Harb**; Refreshment Host: **Gladys Henry.** Everyone is invited to help decorate the Community Hall for Christmas and Hanukkah.

Fri. Dec. 2nd Yacht Club Reception in the Community Hall - 7 p.m. Winners of best (lighted) and decorated docks and boats will be recognized.

Wed. Dec. 7th Harbourettes Holiday Luncheon 12 noon **Margaret Demey**, President.

Sunday, Jan. 15th Meet-Your-Neighbor Cocktail Party 5-7 p.m. Community Hall.

Thur. Jan. 26th Bus Trip to Tampa Downs Race Track

For further details on all the above activities and more, tune in to channel 57, our "in house" station on, your television set.

The Recreation Committee will not sponsor a New Year's Eve Party this year due to insufficient interest.

*Warren Conrad,
Chairman*

REMINDERS

RENTAL RULES HIGHLIGHTS

- Two rentals per year only
- Application required
- Maximum two persons in the unit
- Identity of all persons must be disclosed
- Occupants must check in at office on arrival



Car Identification is required for all vehicles (Owners' and Tenants') parked on our property. Get yours at the office.

IN MEMORIAM

One of our original owners, **Jerry Barnett** (K-203), passed away August 18th. Born in Brooklyn, NY, he came to LbH 33 years ago from Atlanta. Jerry was 93.

Another nonagenarian, long time renter, **Don Williams** (sometimes known as Parker) also died during the summer. Many will remember him for his huge auto. He would have turned 100 in January.

Jack Isaacs, who owned A-205, died in June.

Marge Callahan, who served as our cheerful greeter at many social events, died October 7th.

Longboat Harbour notes their passing with regret.



Many people help to bring the *INFO* to you. The names of some appear with articles they have contributed. Many others help in other ways. To them all we extend out thanks.

Bart and Jean Wassmansdorf,
Editors

SUMMER EVENTS

SARASOTA MUSIC FESTIVAL STUDENT CONCERT AT LBH



The 2005 Sarasota Music Festival Student Concert at LBH was held on June 8th. Even a bad storm that hit just when the students arrived and continued on and off during the evening did not dampen the enthusiasm of either the performers or the audience of 41 residents and guests.

This year we were exceptionally fortunate to have ten musicians who attend prestigious schools including Curtis Institute of Music, Julliard School of Music, Cleveland Institute of Music, and Yale University. The performance included Brahms Andante Piano Quartet #3, Schumann Piano Quartet – First Movement, Chopin 24th Caprice – Paganini Variations, First Movement of the Ligeti Sonata, and the First and Sixth Movements of a Schubert Piano Concerto.



Chairman **Ann Sweet** is indebted to the support she received from **Margaret Demey,**

Pat Warner, Lil Toolan, and Barbara Hulyk in providing a scrumptious dinner for the somewhat surprised and grateful young performers! Thanks also go to **Chuck Sweet and John Warner** who provided transportation for musicians and instruments and the many neighbors who donated delicious cookies for the reception that followed the concert.

JULY 4TH INDOOR PICNIC



There was little response to the sign-up posting for our traditional 4th of July Celebration at LBH (too many residents had left for the summer or were on trips); but when Ann Sweet was questioned why it had been cancelled, she determined that a party had to be held.



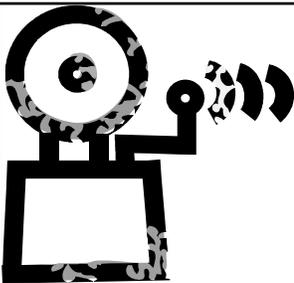
With less than a week to organize, a pot luck for residents was announced and an enthusiastic group of over 30 neighbors appeared with delicious food to share and meat to be grilled by **Al Fishbein** with support from **Mark Longo** and **Chuck Sweet**. Many thanks go to those who helped in the kitchen and with setting up: **Mary Jane Meyer, Lou Longo, Jean Anderson, Hank Gitzen, Ann Hanley, and Helen Jursco**. Everyone enjoyed patriotic music and games especially the Flags in History and Virginia Presidents and Their Homes puzzles. Naturally the school teachers in the crowd vied for the prizes of red, white, and blue covered chocolate candy!

Ann Sweet

The Sarasota Music Festival Scholarship Fund was improved by the sum of \$300.00, \$222.00 of which was collected from persons attending the concert and another \$78.00 contributed by the Recreation Committee.

It was an evening that will be long remembered!

Ann Sweet



Door Bells

Replacement bells for the entry door can be made available at a discount price if a sufficient num-

ber of owners commit to the purchase. If thirty or more units are ordered, a bulk purchase will be made.

The cost is \$20.00, including shipping (paid by the Association), payable at the time of ordering.

Contact the office to place your order.

Harbourettes

Welcome back "Snow Birds" and goodbye "Wilma".

Our group is growing in numbers from seven to mid-30's playing Bridge and Rummikub at our Rec Hall at 12:30 every Wednesday.



Our Holiday Luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 12:00 Noon. Please make reservations in the Rec Hall on November 23 or November 30th. All owners and renters are welcome.

The luncheon dates for 2006 are tentatively scheduled as follows:

January 11	Birthday Luncheon
February 15	Fashion Show
March 8	St. Patrick's Day
April 5	Installation Luncheon

Please join us for fun, games and refreshments in the Rec Hall every Wednesday.

Jan Davin,



The Rendezvous was held at the beautiful Bay Front Room at Marina Jack. We had 88 members attend - the largest attendance ever at a November rendezvous. It was a clear, sunny day so the view overlooking the bay, marina and the new condos on Golden Point was spectacular. The lunch of grouper, london broil, and chicken was tastefully prepared and served in a background of a pianist playing the old standards. While dessert was being served we recognized some of our members who were celebrating special occasions - **Gladys Henry** 75th Birthday, **Mae and Gordon Shaw** who were being sworn in on Wednesday as U.S. citizens, **Phyllis and Dave Kee** celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary danced as they were serenaded by Commodore Davin singing "When Your Old Wedding Ring Was New."

Commodore Davin thanked the members for their support of Club activities throughout the year and commented, "You have all been involved in a record setting year in the Thirty Year history of the Longboat Harbour

LbH/Comcast Line-up As of Nov., 2005*

Ch.		40	HOME SHOPPING
2	WXPX PAX CH 66	41	HOME & Garden
3	WEDU PBS CH 3	42	MSNBC
4	WMOR 32 Ind.	43	DIScovery
Tampa		44	ANM Animal Planet
5	HALLMARK	45	TLC Learn.Ch.
6	SNN 24 hr Loc. News	46	E! Entertainment
7	WWSB ABC CH 40	47	CMTV Country Mus.
8	WFLA NBC CH 8	48	TOON
9	WTOG Ind. CH 44	49	GOLF
10	WTSP CBS CH 10	50	VH1 Music
11	WTTA WB CH 38	51	FX
12	QVC Shopping	52	SPEED Mtr.Sprts
13	WTVT FOX CH 13	53	SPIKE
14	WGN Chicago	54	HIST
15	WVEA Uni. Tampa	55	FAM ABC Family
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17	WFTS ABC CH 28	57	LbH INFORMATION!!!
18	C-SPAN 1	58	GAME Show Ch.
19	Local Gov.	59	TBS
20	Local Edu.	60	STYLE
21	LOCAL Blab, Access	61	TNT
22	Ind. Clearwtr CH 22	62	TV L-and
23	CH 50 Tampa Spanish)	63	COURT TV
24	T-V GUIDE	64	FXN Fox News
25	NICK	65	TCM Classic Movies
26	A&E	66	COMedy Centrl
27	HEADLINE NEWS	67	SCI-FI
28	CSS sports south	68	BRAVO
29	ESPN Sports	69	TRAVEL
30	ESPN2 Sports	70	C-SPAN2
31	WEATHER CHAN.	71	OLN Outdoor Life
32	CNN1 News	72	Comcast ads.
33	MTV	73	HEALTH
34	USA	74-78	N/A Premium
35	BET	79-95	No Signal
36	LIFETIME	96-98	N/A Premium
37	FOOD	99	Comcast Sara-sota info-mercials.
38	SUN Sunshine Net.		
39	CNBC Finance/Talk		

***Changes happen!**

Our thanks to Dick Gilgard who carefully reconstructed the TV lineup for our convenience.

Yacht Club. The largest membership and the greatest number of attendees at Yacht Club events".

The next Yacht Club sponsored event is the Lighting of the Docks and Boat Celebration on Friday, December 2nd. The entire Longboat Harbour Community is invited to participate and attend a hospitality reception in the Rec Hall at 7PM.

Jan and Ed Davin

ODE to LONGBOAT HARBOUR

No, this is not a poem; and certainly we are not poets. However, the expression “Ode to” seemed to capture or frame our thoughts on the depth and warmth of our Longboat Harbour community.

Yes, we all know about our superb amenities – Gym, Recreation Hall, Pools, Hobby Shops, etc., etc. And, it is reasonable to be proud, and perhaps brag a little, about the many social programs that utilize the facilities.

However, what we have discovered over the last months is a more subtle and invisible component of Longboat Harbour living — a sincere in-depth concern, for someone who has a difficult health problem.

The out-pouring of best wishes, be it prayers, upbeat messages of support, humorous anecdotes, and on and on, has been an extra-ordinary and up-lifting experience. Be it e-mail, phone calls, letters, cards — the volume of messages has been huge! And a major contributor to sustaining a positive outlook which is a vital component of the overall treatment.

And so, to the good people of Longboat Harbour, thank-you, thank-you, thank-you.

Gratefully, and with all sincerity,

Joyce and Gordon Mount.

*Some days I'm so forgetful ,
I can't complete a though .*

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