

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

As we near the end of 2016, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) members will be asked to vote on the 2017 Budget. At this writing, I anticipate that the member budget vote will take place on Thursday, December 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Bay View room of the Beach Club.

On or about December 1, our members will be receiving a packet of information from LMC that includes 2017 Budget information, Budget Ballot/Proxy information, and 2017 assessment notice. Please familiarize yourself with this information; if you have any questions, I'm available to answer them by phone or email.

As for the 2017 Budget, the LMC Finance Committee and Board of Trustees have completed a full line item review of the Operating Budget and the updated Reserve Study. In order to meet the budgetary and Reserve Fund needs, the LMC Board of Trustees has voted to increase the LMC annual assessments to \$586.58 which is a 2.22 percent increase over the 2016 annual assessment. This assessment increase is in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.14.2.3 of the recently amended LMC Bylaws.

LMC has hired the firm of Cagianut & Company CPA, to conduct an independent audit of the 2015 LMC financial statements. Cagianut's report will be made available to our members once completed.

On **Friday, December 30**, at 1:00 p.m., LMC members and their guests may get an early start on the New Year with an invigorating leap into the chilly outdoor pool. While not quite the frigid temperatures that many "Polar Bear Plunges" boast, our pool will be in the low 50s which should still be cold enough to get your attention.

Bring your suits, fluffy towels, and a warm change of clothes to the Beach Club, and take the plunge on December 30. LMC will provide warm beverages and snacks to all our brave plungers. Bring your cameras; there should be plenty of memorable moments.

If you have questions or comments about this article, or the work that is ongoing at the Beach Club, contact me at 360-437-9201 or beachclub@olympus.net.

PLDD Adds Another New Commissioner

Following the retirement of Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) Chair Commissioner Dwayne Wilcox, the District will have a new Commissioner 2 position appointed by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. This term runs through February 2018.

Although Commissioner Wilcox had been planning to retire at the end of November, he tendered his resignation at the October 13 Board Meeting, amid controversy over compensation issues. He was appointed to the PLDD in December 2010 by fellow PLDD commissioners.

During the October meeting, the District's 2017 budget was presented, including a history of all past work. That slide presentation is available online at pldd.org. Also of note, is that throughout the wettest October on record, all of the 18 projects constructed by PLDD since 2003 were tested by Mother Nature and proven to be working well. For a review of the history of the District's work, you can see descriptions and photos on the website pldd.org/projects.

Beach Club Breakfast with Santa

The North Bay Lot Owner's Association (NBLOA) is sponsoring the Port Ludlow Kids' Club for their annual Christmas Eve pancake breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 24**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Take the children and grandchildren to the Beach Club and join in the fun! There will be the pancake breakfast, entertainment, and of course, Santa! Santa will arrive promptly at 11:00 a.m. (He has a busy schedule that day.)

Please take a small wrapped gift for your child with child's name and age clearly written (Santa is old). You may drop off the gift at the Beach Club prior to arriving if you wish. We look forward to having you join us! Volunteers are always welcome! We can't do it without you. For more information or to volunteer, please call Bryan or Piper Diehl at 360-437-0602. ☺

Festive Holiday Dinner Hosted by the Beach Club

Join the Port Ludlow Singers at our North Bay holiday dinner with musical entertainment. Dinner will be held at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, December 14**, 5:00 p.m. The dinner is catered by the Belmont Restaurant. Diners will have a choice of salmon or chicken as the main course. Musical entertainment is provided by piano Soloist Kathie Sharp and the Port Ludlow Singers, directed by David Weakley. Soloist Diana Bond and Pianist Mia Torres will also perform for the guests.

Seating is limited to North Bay residents and their guests. Please make your pre-paid reservation early at the Beach Club, no later than **December 9**. Cost per person is \$30. Please bring your beverage of choice. The dinner will benefit the Tri-Area Food Bank. ☺