



# Lummi Island Community Association (LICA)

*"Putting Unity Back in Community"*

*[OurLummiIsland.org](http://OurLummiIsland.org) / [LICA.us](http://LICA.us)*

## Mission

- Focus on the preservation and improvement of Lummi Island to provide the environment and conditions desired by members of the community.
- Provide leadership in the identification of community needs.
- Endeavor to inform the residents of the community in matters that may affect life on Lummi Island.
- Communicate with government agencies to endeavor to represent the interests and concerns of the community, without bias.
- Cooperate with other organizations and persons on matters of mutual interests and concerns.

## Services

Through your donations, our advertisers, and sponsors – all **supporting** our annual budget, we provide a variety of things to the community, and your Volunteering makes them happen.

- Our Community Grants are provided to Organizations on the Island or that Benefit the Islanders after our expenses. These have been around \$3-4,000 historically.
- Sponsor of Meals On Wheels And More on the Island.
- Sponsor of the Island Blood Drives.
- Publication of the Tome / eTome.
- Distribution of the Brown Betty.
- Publication of the Printed Community Directory (*phone book*).
- Maintain and augment the History Archive.
- Annual Roadside Cleanup Event.
- Special Community Events and Celebrations.
- Ferry Park Orchard & Trail – Mowing & Trimming.
- Host Candidate Forums during Elections.
- Sponsor Advisory Committees and Workgroups to assess the needs of the Islanders as requested (*see back*).
- Communicate with Whatcom County, State, and Federal Agencies on behalf of the Islanders.
- Providing the Community Website.

## The Tale of LICA

- February 9<sup>th</sup>, 1966 - The Lummi Island Community Club (*LICC*) formed when 35 islanders gathered at The Willows Inn (*the home of Lehr Miller*).
- May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1966 - "*The Lummi Island Newsletter*" started and was edited by Lehr Miller.
- May 1976 - Gerri Neuman took over as editor.
- May 1981 - Paul Davis took over as editor.
- September 24<sup>th</sup>, 1982 - LICC incorporated as a Washington Non-Profit.
- February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1997 - the Federal government assigned our Federal ID as a 501(c)(3).
- June 2000 - the newsletter was renamed "*The Tome*".
- February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2006 - Our name was changed to Lummi Island Community Association (*LICA*).

# Meetings

- **Board of Directors**

- The Board of Directors meets monthly.
- The meetings are generally on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.  
or occasionally on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday due to scheduling of the Membership meeting vs Tome publication dates.
- Check the **Community Calendar** for the current month's details.

- **Members**

- Held every month on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday except July, August, November, and December.
- When possible, membership meetings are preceded by a potluck starting at 6:30pm.
- Are held simultaneously in person *and* via Zoom (*hybrid*) at 7:15pm.  
This is to help members who are unable to attend in person.
- The Annual Business and Elections meeting is held in February.
- Following the business portion, a program of community interest is often presented.
- There is then a Prize Drawing for those attending.
- See the **Community Website Announcements & Calendar** for the current month's details.

# Current Advisory Boards

- **Aviation**

Addresses concerns about manned aviation traffic over Lummi Island, collect data, coordinate information, and develop communication efforts. This includes surveying residents, conducting research, and communicating with small plane owners and pilots.

In this way, the island can contribute to and reinforce a good neighbor program in place at the Bellingham International Airport (*BLI*) and participate in positive and constructive interactions.

- **Public Dock**

Recent and past experience has shown that private boats are important when the ferry is temporarily out of service and people have an urgent need to get to the mainland. e.g., scheduled surgeries, non-emergency but hospital-required care, airport flights, etc.

Lummi Island lacks adequate publicly accessible dockage for temporary mooring limited to a few hours (or less) where people can board. This severely limits the many recreational boat owners in the area.

- **Public Transportation**

Helping Islanders understand and access Public Transportation options from the island to the mainland.

- **Traffic Calming**

Looking at the issues regarding traffic congestion, speed limits, sharing the roads with walkers and bicycles, and the timing of large vehicles coming to the island.