

**Marrowstone Island Community Association (MICA) Meeting**  
September 19, 2023  
Nordland Garden Club

Attendees: an official count of attendees was not made but meeting room at the Garden Club had all 40 chairs filled and additional chairs were added. As people were entering a slide show of photos taken by Dave Blythe at the 2023 Strawberry Festival.

[2023 Strawberry Festival Slide Show](#)

**Presidents Call to Order**

President Gary Rowe opened the meeting at 7:00 welcoming to the first MICA meeting for the 2023-2024 year. Gary started the meeting by thanking past board members Bud Ayers and Susan Petek for their previous years support to MICA.

Gary continued the traditional asking if there any new people attending the meeting. Four people responded. Julie Watson introduced herself stating that she is moving to the island. Trudy Kronenberg introduced herself and stated that her mother Leona Long was a long-time resident of Nordland. Nancy Welliver and Sherry Studley who also live on the island introduced themselves. Gary welcomed all to their first MICA meeting.

**Board Members**

Gary introduced the MICA 2023-2024 Board Members to the community:

- President – Gary Rowe
- Vice President – Jessica Lowe [absent]
- Treasurer – Barry Lerich
- Secretary – Colleen Ebken
- Past President – Linda Secord
- At-Large Community Members – Radha Newsom and Bob Jaffe

Bob Jaffe expressed interest in supporting the MICA Board during the summer. MICA bylaws state that a voice vote of support is required for him to serve. Gary took a voice vote and Bob is now our second official at large member.

**Introduction and Meeting of New Indian Island Base Commander**

Julianne Leinenveber, Naval Magazine Indian Island Public Affairs Officer made the introduction of Cmdr. Todd Galvin who has assumed command of Naval Magazine Indian Island and Naval Munitions Command Pacific CONUS West Division Unit Indian Island as of June 22, 2023. Cmdr. Galvin thank Julianne and proceeded to provide a short biography of his life and career that brought him to this position.

Cmdr. Galvin told the attendees that he is native of Onalaska, Wisconsin and that he holds a bachelor's in electrical and electronic engineering from Marquette University. Galvin has served in the military for 16 years and he is excited for his new assignment. He stated that his wife and 3 children are living in Poulso and that they are very active and busy. Cmdr. Galvin was on his way home to help with dinner while his wife was attending the children's sporting activities. He thanked everyone for inviting him to the meeting and assured that the Naval Magazine Indian Island was a good neighbor and would continue to support Marrowstone Island as they have in the past with emergency support when needed. The official account of Cmdr. Galvin's impressive career is best viewed on the following link.

<https://cnrnw.cnicy.navy.mil/Installations/NAVMAG-Indian-Island/About/Leadership/Bio-Detail/Article/2956438/co/>

Gary thanked Julieanne and the Cmdr. for attending our meeting and providing the community an update on base activities and the new leadership.

Questions from MICA meeting attendees to Cmdr. Galvin:

- Red #2 buoy for Kilisut Harbor is missing. Cmdr. Galvin had no information to share about the missing buoy or why it was missing.
- Rita Kepner asked about Indian Island support in times of disaster. Cmdr. Galvin replied that the Naval Magazine (NAVMAG) Indian Island's fire department will continue their support to Marrowstone Island emergencies and that there have been recent exercises for preparedness relative to future earthquakes.
- A Marrowstone Island resident made reference to hearing the Star-Spangled Banner and TAPS from the Indian Island and wanted to thank the military for their presence. The Cmdr. stated that if were to turn on a speaker so that more of Marrowstone could hear these sounds would require turning all the speakers on and that residents on the Port Hadlock side had voiced concerns about this happening.

Julieanne encouraged island residents to reach out whenever they had questions and she would try to get answers. 2023 Deer Run at Naval Magazine Indian Island had more than 100 runners and walkers that participated in this year's 5k and 1-mile Deer Run.

### **Future MICA 2023-2024 MICA Meetings**

Gary stated that the next meeting would be the third Tuesday in November and would also be held at the Garden Club. In Vice President Jessica Lowes behalf, Gary said that she was wanting to reach out to island residents for ideas for future programs. Please contact Jessica to share ideas. Gary hinted that perhaps a talent show would be inserted into this year's program.

## **Treasurer Report**

Barry Lerich gave the Treasurer's Report:

MICA Funds:

- MICA General Checking Balance \$1,773.33
- Sound View Cemetery Checking Balance \$11,266.86
- Sound View Cemetery CD Balance \$15,360.80

## **Cemetery Report**

Kathleen Waldron gave the cemetery report and open by saying "We Have Had a Busy Summer":

- License: Our WA State Cemetery License was received August 16! The application required an incredible amount of work over a long period of time and I especially want to thank Bruce Carlson, Cynthia Rowe, Barry Lerich, the MICA Board, and you, the MICA membership, who voted last spring to make the necessary bylaw changes. So, for the first time, Sound View Cemetery is now officially recognized by WA State! Kathleen showed a picture of the certificate.
- Plot Sales: We have been selling a lot of plots recently, now that Section E is open. And there still plenty to choose from. Our income is now more than our expenses, a welcome change from the last couple of years! Last year at this time our income was @ \$8000. This year it is @ \$11,000!
- WA State Historic Preservation Grant: We are in the process of applying for a grant to provide funding for a new Cemetery sign. We plan to replicate the current sign in a way that will last longer. We also have to place it closer to the road, so "the public can locate it", which is one of the grant requirements. We apply in October and will know by December. If successful, we will have from January 2024 to June 2025 to complete it and then we will be reimbursed. We will keep you updated. Want you to know it may take a while for our new sign.

As an aside a team on the island is looking for additional volunteers to help monitor for shellfish toxins. Please reach out to me if you have any questions or want to participate? Thank you!

## **Short Report on Marrowstone Island Emergency Preparedness**

Pete Hubbard gave a short report on the history and potential future actions for Marrowstone Island preparedness.

- In 1994 the first requests for residents to support and organized emergency preparedness approach were circulated.
- Today there is still a need for organized preparedness at an island level. Work still is required to complete a plan for Marrowstone Island Emergency Preparedness. [MIEP]. Early efforts are can be viewed in the cloud.
- Integration of 150 prepared neighborhoods is required for this to work.

- Pete has offered his personal template for your “family plan” to customize for your own preparedness needs.

### **Membership Committee**

Bob Jaffee has agreed to support the MICA membership committee in making sure that all interested island residents are included. Currently there are 83 members [individual and family]. Bob is encouraging island residents to join.

### **Nordland Garden Club Report**

President Carol Woodard of the Nordland Garden club give an update on near term activities.

- The annual NGC holiday wreath season is happening soon. Please sign up to secure your wreath purchases in advance of the event.
- A celebration of life festival is being discussed for John Macce – long time island resident.
- A memorial service will be held for Heather Tillman
- October 7<sup>th</sup> an island wide flu shot offering will be hosted in the Garden Club. Watch NextDoor for the signup announcement.
- Cone Call – the NGC is accepting donations of large pine cones for use in the holiday wreath designs.

### **Marrowstone Island Foundation**

Bud Ayres gave a brief status update:

- MIF was recently awarded a \$95K “Solar plus Storage for Resilient Communities Grant” from the Washington State Department of Commerce and this is the first step for installing a solar panel and generator at the fire station
- The Trail Committee is working a new safe path for bikers and striders along Flagler Road
- An answer to a question about personnel for the firehouse Bud answered it is coming
- In answer to a question about the ‘open house’ Bud said April 2024

### **Friends of Fort Flagler**

Mark Secord reported:

- Two new board members have joined the team
- Completion and installation of the 21<sup>st</sup> new bench has happened
- Establishing a new welcome center is underway
- A new campground road repair is planned
- Theater funding is in for a supplemental funding request

- Mark, as always, wants to thank all the volunteers that support FOFF
- Looking for help in fixing the Bank Head trail

### **Naming of the Bridge Between Marrowstone Island and Indian Island**

Patricia Earnest presented the details of the unique opportunity that Marrowstone Island residents share with the Tribal Cultural Communities and Naval Magazine Indian Island. The following link contains the detail on the opportunity and how island residents can participate.

#### [Marrowstone Island Bridge Naming](#)

### **Main Presentation “Not to Scare You, But to Prepare You”**

Tonight, Rita Kepner offered her own perspective in “Why Bother, You'll Probably Survive” Her presentation goes through a potential steps to be prepared for that next emergency. Following is the link to her detailed presentation.

#### [Emergency Preparedness - "Why Bother"](#)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 and Gary thank all the presenters and those in attendance tonight.