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At the Helm of the SS Kala Point

Scott Rovanpera, KPOA Board President

Within this February issue of the *Kala Pointer*, you will learn more about a proposed concept to hold only one annual meeting instead of two. The arguments for the bylaw change resolve some issues, but naturally create others. Please take time to read the proposed changes and feel free to ask the board any questions. The best way to reach all of the directors is to email kpoaboard@kalapoint.org.

I am pleased to report that the Architectural Committee (AC) has gained two new members and that two others are considering joining. The charge of the AC is so important to our homeowner association's ideals of being a planned, common interest community where members ensure that their structures maintain and enhance Kala Point within our wooded development. The work of the AC has to be consistent with its Administrative Policies and Procedures (APPs) so that all homeowners can be assured of fairness and certainty.

The standing committee that truly needs your help is the Bluff Management Advisory Council (BMAC). This is an advisory committee that impacts all owners within Kala Point, not just those who live along the bluffs. It was formed in December 2007 as an offshoot of the Grounds Committee, specifically for reviewing homeowner requests for tree and vegetation actions on the bluff common area and adjacent private property that lies within the landslide hazard zones. The ultimate

decision on bluff management resides with the board, but BMAC must continue to receive and prioritize these requests. As an advisory committee, they develop bluff management recommendations that provide

opportunities for community-wide input. Thus, the committee is charged with the protection and long-term maintenance of the bluff's environmental requirements.

The BMAC is composed of three to nine voting members, with the intention that three of these members are representatives from the Architectural, Grounds

and Tree committees. I suggest that the other six members should represent the KPOA Common Bluff sectors — North, Central and South — two from each sector. You would be surprised to learn how many KPOA homes are included in these three sectors. In the North Sector, the boundaries extend to Baycliff Drive. In the Central Sector, all of the homes on Windship and Trafalgar Drives are included. And the South sector includes all homes bordered by Kala Point and Sailview Drives. To learn more about BMAC, please go to the [KPOA Website](#), click on "Committee Forms & Documents" under Forms/Documents, and select any of the documents residing in the BMAC section.

And a topic that is dear to many of our Kala Point members is the necessity for responsible dog owners within our common areas. We are fortunate to possess



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The January Board Meeting was held January 12, 2021, via Zoom. In attendance: Scott Rovanpera, Board Pres; Dan Kimball, V. Pres; Gary Obermeyer, Secretary; Jean Erreca, Tom Gillespie, Dale Moses, Dan Nordlund and Steve Reed, board members; Donna Colwell, CFO; Keith Larson, General Manager and Zoom Host; plus 15 attendees.

A quorum was declared, the agenda adopted, and minutes approved for two recent meetings: the regular board meeting and Budget ratification meeting, both on December 8, 2020.

General Manager's report included:

- the IT services transition to Dailey Computer is near completion, and a separate contract with Lakewood Communications will provide for VOIP service, website maintenance, and text-alert management
- the hiring of a clubhouse employee, Ally McCallum (started 1/4/2021)
- an announcement that floats at the beach will be inserted March 17-18
- a request for funding to install new carpeting in the Admin Office (not to exceed \$5,040) and the purchase of a Canon copier (\$19,589, includes supplies and maintenance)

Moving the Annual Meeting

“The real meat of the meeting,” as it was framed by President Rovanpera, was the proposal to shift the Annual Meeting to November or December, and combine the voting for candidates and voting on the budget into a single election. The primary motivation is to save money (each election costs \$3K). It would also save staff time involved in preparing and mailing voter packets. The biggest complication with the proposed change is aligning the terms of the Directors to fill in the six-month gap that would occur between the current end-date (July) and the resulting end-date of December 31.

An article in the **January Kala Pointer** explaining the rationale for the proposed change generated three emails to the Board expressing opposition and raising concerns. Three members also spoke at the meeting raising additional issues (a recording of the meeting is posted on the [KPOA website](#), under the Members

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The Kala Point community is a common-interest residential homeowner association (HOA). When purchasing or building within Kala Point, homeowners agree to follow the HOA's governing documents, which include: Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions of Record (CC&Rs); Rules and Regulations; Bylaws; and detailed Administrative Policies and Procedures (APPs). APPs are Board-enacted rules. The protective umbrella of these governing documents works in the best interest of all homeowners ensuring higher standards of neighborhood appearance and enhancing the collective value of the homes.

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tab). Dale Moses addressed the member concerns and has since submitted an article; see [page 5](#).

Board Meeting Times

The second big item on the January Board agenda was consideration of a request to hold board meetings at 3 p.m. instead of the usual 1 p.m. to accommodate folks with full-time jobs. The board wrestled with competing concerns related to convenience, access, past practice and productivity, along with a recognition that the demographics of the community are changing, i.e., younger families. There were suggestions to try evening or Saturday meetings, but that has implications for KPOA staff work hours. The Board ended up approving a 3 p.m. start for the March meeting.

In other business, the Board:

- Agreed that “Meet Kala Point” events should continue and that the Board will assume responsibility for organizing and hosting the event
- Added Michael Machette and Barry Birch to the Architectural Committee
- Added Katharine Donnelly, Steve Donnelly, and Mark Michaud to the Emergency Preparedness Committee
- Approved the Strategic Planning Committee’s plan to publish a paper on septic tank maintenance
- Granted the Strategic Planning Committee authority to continue pursuing and investigating a means by which KPOA members can donate money or assets to Kala Point

Adjourned at 3:53 p.m. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. on February 9, 2021. ♦

President’s Message, Continued from page 2

the only off-leash beach within Jefferson County; the majority of our owners respect this privilege that they and their dogs enjoy. But the Grounds Committee continues to receive complaints of irresponsible dog owners who don’t respect the Pet regulations as approved by the Board in September 2020.

KPOA cannot ensure the safety of dogs and members — only dog owners can provide this. So please read the current Pet regulation, [Section II.C](#), and adhere to it when walking your dog(s) in the common areas.

The Grounds Committee will be reviewing this regulation once again after receiving the opinion from the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office Animal Control Officer. The most important message from Deputy Allen is that the Sheriff Office is the authority that enforces dog regulations within Jefferson County — and that includes the Kala Point beach. ♦

Check Your Information

There is a *Kala Point Member Directory* available on the KPOA website. Login to your account on the KPOA website to review your information to ensure it’s correct.

If your entry needs updating, contact the KPOA office at **360.385.0814**.

Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday	8:30 a.m. – 2 :30 p.m.
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Closed weekends and major holidays ♦	

KPOA Facilities

All our facilities are closed until further notice.

The Administration Office is available by phone only at 360.385.0814.

Stay tuned for our reopening.

If you know of anyone who is not online or does not subscribe to the *Kala Pointer*, encourage them to subscribe or let them know printed versions of the newsletter are available on the ground floor of the Administrative Office.

Upcoming Membership Vote to Consolidate Annual and Board Election Meetings

Dale Moses

At the January Board meeting, your Board of Directors made a tentative decision to consolidate the two membership meetings that we have each year. We plan to gain Board approval on this change at our February Board meeting (Tuesday, February 9).

If approved by the Board, this consolidation would require a change to the **KPOA bylaws**; membership approval is required as well. We would stage a membership vote in April as well as a short meeting of the membership to receive the vote results in late April.

If the consolidation is approved by the membership, we would not have an annual meeting this coming July. We would instead do everything needed at a single fall annual meeting and associated vote (probably early December). “Everything needed” means electing new Board members, an opportunity to disapprove the 2022 budget, and any resolutions (audit, budget surplus, etc.).

Your Board believes this consolidation will reduce costs, ease staff and volunteer workload, possibly improve annual meeting attendance, and improve the overall efficiency of several administrative processes for elections and budget building.

In addition, our bylaws say that Directors are elected “at each annual meeting,” which implies that we can’t have an election without a meeting. The problem with having an annual meeting solely to elect Directors (or any other motion that could be raised) is that approval requires a 20 percent quorum — i.e., 121 members present of our 601 total membership. Since we haven’t had that many members show up for an annual meeting in years, we have to conduct a written vote in conjunction with that meeting to get a quorum. It would be nice to be able to elect Directors with just a membership vote and not require a meeting.

We are therefore proposing a single, combined motion. This single motion would include all three interrelated elements recommended by the Board, and then be submitted to you, the membership. Approval of this proposal requires that at least 20 percent of the membership submit a written vote (over the internet); determination will be based on a simple majority of the votes cast.

Here are the three proposed changes to be voted on. The underlined words are added words.

1. Change Bylaws Article V, Section 2 to read: The annual meetings of Members shall be held ~~on the second Sunday of July~~ in November or December in each calendar year, the time and place thereof to be fixed by the Board.

2. Change Bylaws Article VI, Section 1 to read: At each annual meeting thereafter or with a membership vote the Members shall elect one-third (1/3rd) of the directors for a three (3) year term.

[Note: In addition to the change in meeting timing and how to elect Directors, we need to re-align the terms of the Board Directors to the new schedule. So in this April vote, we would also ask you to approve Directors’ revised terms.]

3. Change the terms for the Board of Directors as follows:

Director	Term Starting	Term Ending	Notes:
Jean Erreca	May 2021	Dec 2022	
Tom Gillespie	July 2018	July 2021	Previous term ends then
Dan Kimball	May 2021	Dec 2022	
Dale Moses	May 2021	Dec 2021	Replaced Dec 2021
Sean Moss	May 2021	Dec 2023	
Dan Nordlund	May 2021	Dec 2023	
Gary Obermeyer	May 2021	Dec 2023	
Steve Reed	May 2021	Dec 2021	Replaced Dec 2021
Scott Rovannerpa	May 2021	Dec 2022	
(new candidate)	Jul 2021	Dec 2021	Reelect in Dec 2021

As Tom Gillespie prefers not to extend his service beyond this July, we would like to have a new candidate (to be named by April’s ballot) join the Board in July. At the new December annual meeting, we would reelect three replacement Directors including the “new candidate” shown above. We are proposing revised terms for current Directors to avoid any Director serving for more than three years without being voted upon. To accomplish these revised terms, each Director (except Tom) has agreed to resign their previous term effective May 1 to comply with our Bylaws that dictate when/how Directors get elected and for how long.

Thus far, four community members have commented on this proposal and raised questions about the implications of moving to a single, combined membership meeting. Each of their points was addressed at the January Board meeting, after which the Board agreed (with one Director not present to agree or disagree) to proceed with the drafting of the Bylaw changes and an updated Director terms plan. There will be more member discussion at the February Board meeting before a vote is taken on submitting the issues to a vote by KPOA members in April. ♦



February Holidays

Celebrate Every Day This Month

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it is still chock-full of events, both familiar (indicated by red type) and bizarre. This list represents some standouts in a longer list compiled by [Holiday Insights](#).

February 1 No Politics Day Spunky Old Broads Day	February 16 Do a Grouch a Favor Day Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday (date varies)
February 2 Ground Hog Day	February 17 Ash Wednesday (date varies) Random Acts of Kindness Day
February 3 Feed the Birds Day	February 18 National Drink Wine Day
February 4 Stuffed Mushroom Day Thank a Mailman Day	February 19 National Chocolate Mint Day
February 5 National Shower with a Friend Day	February 20 Cherry Pie Day Love Your Pet Day
February 6 Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day	February 21 Card Reading Day
February 7 Super Bowl Sunday	February 22 George Washington's Birthday International World Thinking Day National Margarita Day
February 8 Kite Flying Day	February 23 International Dog Biscuit Appreciation Day
February 9 National Pizza Day	February 24 World Bartender Day
February 10 Umbrella Day	February 26 Purim
February 11 Don't Cry over Spilled Milk Day	February 27 Polar Bear Day No Brainer Day
February 12 Abraham Lincoln's Birthday Chinese New Years (date varies)	February 28 Public Sleeping Day ♦
February 13 Get a Different Name Day	
February 14 Valentine's Day	
February 15 Presidents' Day	

EPC Safety Tips

Seven Safety Tips for Using Generators

Did you know... when Hurricane Laura hit Louisiana, almost half of the reported deaths were due to carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning from improper use of portable generators? And more than half of the fatalities from Hurricane Irma in the Southeast were from CO poisoning, and not the storm itself?

Did you know... that portable generators produce more carbon monoxide than nearly any other small engine, with CO outputs equivalent to up to 450 cars?

Portable generators can provide lifesaving power in emergency situations, especially for those who rely on medical devices that require electricity. But they can also be life-threatening. Many of us have portable generators ready to fire up during an extended power outage. Before we do, here are seven tips for using generators safely:

1. Install carbon monoxide detectors in the main living and sleeping areas of your home.
2. Never use a portable generator indoors, in a garage (even with the garage door open), carport, basement, crawl space, or near a window (including your neighbor's), door or vent. The carbon monoxide in the exhaust can cause illness or death. Place your portable generator outside, well away from your home, and shielded from rain.
3. Never refuel a running generator or a "still hot" engine because fuel might ignite.
4. Never plug a generator into an electrical outlet in the house. "Backfeed" could endanger you and utility workers.
5. Plug individual appliances into heavy-duty, outdoor-rated extension cords and plug the cords into the generator. Check that the extension cords have a wire gauge adequate for the appliance loads and have all three prongs, including a grounding pin.
6. Conserve your fuel by running the generator only when necessary (cycling it on and off), and turning the generator off overnight.
7. Periodically run the generator to ensure it will start and operate properly.

Sources: PUD Newsletter, November 2020, NPR, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ♦

Through The Lens



Fern Shadow • Bob Hare



Columbine • David Pitts



Mossy Log • Sharon Bastian

Through The Lens



Winter Sunrise • Kate Lore



Winter Beach • Susie Headlee



Nurse Stump at Ft. Townsend State Park • Bob Hare

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Kala Point Beach • Pamela Thompson

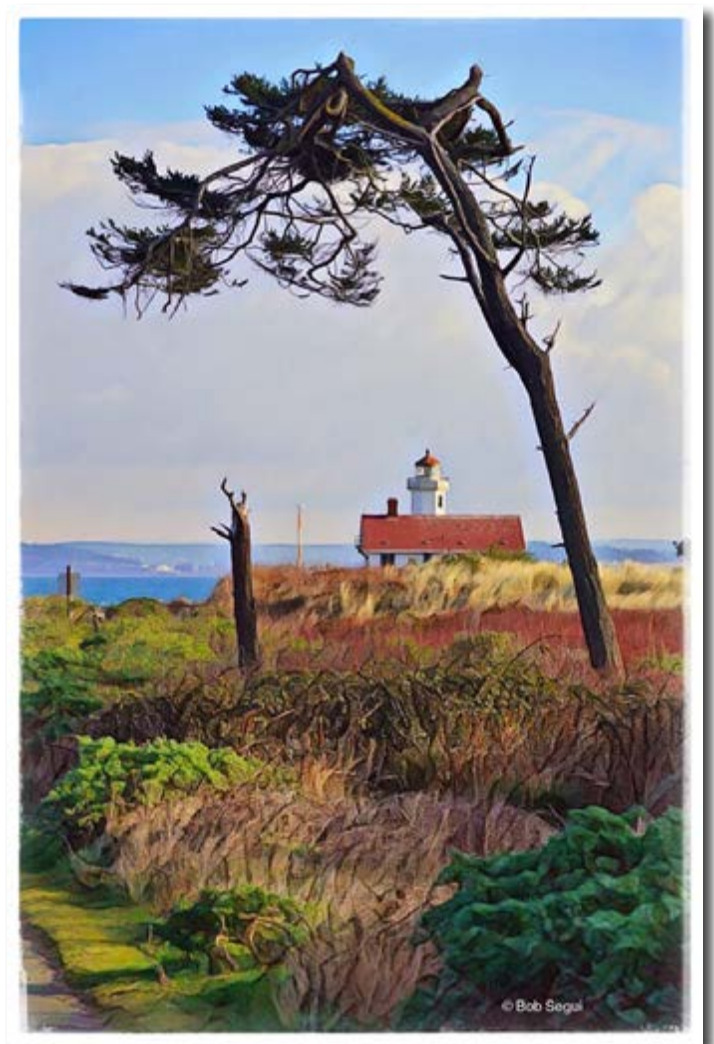


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Checking Things Out • Bob Segui



Point Wilson Lighthouse • Bob Segui

Kala Natives

Blackberry Education

Leslie Weertman and Janet Polley

The Kala Natives (Grounds Committee task force) are getting pretty familiar with blackberry vines, so we thought we would share some photos and tips. We are busy on Fridays removing the invasive ones and leaving the natives.



Invasive leaves

Blackberry plants belong to the genus *Rubus*, which is part of the *Rosacea* (rose) family — think thorns. The Himalayan Blackberry's Latin name is *Rubus armeniacus*. This invasive is native to northern Iran and Armenia according to Wikipedia.



Invasive big and small stalks

Whereas one of our native species, the Pacific or trailing blackberry, *Rubus ursinus*, is named after bears that of course, love the berries. There are probably other blackberry species in Kala Point, but here we describe the two we have been finding near the tennis courts and lagoon trail.



Native leaves

The native blackberry vines will twine and go between other native plants, but they do not grow vertically with large stalks to tower over and shade out the native foliage. The Himalayan leaves tend to come in sets of five leaves and their vines or stalks are octagonal with rigid, flat surfaces. The native blackberry has fine, round vines, trailing, with leaf sets of three. Take a look at the below photos. Half are native, half Himalayan; can you identify which is which?



Native vines trailing

Come join us Friday mornings from 9 to 10 a.m. near the beach and lagoon trail area. Bring clippers and protective clothing. Email us if you want a weather cancellation alert at drlesliemiller@mac.com ♦

Our New Little Lending Library

Little Lending Library Now Open for Business

Suzanne Eggleston (Story and photos)

On January 6, a small, socially distanced group gathered at the Pinecrest mailboxes to help inaugurate Kala Point's first Little Lending Library (LLL). Michael Machette, the driving force and builder of the LLL, said a few words to welcome attendees and to express appreciation for everyone who helped make the library a reality. Michael then asked Mia Gettman, the youngest person in attendance at the time, to cut the ribbon to officially open the library.

Sparkling cider was poured and enjoyed as people visited, donated books, and took away books to read. Among the LLL's first customers were twins Robin and Lucy Knighton. Their mother Megan will serve as the LLL's first librarian. ♦



First customers, Robin and Lucy with mom Megan, our Librarian.



Support for our Little Lending Library

We collected about 100 books right off, made a selection that was diverse and that fit in the LLL. Turnover is fast, seeing new titles very day as residents borrow and loan books. Well worth our effort! Let's see which KP neighborhood wants to be next.

Michael Machette

Some snippets from Nextdoor:

"I wanted to say how wonderful the Little Lending Library is. Looks amazing and it is a fantastic addition in a great community. Well done!"

"Michael, I am so grateful for this... and I have several good books for you."

Martina Abba-Ridhard

"Thank you for providing this for our community, we know it must have taken a lot of time and effort... What a classy addition to Kala — congrats."

"Bravo! What a nice addition to the community."

"It's beautiful! A great addition to Kala Point."

"Awesome! This makes my heart smile! A pay-it-forward, libraries are magical for ALL."

"Thanks so much for doing this!" ♦



Mia, the youngest in attendance, got the ribbon-cutting honors.

A Memorable Birthday in an Unforgettable Time

Suzanne Eggleston

Photos from Char Quandt



Celebrating a birthday in the midst of a pandemic is challenging, but not insurmountable. As Mike Burk's 70th birthday approached, his wife Debbie, daughter Melissa and son-in-law Paul plotted with neighbors Michael and Nancy

Machette to pull off a surprise birthday party.

January 5 came in with a roar of chilly rain and relentless wind. But the party planners moved ahead, undeterred, to stage a COVID-safe drive- and walk-by birthday event on the Machettes' Fairbreeze driveway.



"I had no idea this was happening," said the birthday guy as he sat on his rocking-chair throne wearing a gold top hat. "It wasn't until we rounded the corner at Oak Shore that I saw the tent set up — and then I knew."

In spite of the rain and wind, an estimated 30 people dressed in raincoats and masks came by, some with their dogs, to help Mike celebrate his 70th with



Champagne — delivered via a six-foot-long paddle made for the event — cookies, and dog biscuits. ♦

We Get Letters

Nice job on the January issue of the *Kala Pointer*. Great photography, a pleasure to look at.

Regards,
Paul Loubere
Saddletree Dr.

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say or share? See our
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Mysterious Travelers

South of Whidbey heading west during the watch that holds the tired hours left from yesterday, a sound with many voices skips across the lazy waves. Shipmates search each others' eyes, none of them can identify that squeal? that bark? that moan?

Dim glow appears among the waves that raise and lower small domed shapes while the boat approaches. When the light increases snouts reveal elephant seals, who live mostly far offshore. A sailor in the bow inquires *What brings you here?* The seals give no answer as they watch the boat float past.

Dan Coffman

Sharing the Good Life *Hilary Newell*

This month's recipe comes from **Bruce Knott**, who writes a food blog here in Kala Point. His **Shallot Marmalade** is delicious and versatile and we consumed it all! In his blog, bruceslifestyleblog.blogspot.com, he suggests putting it on a cracker with chicken liver mousse. We tried this and it was scrumptious.

We took it a step further and put a bowl of the marmalade on a charcuterie platter filled with salami, duck prosciutto (from Smoking Goose Meatery via Lawrence Street Provisions), some assorted cheeses, cornichons and fruit. The combinations of sweet, salty, savory and crunchy were a big hit. We used up all the leftovers, too. Shallot marmalade is great on ravioli, on toast, and as a way to dress up leftover pizza. So good!

Shallot Marmalade

- 1 pound shallots
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (not olive oil)
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 1/2 cup beer (yes, beer. Your favorite will work. Drink the rest)
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 3 tablespoons either apple cider or balsamic vinegar. (I used the apple cider the first time. I'll try the balsamic — yes, making more!)
- 1/2 cup golden raisins (dark raisins can be substituted)

Peel and thinly slice the shallots.

Warm the oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat, then add the sliced shallots with the salt and pepper. Stir frequently for about 10 minutes. You may have to adjust your heat so the shallots don't burn; you want them to wilt slightly.

After 10 minutes or so, add all the rest of the ingredients, and continue cooking at medium to medium low heat until the mixture starts to caramelize. Stir frequently so it doesn't burn or stick.

The marmalade is done when it's nicely caramelized and there is still some moisture left in the pan. You don't want it to dry out.

Put the marmalade into a clean glass jar and let it cool for a bit before covering it and putting it in the refrigerator. It makes about 1½ cups.



Bruce Knott's Shallot Marmalade on a charcuterie platter.

The marmalade is a great accompaniment to roast meats like chicken or pork, or a grilled burger, but we enjoy it on top of my homemade chicken liver mousse on a slice of French bread, or on a cracker. ♦

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and cocktail recipes to:**



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Get To Know Your Neighbors *Susie Headlee*

Paul and Susie Headlee

Harborview Drive

Life is full of wonderful surprises. When we took the ferry from Coupeville to Port Townsend almost eight years ago, little did we know how life altering that trip would be. From the moment the ferry was in sight of PT, we knew this was the place we wanted to retire and we began planning our “retirement journey.” We have probably stayed in every bed & breakfast in PT; before the pandemic, friends and family frequently traveled here for their summer holidays.

But first things first: we met in Alaska 26 years ago. My pop’s sage advice was to know someone “four seasons” before you get married; so that’s what we did — we married four seasons after we met.



Paul worked in natural resources, both fieldwork and policy, in Alaska for many years, which included winters on the Bering Sea, as a fishing guide at lodges, and at the Capitol in Juneau. He is currently the budget and policy director for the Idaho State Legislature. Susie retired after 25 years of service from the federal judiciary working first at the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in California, and later at the Federal District Court in Idaho. She worked as Administrator for Judges and as Program Administrator for the Mediation and Pro Bono Programs. She currently is the Office Administrator for the Idaho office of Parsons Behle & Latimer, a regional law firm headquartered in Salt Lake City.

We chose Kala Point for its natural beauty, private

beach, boat dock and its well-run HOAs. Paul frequently remarks that the Olympic peninsula has many of the qualities of Alaska.

“We love the Pacific Northwest!”

Our retirement journey will lead us to full retirement in 2025, and our plans are to move full-time to our Harborview condo in Kala Point. We have lived in planned communities and condos almost all of our married life and are well acquainted with HOAs and condo living. We love the Pacific Northwest!

Some of our favorite things are making sushi and martinis, and Paul enjoys sharing a good recipe for a Manhattan. We also enjoy whale watching, fishing and crabbing. We purchased our first boat (the *Wild Goose*) in 2015, and she was stored “on the hard” until we could secure moorage. This year, in celebration of our 25-year wedding anniversary, we sold her and purchased a 28-foot Cutwater (*Sea Spirit*), which we keep year-round in a slip at the Boat Haven in Port Townsend.

We lived in Hidden Springs, Idaho, a planned community, for 17 years. When we built our Hidden Springs home, we quickly became aware that our development was displacing wildlife from its natural environment. Paul and I wanted to restore the wildlife that we had displaced by our own housing needs, so we became Habitat Stewards for the **National Wildlife Federation** (NWF) and through its programs, certified our yard as a Backyard Wildlife Habitat. We learned the five elements required for certification, which are ensuring wildlife have food, water, cover, places to raise young, and sustainable gardening practices.

With NWF’s guidance, we replaced lawn with beautiful wild flowers, native plants and shrubs. We installed bird feeders and bird baths, built owl boxes and feeding stations. Over time, we added walking paths and placed bird feeders along the sidewalk so our neighbors could enjoy the wildlife as they took their evening strolls.

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Get To Know Your Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

Dick and Mary Ann Schulte

Baycliff Drive

In Dick and Mary Ann's "Story of Us," there's a little discrepancy about their first meeting. They agree that they met at Crooked Lake in Northern Indiana during a big party in 1967, and that a group went water skiing. But then things get a little murky.



In Mary Ann's version, she was on a date with another guy. "We were out water skiing when 'this guy' (my current husband) fell out of the boat. Some guys will do anything to get attention!"

"It doesn't matter what she says," replies Dick. In his version of events, "She pushed me out of the boat."

It's a long-running joke that's been told for almost 54 years. Humor is obviously one of the secrets to the long marriage of Dick and Mary Ann, who are celebrating their 53rd anniversary this month.

After getting married, they decided to have children right away. They are proud parents to two sons who both work in law enforcement: one with Washington State Gambling Commission in Olympia, and one with the U.S. Marshals Service in Northern Illinois.

In part because of their sons' careers, Dick is committed to supporting law enforcement. "I also serve on the Sheriff's Citizens Advisory Committee, and make annual contributions to maintaining the Law Enforcement Memorial in Olympia."

The family lived in Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Florida, North Carolina, and two cities in Washington. The reason for all those moves was Dick's career with IBM. After earning a degree in Industrial Management at Indiana University, Dick spent 37 years with Big Blue in a career that spanned technical, marketing and management positions. His last role was as a Briefing Center Manager in Kirkland.

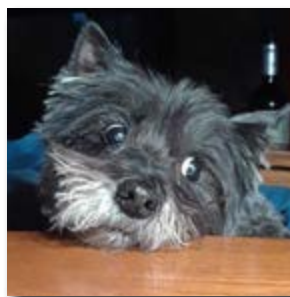
Mary Ann graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a double major in English and History. One of the highlights of college was earning a scholarship for a summer school program at Oxford. She spent much of her career in the book business, managing independent bookstores before becoming a buyer for a book distributor in South Florida. After moving to Washington, she worked for a bank.

But it was working with books that gave Mary Ann the most pleasure. "I love books and would not survive without them... I would have lost my mind without books this year." She averaged at least two books a week in 2020, often keeping an eye out for historical references. "When I see a historical reference in a book, and it is inaccurate, it makes me crazy," she shares.

The Schultes stay busy keeping track of their six grandchildren: Jenessa (23), Valerie (20), Katie (24), Michaela (23), Vikki (18), and Michael (16). They also have three "bonus" grandchildren: Kailyn (32), Noah (22) and Berkley (18).

Besides family, music is a shared passion of the Schultes. "We love to listen to live music at local venues," says Mary Ann. "Of course, that includes dancing, eating and drinking." Dick adds, "With close friends. (You know who you are)." They particularly enjoy attending the blues, jazz and fiddle festivals at Centrum.

Dick and Mary Ann settled in Kala Point after Dick retired 16 years ago. When they first visited, they were enthralled by the trees. "We drove in and the trees arched over the road," relates Mary Ann. "It felt like entering a cathedral."



They share their home with their 12-year-old Cairn Terrier "Cagney," their third of this breed. "We call him a 'holy terrier,'" says Mary Ann. "We should have known better." Dick adds with a laugh, "We

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Neighbors, Continued

Paul and Susie Headlee – Continued

As the quail, mourning doves, and small songbirds took up residency, we began to notice something unexpected — something wonderful. Our gardens became a way for us to connect with our new neighbors. In spring, children frequently stopped by to see the ducklings in our wetlands, and sometimes neighbors left note cards on our front porch telling us how much they enjoyed the sights, sound and color of our yard.

There are many similarities of living in Kala Point and Hidden Springs — our great neighbors, larger raptors are still part of the ecosystem here despite development and increased human activity. Life in Kala Point — it doesn't get any better than this — and until we can fully enjoy our retirement, we look forward to our holidays in Kala Point, spending time with our condo neighbors and getting to know all of you. ♦

Dick and Mary Ann Schulte – Continued

did need someone to run our household.”

Both Dick and Mary Ann love walking Cagney on the beach and on trails every day. During these walks, Mary Ann often has an eye out for birds. “Birdwatching is part of everything. I watch for birds no matter what I am doing.”

They love to travel, and claim their favorite trips have been to Paris, Ireland/Scotland and an Alaska Cruise. “I think we both could easily move to Scotland,” says Dick.

The Schultes would have a hard time moving as they both love Kala Point.

“We moved to this beautiful community without knowing a single soul,” says Mary Ann. “Little did we know that the wonderful people here would become such an important part of our lives. Kala Pointers look out for each other and genuinely care.”

“We have lived all over the country, but never found the love and joy that we have found here,” says Dick. “This is our home.” ♦

Not To Be Outdone, Here Are Some New Neighbors of the Furry Kind



This is “Leo.”

He lives with the Hunts on Pinecrest.



Meet “Dingle.”

A new resident at the Kubecs on Windship.



Curious “Henry.”

A new member of the Miller family on Oak Shore.



Cuddly “Jazzy.”

She will soon be running the Pitts' home on Terrace.

**The best thing about the
“Good Old Days”
is that I wasn't good
and I wasn't old.**

A Cautionary Note to Our Fellow Residents Old and New

*Terry Stewart
Pinecrest Drive*

I wanted to share our experience and give a cautionary note. We have been in our new home 15 months. We love being surrounded by the forest and all the wildlife this area has to experience. One critter, in particular, came as a bit of a surprise — and without an invitation... rats! Well at least one, very busy rat.

I had kept a feeder in our yard in West Seattle for 25 years. When an occasional rat became too familiar, I would get out the BB gun and it was Red Rider to the rescue. I have held off placing a feeder in our yard here due to comments from neighbors warning of the rat community. I felt badly for the woman who had to remove all the insulation and hundreds of rats and mice from under her home. But I saw the comments, “that’s what you get when you have bird feeders.”

If you haven’t checked your crawl space lately, do so. Sleepless one evening, I found myself watching a movie at 4:30 a.m. I thought I heard something odd. So I muted the volume. Yes... there it is... coming from the dining room. I quietly crept up to the buffet and there it was. In the wall shared with the pantry... chewing... on a 2 x4... and teeth sounding much bigger than the cute field mouse I saw scoot across the yard in August.

We find no point of entry, any droppings or tunnel, but Paul placed a dozen bait blocks and they were gone 24 hours later. Additional bait blocks show no new signs of activity.

Be safe, be vigilant but don’t think you don’t have rats just because you haven’t seen any. I’m putting up the feeder since it doesn’t matter... to the rats! ♦

Lost and Found

If you lost something while enjoying Kala Point’s common areas, there is a good chance someone found it.

The KPOA office has a collection of found items just waiting to be reunited with rightful owners.

Please call the office at **360.385.0814** with any lost-and-found inquiries. ♦

Kala Cares

In Memoriam

**Betty Kuller
Jan Orme**

Send Us Your Photos!

Do you have images that showcase the character of Kala Point?

New images that highlight the natural setting, facilities and people of Kala Point are needed for the [KPOA Website](#).

You won’t be compensated for your submission, but you will receive a photo credit.

Please submit your original full-resolution photos in jpeg format to photos@kalapoint.org

(Please send one photo at a time to avoid going over email size limits.) Thank you! ♦

Kala Lily's

February Gardening Tips

Diane Solvik

It's February and spring is around the corner. The bulbs are starting to peep through the soil and crocus are blooming. Gardening is a creative pastime that keeps the mind and body strong. Countless hours are spent poring over seed and plant catalogs, and planning your garden. Gardening also has a social side with communal activities: meeting fellow gardeners, sharing plants, attending lectures, visiting nurseries, becoming a Master Gardener or joining a garden club. Of course, many of these activities can only be enjoyed virtually these days.

But what is on the list of garden chores and projects this month? Ornamental grasses can now be groomed by shearing and combing out dead grass.

Roses are traditionally pruned after Presidents' Day but here in the Northwest, the best time is late February or early March. Hybrid tea roses can be heavily pruned but go easy on English roses and climbers.

Japanese maples and shrubs that bloom in the summer can also be carefully pruned at this time, but do not cut back spring-blooming shrubs, and never remove more than one-third of the branches.

Clean up and rake old leaves in flower beds at this time before new plant shoots start to emerge. It's also a good time to cut sword fern fronds back to the ground before the new growth begins.

Divide "Autumn Joy" sedums now. If you have large established plants that you don't want to divide, simply cut them back to the ground now and pinch off the new growth as it appears. This will encourage the plant to form more compact stems and thicker growth to prevent them becoming leggy and falling over in fall.

Weeds are now waging a coordinated attack. Defend your garden while the weeds are small by removing them and mulching the ground and beds. Finish moving your perennials and planting trees and shrubs. Later in the month, plant bare root roses and shrubs.

Tune up your lawn mower and sharpen garden tools before the busy season begins.

Kala Point has a large deer population as we gardeners well know. These beautiful and half-tame animals are a joy to behold until they decide to snack on your favorite plant. Outwit them with smart perennial choices to keep your garden looking fabulous.

Allium: These bulbs are planted in the fall and produce tall stems crowned with lovely globes of color in late spring and summer. They are a member of the onion family and distasteful to our four-legged neighbors.

Yarrow: Fern-like leaves and gleaming clusters of tiny yellow, red, white or orange colored blooms make this hardy perennial a traditional favorite.

Monkshood: This delphinium-like and tall perennial prefers light shade to full sun and has lovely blue or purple flowers.

Hyssop: One of my personal favorites, this long-blooming and drought-tolerant perennial loves a sunny site and will reward you with prolific blooms in shades of purple, pink and blue all season long. Hummingbirds and butterflies love them!

Hellebore: Producing blooms early in the year – some begin to flower shortly after Christmas. They prefer full to light shade. Old leaves should be removed to make the flowers more visible.

Bee Balm: To really flourish, bee balm prefers bright sun but will flower less vigorously in partial shade. Lovely deep red flowers create a focal point in your garden. Be aware that this plant loves to spread rapidly via underground runners.

Lambs' Ear: This plant will form a wonderful ground cover with

gorgeous silver foliage that has a fuzzy texture – just like a lamb.

Gayfeather: This should be planted in a sunny area and is very drought tolerant. The flowers are purple or white on long stems, reminiscent of a much larger lavender.

Daffodils: What would springtime be without this lovely flower? The deer will not eat them because they apparently have an oniony taste. I can't attest to that but I adore their sunny faces.

In general – any plant with a strong, or oily, smell (lavender, rosemary, sage and many other herbs) are deer resistant. Also, any highly textured plant, such as the Lambs' Ear or Rose Campion (beware – this plant will spread like crazy) is anathema to our cloven-hoofed friends. ♦



Aaron Burden, unsplash.com

Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting December 17 via Zoom

Project Summary: (17) total — (4) completed, (10) ongoing, (1) withdrawn and (2) new

Old Business:

Compliance Issues:

- Lot #413: must paint surround and white conduit to roofline; letter sent 10/19/2020
- Lot #376: non-compliant shed requires AC approval; letter sent 12/14/2020

Completed Projects:

- Lot #60: no deposit
- Lot #117: no deposit
- Lot #11: no deposit
- Lot #405: no deposit
- Lot #145: withdrawn

New Business:

- Lot #429: conditional approval awaiting building and septic permits, and deposit
- Lot #41: preliminary review of new home design, colors, placement, materials, roof, etc.
- Lot #6009: approved request to install linear sculpture at rear of property

Board of Director Motions:

- Motion to approve Michael Machette as member of Architectural Committee.
- Motion to approve Barry Birch as member of Architectural Committee.

Emergency Preparedness

Meeting January 7 via Zoom

Team leads provided updates on first aid, emergency communications, and pet management supplies.

Auxiliary PPE kits are available to EPC Members; kits contain a Tyvek suit, goggles, KN95 masks, gloves and sanitizer.

Mark Miller gave a COVID-19 update, outlining the new state plan for a two-phase reopening based on regional, not county, progress. Mark reviewed current statistics on Jefferson County COVID cases, and the plans for vaccinating seniors to begin later in January.

It will not be feasible to hold an in-person Potato Bake event this spring to raise funds for East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR). Instead, if EJFR concurs, EPC will spearhead a virtual fundraiser like last March/April.

EPC members took a guided tour through the [EPC website](#), and the extensive information available on it for committee members, Kala Point residents and the general public. Residents are encouraged to explore this archive of emergency preparedness articles, videos, presentations, training materials, and links to important forms and emergency resources.

Grounds

Meeting January 5 via Zoom

In attendance were Stan Cummings, chair; Scott Rovanner, Frances Loubere and Leslie Weertman, members; Gary Obermeyer, board rep; Don Vollmer, Michael Machette and Jean Erreca, guests; and Keith Larson, General Manager.

The meeting began in the typical order with reports from the General Manager and the Board Rep. The Committee members also reported on their quarterly zone observations with a particular interest in the red home address signs (county ordinances require posting of the signs and in a manner easily visible to emergency vehicles). Also of concern: the allowance for RVs to be parked in driveways during the pandemic does not apply to yard trailers or boats.

Trees were on the agenda. An old case involving a downed tree that was deemed to be a hazard to traffic and pedestrians along Kala Point Drive has been resolved. A new case, also along Kala Point Drive, was initiated following numerous complaints about the bad aesthetics created by a row of half-cut trees. The owners have been contacted and asked to detail a plan for completing the tree removal. It will be reviewed at the next meeting.

In other business, the Committee:

Approved installation of a Little Lending Library (LLL) at the Pinecrest mail station

Moved to encourage the ad hoc Pedestrian Safety Committee in its mission and recommended an initial focus on service/vendor vehicles

Commended the Kala Natives volunteer group's work removing blackberry canes along the lagoon trail. Ivy removal efforts are being coordinated with the condo associations and Kala Village. An article on identifying invasive plants will be submitted to the *Kala Pointer* (see page 10).

Agreed to begin a review of the four-page Grounds Maintenance Plan for Common Grounds [APP II-9](#), pages 24-27, at the February meeting

Committee Reports

Heard a summary of revisions needed to bring the Pet Regulations to align with **Jefferson County Animal Control rules and Washington State RCWs**. Specific language will be presented for a vote at the February meeting.

Interesting coincidence... the next Grounds Committee meeting will be on Groundhog Day!

Internal Control

Meeting December 16 via Zoom

Old Business:

- Chase Bank signatures cards done in person
- Union Bank signature cards done by email

New Business:

- Discussed moving accounts from Chase Bank to another Bank
- Discussed setting up required January interviews with GM and two committee members at a time (in adherence to limited-contact protocol)
- Discussed meeting on another day than third Wednesday

Publications

Meeting on January 4 via Zoom

- Discussed photos submitted to the *Kala Pointer*
 - » How to organize folders
 - » How to encourage residents to submit more
 - » Photo editing
- A concerned, long-time resident contacted the chair regarding damage, new footpaths and erosion at the beach and lagoon area
 - » Resident to provide photos taken over 25-year period
 - » The chair will reach out to the Marine Science Center to see about getting a friendly article regarding conservation and raising awareness of the ecological sensitivity of those areas
- Ideas for February issue additions
 - » Puppies
 - » Special days like Valentines' Day
- There was a discussion of the community calendar, and where we might get that information when things start happening again, post-COVID.
- Deadline for February issue, Tuesday, January 19
- Next meeting, February 8 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom

Ad Hoc Website

Meeting January 13 via Zoom

The ad hoc committee authorized by the Board to study and make recommendations for improving the stability, functionality, and utility of the KPOA website held its second meeting. Chair Charles Fauley called the meeting to order with all 10 members present.

The committee is engaging in three areas of inquiry:

- Understanding the WordPress platform, and the relationship of themes and plug-ins
- Identifying/sorting “must-haves” and “nice-to-haves” in terms of content and functionality
- Imagining how it might all fit together in a simple, easy-to-navigate layout
- Next meeting of the AdHoc Website Committee is set for Wednesday, February 3, at 1 p.m. Contact Charles Fauley fauleyC@wavecable.com for details. ♦

New Homes Coming to Kala Point

Michael Machette, Architectural Committee

With the rush from urban to rural settings due to COVID-19, we're seeing an uptick in lot sales and new home building in our HOA. Nine lots sold in 2020, leaving about 50 buildable lots, but half of those are owned by the adjacent lot owners for speculation, buffer or views. At our current rate, the remaining lots will be gone in 5–10 years.

For those of you who track such things, here are some current and likely house projects for 2021:

Location	Owner(s)	Builder(s)
41 Windship	Brian Roach, Corrine Pierce	(Lexar)
78 Wellington	Charles Ball, Susan Greene	(Adair)
127 Kala Point	Hathon Builders	(spec)
339 Fairbreeze	Jim Honeycutt, Nancy Glazer	
429 Pinecrest	Anderson Homes	(spec)

Although a walk-through is enticing, understand that these properties are private.

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To donate: call Kala Point resident Dick Schneider at 360.531.0173.

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