

Kala Pointer

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At the Helm of the SS Kala Point

Scott Rovanner, KPOA Board President

I want to thank Shane and Keith for manning the snowplows over the Valentine’s Day weekend and pushing the white stuff off our roads. We apparently received more snow than Sequim this time around, which was just the opposite in 2019. I am going out on a limb and predicting that we probably won’t be seeing anymore snow this year.

Now that the Northwest Region of counties (Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, Kitsap) has been moved into Phase 2 of the COVID-19 Roadmap to Recovery plan by the governor, the general manager and I are exploring a methodical approach to reopening the clubhouse. Keith will be making a presentation during his General Manager’s Report at the March 9 Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, which starts at 3 p.m. in March. He is working out the logistics with Ally, our new clubhouse attendant, regarding disinfection, scheduling and coordination.

The two ad hoc advisory committees are off to a fine start. Chuck Fauley is heading up the Website Advisory Committee, charged with the mission that states “To develop recommendations to improve the stability, functionality, and utility of the KPOA website in order to provide the most beneficial value for the Kala Point Homeowners Association.” The committee has been meeting since December and expects to present a recommendation at the March 9 Board meeting. The



Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee is being chaired by its champion, Kevin Gale, and has also met twice this year. Its goal is to provide the BOD suggestions and ideas on how we can make Kala Point more pedestrian-friendly. This committee is looking at all facets: blind spots on our roads, speeding by resident and non-resident vehicles, engineering controls, and basic personal protection in the way of reflective vests and illumination. The BOD is looking forward to the final product from both of these hardworking committees.

Here are a few things to look forward to in the coming months. On March 17-18, the KPOA maintenance staff will be installing the docks and gangway. The tides look favorable; let’s hope the weather cooperates. The BOD has passed a resolution to hold a Special Members Meeting on April 30 to decide if there should be only one annual meeting each year. The BOD is proposing a single meeting in December that would handle the members’ business of ratifying the budget, application of any assessment surplus, waiving of the annual audit when applicable, approval of changes to the governing documents, and the election of directors. The ballots will be mailed to members on April 9. This is a monumental shift on how members can determine the direction of Kala Point, so please study the issue and more importantly – VOTE! ♦



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The KPOA Board convened at 1 p.m. on February 9, 2021, via Zoom, with all board members, the CFO, General Manager, and 12 additional KPOA members “in attendance.”

After the formalities of declaring a quorum, approving minutes and adopting the agenda, Tom Gillespie summarized the member emails received since the January 12, meeting (report attached to the [February 9 minutes on the KPOA website](#)).

General Manager Keith Larson reported on assessment collections, installation of new carpeting and a new printer at the office, various repairs to maintenance equipment, and other reserve-funded projects — with total expenditures well under budget for 2020. Several questions were raised with regard to the opening of the pool and clubhouse; the GM was asked to reach out to the Jefferson County Health Department to ensure the earliest possible openings. The big news: the docks at the beach are scheduled to be installed March 17–18.

There were three big items on the February 9 agenda:

- 1. Board response to anonymous letters.** The KPOA board has made it clear that it cannot respond to anonymous complaints because unsigned complaints preclude two-way communication, fact-finding, or any means to determine if/when an issue is resolved. Still, there has been an increasing frequency of unsigned correspondence (including allegations of violations that are not actually violations). The Board has chosen to take the high road and to authorize the Secretary to compose a positive response assuring KPOA members of the Board's commitment to open, transparent and respectful communication ([see page 5](#)).
- 2. Consolidation of the Annual Membership Meetings.** Over several months of studying the issue, discussions at three successive board meetings, consultation with the KPOA attorney, and a series of *Kala Pointer* articles, the Board has laid the groundwork for a Special Meeting to be held April 30 to answer the question: shall the two annual KPOA member meetings be merged into one?

The rationale is that having one election/year will save

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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.

Board Meeting, Continued from page 3

\$3K and cut in half the related staff costs for preparing and mailing voter packets. To this end, KPOA members will be asked to vote on a resolution with two parts: to establish that the annual meeting will be held in December, and that the board terms for those currently serving will be extended by five months.

3. **Revision of Pet Regulations (again!).** Pet regulations came back to the board for a second time; this time, to align KPOA rules with Jefferson County ordinances related to pet regulations. In short, KPOA does not have authority to enforce pet rules — the county is the enforcer. The key statement in the latest revision remains: “dogs must be leashed at all times when off the owner’s property except when under owner-supervised walks at the beach.” In the course of the conversation, it was repeatedly emphasized that maintaining the beach as an off-leash area depends on responsible dog owners.

In other business; the Board:

- Received reports from Scott Love, chair of the Bluff Management Advisory Committee, and authorized forwarding the reports to Jefferson County for final review (full reports available under the **General Information tab** on the website).
- Approved the addition of Eileen Svoboda to the Architectural Committee, and Julie Arnestad to the Tree Committee.
- Heard progress reports from the Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc Committee (focusing on Kala Point Drive and Sailview Drive; developing suggestions for both drivers and road users) and the Website Advisory Ad Hoc (nearing completion of its charge to study the status of the KPOA website and expecting to make recommendations at the March board meeting).

Speaking of the March Board meeting... it will convene at 3 p.m. (instead of the usual 1 p.m.) on March 9, 2021. Watch your email for the Zoom link a few days ahead of time. ♦



Have something to say or share?

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[Letter To The Editor Policy](#)

No Potato Bake This Year, But... The Fundraiser for EJFR is On March 1–28!

Emergency Preparation Committee

The annual Potato Bake honoring East Jefferson Fire Rescue won't happen this spring (you know why), and it will be missed. Even though we can't get together to meet the great folks from EJFR, catch up with old friends, and enjoy good food, we can still contribute to a great cause: supporting the dedicated team of firefighters and EMTs who serve Kala Point so professionally and so well.

Join the annual EJFR fundraiser between March 1 through 28. If you would like to show your support, write a check payable to EJFR and drop it off at one of three places:

1. **353 Fairbreeze Drive** — envelope on the Reeds' front porch
2. **76 Terrace Drive** — envelope on the Donnellys' front porch
3. **Administration Building** — drop your check (in an envelope marked EJFR) through the mail slot

EJFR uses our contributions toward local medical supplies, equipment and training. Over the last three years, for example, Kala Point donations were used to purchase a stair chair, a defibrillator, and portable suction units. Especially now, when their work is even more challenging and budgets are further constrained, please consider supporting our friends at EJFR. They are such an important resource, and you can help make their jobs a little easier.

Thanks in advance for your generosity! Questions? Contact: Katharine Donnelly (donnelly2@mac.com) or Jean Reed (streed@cablespeed.com). ♦



Board Updates

Don't forget to leap forward! Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. on March 14.

Board Votes to Combine Annual Meetings

Dale Moses

At the February 9 Board meeting, your Board voted to do away with future July annual meetings, and instead combine them with the December membership meetings. There will only be one meeting in a year from now on.

Previously, December meetings have been used only to vote on the budget. Combining the meetings means new Board Directors would get voted in at the December meeting. Any other resolutions from mid-summer (postponing audits, what to do with budget surpluses, etc) would also get voted on in the December meeting.

The Board is doing this primarily for efficiency: saving the cost of the summer meeting/election (\$4,000) as well the mailings, room rental costs, staff overtime, and the planning and administrative work-ups. Because the timing for an annual meeting is specified in our **Bylaws**, those laws need to be modified to allow this change. The Bylaws say the Board first votes to make a Bylaws change, then the membership has to “ratify” the Board’s decision. This “ratification” is done with a special membership meeting and associated vote. We propose this happen next month in April.

You will get a voting information package sent to you in late March. Then you will get an envelope from our online voting company with a single page of voting instructions for you to vote online. We think this change will benefit our community and we urge you to vote in favor of it.

To change Bylaws we need a quorum of at least 121 voters to vote (20% of our 601 owners), and a simple majority of those voters are needed to approve the change. If you have any questions about this, please email the Board (KPOA_Board@KalaPoint.org). ♦



Board Goal: Open, Transparent, and Respectful Communication

KPOA Board

If you attended the February Board Meeting or have since read the minutes or watched the video recording, you know we discussed the matter of anonymous letters from KPOA members. The question: what motivates someone who takes the time to write, print and mail a multi-page complaint, then choose to leave it unsigned?

Is it fear of retaliation? Is it a concern about upsetting the neighbors? Is it a lack of trust in equitable treatment? Whatever the reason, anonymity precludes two-way communication, fact-finding, or any means to determine if/when an issue is resolved.

In the course of the February 9 conversation, the possibility was raised that this might be largely a privacy issue and that we ought to try giving KPOA members a means to raise complaints in confidence. Though there was no formal motion, there was consensus.

If you (a member or resident of Kala Point) feel a need to raise an issue, ask a question or file a complaint, you have the option to request that we handle your issue in confidence. Please be assured that this Board of Directors will honor your request.

The best way to reach us is to send an email to kpoa_board@kalapoint.org. ♦



Court clean-up crew Pete, Hilary and Char. (Tom missed Photo Op Day.) • Hilary Newell

Bocce Court Cleanup

A big thank you to Tom McFarling, Char Quandt, Pete Smith and Hilary Newell for weeding and raking the bocce court down at the beach. The court looks great and is ready for action. ♦

New Employees

Welcome to KPOA's Newest Employees

The Kala Point Owners' Association would like to introduce two new employees to the team.

Maintenance employee Henry Brebberman is 18 years old, a lifelong Jefferson county resident and a 2020 Chimacum High School graduate. Henry also attended West Sound Technical Skills Center, earning certificates in automotive service and safety. He was previously employed at Jerry's Bait in Port Ludlow for three years as a deckhand and skiff operator. Henry also enjoys playing golf and riding his dirt bike.



Clubhouse employee Ally McCallum is a lifelong Port Townsend resident, born and raised. She graduated in 2018 from Port Townsend High School and is now pursuing a degree in Anthropological Archaeology online through The University of British Columbia. Ally absolutely loves history, music and a good cup of coffee. Ally is excited to be working at Kala Point and is looking forward to the coming year. ♦



COVID Update

Inslee Announces Five Regions to Progress to Phase 2

On February 11, Gov. Jay Inslee announced five new regions have met the metric requirements to progress to Phase 2 of the Healthy Washington reopening plan, starting February 14. The West and Puget Sound regions have maintained their metric requirements to stay in Phase 2.

The new regions progressing to Phase 2 are:

1. **North** (Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan, Island)
2. **North Central** (Okanogan, Chelan, Douglas, Grant)
3. **Northwest** (Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason)
4. **East** (Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Lincoln, Spokane, Adams, Whitman, Garfield)
5. **Southwest** (Wahkiakum, Cowlitz, Skamania, Clark, Klickitat)

The only region not moving to Phase 2 is the South Central region, which includes Ellensburg, Yakima, the Tri-Cities and Walla Walla.

Additionally, the governor announced on February 11 that the five regions progressing would be able to do so starting Sunday, February 14. The holiday weekend provides a large portion of a restaurant's yearly revenue, and by moving up the region's reopening date allowed dining establishments to benefit.

"I know this creates more options for restaurants to make Valentine's Day special for couples who hoped they could have a night out," Inslee said. "I am confident people, young and old, will celebrate safely. And if it's a first date that doesn't go well, remind them to stay six feet away from you." ♦



Mallards • Charlie Hicks



Wigeon Pair • Bob Hare

Through The Lens



Reflecting on Point Wilson Lighthouse • Bob Segui



Leaf Ready For Its Closeup • David Pitts



Wolf Moon January 28 • Suzanne Eggleston

Through The Lens



Mushroom With 13.5" Diameter Cap • David Pitts



Forest Find • Sharon Bastian



(Above) Eagle in the Winter Sky (Below) Freeze! • Allison Ebbott



(Above) Beach Offering (Below) Message • Kate Lore



Through The Lens



Yadah Rose, Snow Dog • Suzanne Eggleston

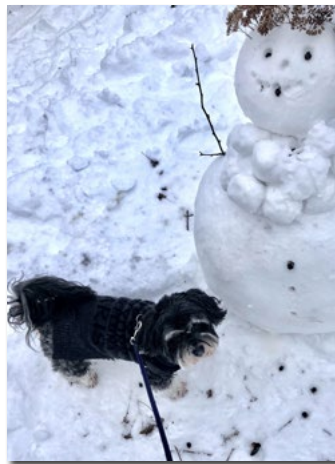


Two Mikes, Three Corgis • Bob Segui

February 12–13 Snow Storm



Snowy Buddha • Bob Hare



Bosco's Snow Friend • Cheri Muller



Fort • Joe Englander



Wintry Beach • Bob Hare

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EAST JEFFERSON FIRE RESCUE FUNDRAISER

Due to Covid 19, EPC will not hold its annual fundraiser
Potato Bake-Chili Dinner. However,

EJFR Firefighters and EMTs are still here for us.



SUPPORT EJFR WITH YOUR DONATIONS



Deposit a check in envelopes
on porches at

353 Fairbreeze Drive
76 Terrace Drive
or drop through mail slot
in the door to the
Admin Office

March 1—March 28

Make Checks Payable to EJFR

Neighborhood Happenings

Pickleball Continues Through Snow and COVID

Pickleball is a sport that cultivates devotion. Once people experience the thrill of deviously placing the small yellow whiffleball inside the back line, or executing the perfect soft dink barely over the net, it's



(Above) Patti Biazzo and Chris Mantell pair off against Hilary Newell and Pete Smith on a wet February day. • Suzanne Eggleston

(Top right) Michael Kubec patiently awaits her turn to play in the cold. (Bottom right) During the February cold snap, Hilary Newell stays warm in the quilt she made. • Susie Gorski

hard to stay away from the court. Even during the coldest days of the year, the distinctive whack and occasional exclamations of triumph or despair can be heard ringing from Kala Point's courts.

Fortunately, KPOA and state health regulations allow the game to go on in both the Lagoon Court and Pinecrest Sports Court.

New regulations now allow outside players on the Lagoon Court, which was previously only permitted on the Sports Court. Five players (four players plus one extra) are allowed per court. ♦



Plant Suggestions, Please!

Leslie Weertman

These unique "flower pots" were recently weeded and mulched. They need plants that can survive the beach weather and the hot dry summer. Annuals are okay, but no self-seeding invasives. We're looking for



suggestions of what to plant so it can be approved by the general manager before the foxtail grass takes over again. Send us your suggestions.

The Kala Natives continue to meet Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m., still working on the lagoon trail and beach area. If you want to help us battle the invasive species, please join us. If you want to be added to our weekly email reminder, email us at drlesliemiller@mac.com. ♦

Pinecrest Lot Clearing

The clearing by Anderson Homes of the last undeveloped lot on Pinecrest has generated quite a bit of interest — and noise. One set of neighbors immediately adjacent to 241 Pinecrest unknowingly yet perfectly timed their midweek getaway during the days the big trees were being felled and removed from the property.

Foundation work is now underway. Remember that watching from the road is encouraged, but the lot is privately owned and a worksite. Please be safe and resist the urge to trespass. ♦



Clearing of selected trees from the Pinecrest lot. • Joe Englander

Sharing the Good Life *Hilary Newell*

I'm a little late to the party when it comes to this month's shared recipe. When I described it to a few people, they said, "Oh, I've been making those for years!" Well, there is no better endorsement than that, I guess! **Susie Gorski** forwarded the recipe to me and said these were requested by a friend in exchange for some kindling. It seems the cookies are known and loved by many. **Laura Bush's Cowboy Cookies** gained fame and popularity when they were submitted to a political bake-off. The original story and recipe are here: southernliving.com/.

The recipe as written makes a lot of cookies, and Laura originally made them quite large, calling for one-quarter cup of dough per cookie. I cut the recipe down by one-third and it made about 30 normal-size cookies, plus I froze a quart of the dough to bake later. I also ended up overbaking them by at least a minute, so they became crispy throughout, instead of the slightly gooier texture they are apparently supposed to be. No matter — they are excellent for dipping in tea.



Laura Bush's Cowboy Cookies (as I made them)

2 cups flour
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 2 teaspoons soda
 2 teaspoons cinnamon
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1 cup butter
 1 cup sugar
 1 cup brown sugar
 2 eggs
 2 teaspoons vanilla
 2 cups chocolate chips
 2 cups oats
 1 cup coconut
 1 cup walnuts

Directions

Heat oven to 350 degrees F.

Line two cookie sheets with parchment paper.

Mix flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in bowl.

In eight-quart bowl, beat butter on medium speed until smooth and creamy, one minute. Gradually beat in sugars to combine, two minutes.

Add eggs, one at a time, beating after each.

Beat in vanilla.

Stir in flour mixture until just combined.

Add chocolate chips, oats, coconut and walnuts.

Using two teaspoons, drop blobs of dough on the sheet.

Bake in 350 degree F oven 11–13 minutes, until edges are lightly browned. If you are making larger cookies, they can take more than 17 minutes.

Remove cookies to rack to cool.

My Thoughts on Vanilla

Good vanilla is expensive and I go through quite a bit every year, especially at Christmastime. I read that **The Barefoot Contessa** makes her own vanilla extract using vodka, but I am more of a bourbon fancier, so that's how I extract vanilla.

Several years ago I started with three vanilla beans stuffed in a used vanilla extract bottle, and covered it with whatever bourbon I had on hand. It sat for a few months and got darker and darker. I add beans now and then; when it gets low, I refill the bottle with bourbon.

Good Life, contin.

I have a few bottles going at all times and I just use the one that is darkest. Simply slice the vanilla beans before you cover them. The beans last for years (the ones on the left have been in there for three to four years and

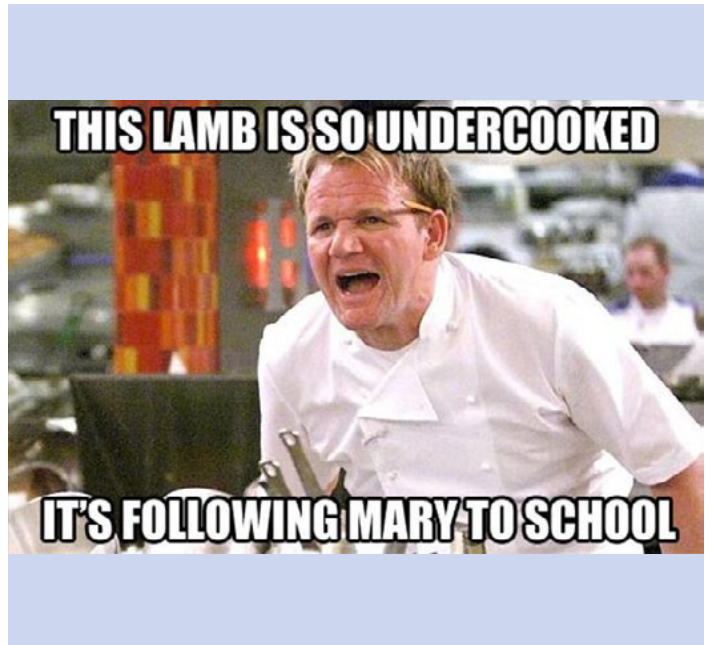


have yielded several cups of vanilla) and I add a couple fresh beans to a new bottle occasionally, transferring the tired beans to the other bottle. ♦



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St Patrick's Day Jokes

Borrowed from Parade.com/

☘ **What do you call an Irish spider?**

Paddy long legs

☘ **How do you know an Irishman is having a good time?**

He's Dublin over with laughter

☘ **Why did St. Patrick drive all the snakes out of Ireland?**

It was too far to walk

☘ **What do you call a leprechaun with a sore throat?**

A streprechaun

☘ **What do you call a fake Irish diamond?**

A shamrock

☘ **What instrument does a showoff play on St. Patrick's Day?**

Brag-pipes ♦

Virtual Olympic Music Festival to be Filmed in Kala Point

Tracy Wirta

Kala Point will be the center of the Port Townsend Chamber music scene this month when a trio of world-renowned musicians take up residence within its gates. Olympic Music Festival (OMF) champions, OMF directors, and Kala Point residents Scott Rovanpera and Tracy Wirta are opening their home to OMF musicians for the second time during the health crisis. Cedarview Drive will be abuzz in mid-March when once again a nine-foot concert grand piano will be gingerly installed in the great room of Scott and Tracy's home.

Pianist and Artistic Director Julio Elizalde will settle into the house's west wing accommodations. New for the spring is the use of a Kala Point Village timeshare unit for cellist Alice Yoo and violinist Tessa Lark.

Last August, Scott and Tracy's Cedarview house was transformed into a recording studio and home base for a trio of professional musicians. With the possibility of holding an OMF Summer Season evaporating, Scott and Tracy stepped in, handing over the keys to their new



home even before they had moved in themselves. OMF Artistic Director and Pianist Julio Elizalde scrambled to save the season by inviting cellist Matthew Zalkind and violinist Stella Chen to join him in the house to make music together. During his two weeks in residence, Julio spent sleepless nights editing and refining the days' recordings. The fruits of their labors were free virtual Salon concerts available to everyone. Donations were requested to help fill the more than \$100,000 gap in the OMF budget with the loss of live concerts.

This virtual season was one of the first of its kind presented in the professional performance arena. The concept was so well received, the decision was made to create a Spring season — a first for OMF — to keep the music playing in Port Townsend. Providing these



(Below left) *The concert grand piano in place at Scott and Tracy's home last August.* • Scott Rovanpera

(Left) *Cellist Matthew Zalkind practicing on a 1760 Italian cello, and (below right) violinist Stella Chen with a 1708 Huggins Stradivarius violin in 2020.* • Tracy Wirta

musicians the opportunity to play together and earn a living is essential to survival of the

arts during these unprecedented times.

All artists are well versed in protecting their health and the health of those around them. Vaccinations have been completed for at least one musician, testing will take place for all prior to their traveling, and state-recommended protocols will be followed to ensure a safe environment for all.

The musicians will be in Kala Point for eight days. They will rehearse and record chamber music to be released by OMF this spring.

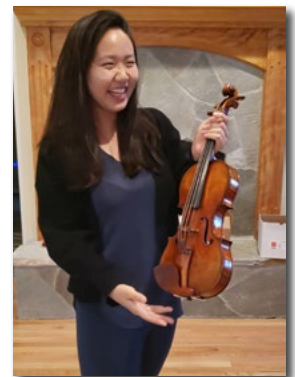
"Cedarview neighbors were so gracious last summer," says Tracy. "We notified them prior to the OMF invasion, so everyone knew who was in the house and what they were up to. The musicians still talk about the delivery of homemade brownies left on the doorstep by our neighbor, Joan.

"Due to the shutdown, the usual accommodations and performance spaces are not available. There is also the expense to consider. Without income from ticket sales, we simply couldn't afford to pay for those items. Our board of directors, loyal supporters and new OMF friends have generously donated funds and in-kind items, such as Alaska air-miles, and gift cards to local businesses and restaurants to sustain the musicians while they are here.

It is the mission of OMF to bring the musicians physically to Port Townsend to create the festival's music here as a way to support the community that has supported the Olympic Music Festival for so many years."

If you would like to support the artists with Kala Point kindness, contact Tracy or Scott at 360.344.8434.

To learn more about the OMF, availability of the Cedarview "OMF House" recordings or the artists, visit olympicmusicfestival.org/, juliothepianist.com/, tessalark.com/, and aliceyocello.com/ ♦



Get To Know Your Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

Bob, Tricia-Rose and Lauren Hare

Baycliff Drive

With today's real estate market being described by terms like "surge" and "extreme frenzy," home buyers sometimes need a little something extra to even get into the running for a house. In Bob and Tricia-Rose's case, that "little something extra" came in the shape of a gregarious collie named Willy they met on one of their first Kala Point beach walks.

Willy's people, Mike Harte and Cindi Griffin, were resting nearby against a beached log. After Bob and Tricia-Rose shared that they had just arrived at Kala Point and were searching for a home, Mike immediately told them about an impending listing he'd just heard about on Baycliff.

"We drove by the house, fell in love with it, and made an appointment to be the first to view it," says Bob. "There were two other offers at the same above-offer price, but our letters describing our love for the house and landscaping gave us the winning edge."

The Hares named their new home "Cedar House" to celebrate the circle of Western Red Cedars in the front yard and to honor this "tree of life" of the Northwest Native Peoples. "We say our new home found us rather than we found it," says Tricia-Rose. "We know we are blessed to be part of this beautiful and peaceful community."

The Hares come from Elk Grove, California, where they lived for 30 years. Bob is a Berkeley grad who went on to work as a wildlife biologist and park planner for the State of California.

Tricia-Rose put her academic background — an undergraduate degree in quantitative economics from Cal Poly and graduate work in psychology at U.C. Davis — to work in many careers over the years:

financial planner, administrative analyst, job coach for developmentally disabled adults, and teacher. She later became a licensed Unity teacher and minister.

The two met in a Christmas play at Unity Church in Sacramento. "Tricia-Rose was a bearded rabbi and I was one of the three Wise Men — wearing a ridiculous golden headpiece," says Bob.

The two admit that neither was exactly what the other was looking for in a partner. "I was looking for a younger backpacking gal," says Bob, adding, "Tricia-Rose doesn't backpack."

"And I was looking for a ballroom dancing guy near my age," says Tricia-Rose. "Bob is 14 years older and doesn't dance!"



The Hare family: Lauren, Piglet, Bob and Tricia-Rose.

Nonetheless, their relationship blossomed at a church talent show. "Tricia-Rose was enchanted with my poetry reading and I couldn't keep my eyes off her legs as she danced across the stage with some other guy," says Bob. The Hares married 20 years ago.

They both dreamed of escaping Sacramento's scorching summers and urban problems, but work, inertia, family and friends kept them anchored to their home. Plus, Bob was determined to complete his project of finding and photographing John Muir's journal sketch sites in Yosemite, which he did in 2019.

California's perennial drought and smoke from wildland fires raging across the state finally convinced the Hares it was "time to pull up stakes and head north to a land where it rained," says Bob. "With climate change, we saw these environmental problems worsening," adds Tricia-Rose.

Cedar House is also home to Lauren, Bob and Tricia-Rose's niece. Lauren, an artist, recently moved here from Portland after falling in love with the area's wild beauty,

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"The pandemic has reinforced our understanding of how interdependent and interconnected we all are with each other and with our environment — socially, economically, politically and ecologically."

Get To Know Your Neighbors *Louise Tragard*

John Galanes and Louise Tragard

Windship Drive

John and I moved here from York, Maine, a town about the size of Port Townsend along the southern Maine coast. We had been looking for a place to retire without finding what we wanted — until we went to San Juan Island to visit a friend from Maine in January 2015. We thought that if this was winter, it was a heck of a lot better than 20 degrees and snow! We loved San



Juan Island, but the logistics and expense of living on an island just felt too crazy.

As John and I drove around Port Townsend, I asked him if he thought he could live here; he said he was happy to give it a try. Port Townsend reminds me a lot of Ogunquit, Maine, in the 60s: great combination of the arts, nature, shops and restaurants, an eclectic mix of people and not too crowded. We have been here for just five years.

As a child, I grew up spending summers in Ogunquit, which was an artists' colony. That is what started me on my journey as a photographer, writer and artist. I have done various jobs to make a living, not only in Maine, but in Boston, San Francisco and Pittsburgh. Working with one of my editors on writing a book about Ogunquit's art colony was one of the highlights of my career.

John studied Electrical Engineering at University of New Hampshire and computer science at Northeastern. He went on to work for almost 40 years as a computer

programmer, mostly working on databases. A big chunk of his career — 17 years — was spent with Oracle in New Hampshire.

Over the last 50 years, I have traveled extensively throughout the US, Caribbean and Europe, and consider these trips to be among the highlights of my life so far. John used to enjoy travel but not so much anymore — especially air travel.

Many people in my life have passed away already, and I have lived through the turbulent 60s and 70s, horrible recessions, and now our fun pandemic. I have no regrets and always enjoy a good laugh or seeing something new. For me, life has been so much about finding the best in each moment and enjoying the great beauty I have encountered; that is what still gives me immense pleasure.

As I came into the 21st century, I was still single, having just lived with two men, (like a foolish girl of the 70s!) and either with friends or on my own — and then I met John. We were a fix-up at a baby shower for John's nephew and his wife whose family I knew. John was the first man I met who liked being married. He was recently divorced after 22 years, and we were very well suited. John jokes that the secret to a successful marriage is to "throw the first one out."

We have now been together for 17 years; married for 15, and no regrets — we still like each other!

We are both very happy being retired and living in Port Townsend. John loved work until he was "over it" which was pretty close to when he retired. Now he enjoys woodworking, computer games and pickleball. He is looking forward to gatherings and eating out when COVID

is over. And we can't wait for the Rose Theater and Starlight Room to open again!

Neither of us are keen on living in an HOA, but the beauty here makes up for that. We have been quite surprised to make so many new friends here and have managed to stay busy, even in these "Times of COVID."



John's latest project, a Japanese wood Kumiko piece and frame on a charcuterie platter.

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Hare, Continued from page 15

and is working on establishing herself in the area.

Lauren's image, **Secrets**, won an award in the Smithsonian National Portrait Gallery's Outwin Boochever Portrait Competition and in the resulting exhibition Outwin 2019: American Portraiture Today.

Lauren is also a proud "Dog Ma" to Piglet, her six-year-old Chi-Jack mix. "Piglet loves to explore the beach and gets all worked up about the giant dogs (deer) that roam through our yard," says Bob. Bob and Tricia-Rose plan to adopt a dog of their own soon.



Lauren and Piglet enjoying the snow

When asked what kind of activities they enjoy, Tricia-Rose shared that she likes leading and participating in spiritual and personal growth groups; whole-foods, plant-based cooking; singing doo-wop; live theater; Zumba; reading aloud; and dog-walking.

Bob is a lifelong birdwatcher whose enthusiasm for feathered friends is rubbing off on Lauren. He melds his love for nature and travel adventure with his passion for taking photos and sharing them in several blogs and in public talks. Bob is preparing two long-term book projects for publishing this year: *Following John Muir into Wild Yosemite*, and *Wisdom for Unwise Times: Thirteen Insights Healing Self, Society and Nature*.

The Hares look forward to volunteering on some of the Kala Point committees, and Bob would like to get involved with the Wooden Boat Festival. The Hares are also eager to be able to travel again to such places as Alaska, British Columbia, and Northwest national parks.

"The pandemic," says Bob, "has reinforced our understanding of how interdependent and interconnected we all are with each other and with our environment — socially, economically, politically and ecologically."

Tricia-Rose agrees, "We thrive best when we take care of the basic needs of everyone. We need to rebuild our trust and cooperation with each other, our institutions, and with the living environment we live in. These are values we see shared in our Kala Point Community, our 'forever' home of choice." ♦

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Before the pandemic, John and I got involved with the KP international Dinner group.

I did some projects with Social Plus, including working with Keith to get new furniture and lighting for the clubhouse, and helping with holiday and summer beach parties.

Now, we play pickleball and take lots of walks, occasionally get take-out dinners, and Zoom with family and friends back East. I also still love taking photos and playing with the images in PhotoShop and tending the KP jungle that is our gardens and yard!

I always thought a perfect day included walking in nature, maybe even along a beach, eventually going to get the mail and then back home again. We are so lucky to have so much of that here in Kala Point! ♦



Louise's artistic treatment of a trillium that grows in their yard and "just makes me so happy."



Kala Lily's

March Gardening Tips

Diane Solvik

March is the month when us gardeners begin to get overanxious for spring to finally arrive. The urge to jump-start planting flowers and annuals is strong, but we must have patience and wait for the danger of frost to pass and the temperature of the soil to rise. We can, however, plant bare-root trees, shrubs, roses and summer-blooming bulbs without danger.

Finish cleaning up your tired winter garden and begin to freshen up your containers with cold-tolerant species such as pansies and primroses.

Divide your crowded perennials. Irises and other summer-blooming plants which have spread, can be lifted at this time and moved to new locations to form new clumps of bright color. Your friends will be grateful for any leftovers! Transplanted perennials will benefit from fertilization with a light nitrogen formula. Water after application or apply during a light rain.

Early in March, start pruning your roses and fertilize immediately thereafter. Here is the basic technique for rose pruning:

- * Remove dead and diseased wood.
- * Hybrid tea roses need heavy pruning, with canes cut to 1½ feet. Remove all small, weak or crossed canes to the ground, leaving around four to six strong canes. Make your cuts above an outward-facing bud.
- * Do not prune rambling or climbing roses
 - * Once ground-cover roses are established, shear them by about six inches to keep the growth low to the ground.

Start snail and slug control this month. Coffee grounds may help



repel these critters before they devour tender new shoots.

Sword ferns can be cut to the ground in March before the new fronds begin to emerge. Don't worry, they will soon grow into beautiful lush plants.

If you want your hydrangeas to be blue, water them with a solution of aluminum sulfate. Repeat this application about three or four times throughout the season.

Here are a few fun projects for early spring:

- * Bring any cuttings of flowering shrubs inside, crush the ends of the stems and place them in hot water. They will think spring has sprung and will begin bursting with life.
- * Fill a few pots on your deck with a good, moist potting soil and sow salad green seeds about one-quarter inch apart. Add a few more seeds as the season progresses and you will have a continuous supply of fresh greens for your table.
- * Clean birdhouses in readiness for new occupants.
- * Fill your hummingbird feeders with a solution of cane sugar and water – four cups of water to one cup of sugar. Do not add color!

Last but not least, try to keep ahead of the weeds and don't let them go to seed.

Enjoy the fresh spring air, longer hours of daylight and being outside in your garden. ♦



Bring the outdoors in: (left) azalea grown as a houseplant, (right) miniature rhododendron "Curlew"

Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting January 21 via Zoom

Project Summary: (16) total — (0) completed, (12) ongoing, and (4) new

Old Business:

- Election of Michael Machette as Committee Chair
- Lot #429: Discussed one neighbor letter concerning new home build

New Business:

- Lot #164: Approved request to replace asphalt patio and walkway with concrete
- Lot #166: Approved request to construct concrete slab under existing upper deck
- Lot #117: Approved request to re-roof using AC-approved roofing material
- Lot #41: Approved construction of new home

Board of Director Motions:

- Motion to approve Eileen Svoboda as member of Architectural Committee



Emergency Preparedness

Meeting February 4 via Zoom

COVID-19

Mark Miller updated the EPC on the COVID-19 virus, including case numbers in Jefferson and surrounding counties, the requirements for moving to Phase 2, and the status of vaccinations received and expected. For current information see the [EPC website](#).

EPC Priorities:

- Training (basic and advanced first aid, CERT) is high priority. Online CERT training course through University of Utah are posted on EPC website at kalapoint.org/epc/cert/.
- Activate EPC for minor emergency training
- FRS radio practice/training for EPC/residents
- AED and CPR demonstrations, with individualized hands-on training in homes, via Zoom, using First Aid team's mannequins
- Stress tests of our systems — for example, practicing radio communication without repeater
- Reach out and communicate with new residents about EPC
- Develop concise EPC information/packet to be included in packet distributed to new residents

- IT considerations: voice communications through duplex repeater, simplex, GMRS, and Telegram. Important to move ahead in four areas: content search software, editable forms (for EIS and other forms, so people don't need to start over to make minor changes), resident spreadsheets (vs. reliance on vCards); single unified/verified resident accounts.
- Encourage updating of EIS forms with some regularity
- Provide information on Grab & Go kits; help residents navigate the wealth of information provided on suggested content for these and other types of kits
- Future community EXPO will be important for communicating with residents and helping them get prepared
- Training on KP-owned equipment (e.g., chain saws, tractor) needs to continue

Reports

- EJFR (East Jefferson Fire & Rescue) fundraising (formerly potato bake), March 1–28
 - Donations can be submitted at homes of Jean Reed and Katharine Donnelly and at the Office
 - The new Chief of EJFR interested in attending Kala Point meetings
- Block captain recruitment is needed; eight zones are "light" on Block Captains
- First Aid is doing virtual practices, which will be posted on Telegram Chat for others to review
- Pet Management has purchased new First Aid kits and net for catching small animals
- [EPC website](#) is now a subdirectory of KPOA main site; still a separate website but easier to access/use

Grounds

Meeting February 2 via Zoom

The Grounds Committee met with all members present, along with three guests: Donna Colwell, Don Vollmer and Carol Letterman.

As is customary, the meeting began with the General Manager's report and the news that the maintenance crew has completed the windstorm clean-up at the beach. (If you saw the initial damage, you'll be impressed with the results.) The grounds crew is also

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installing mesh on the lagoon trail boardwalk to reduce the risk of slipping and falling.

Kala Natives volunteers are continuing to work from 9 to 10 a.m. on Fridays (nine sessions so far, with three to six volunteers each week) removing invasive plants (particularly, blackberry) along the trail to the lagoon. The KPOA maintenance crew is removing the piles of plant material.

The Committee received an update on the recently activated Pedestrian Safety Committee by Frances Loubere who serves on both Grounds and Pedestrian Safety. Details to be included in the April issue.

Currently, there is only one violation under review by the Grounds Committee: the partially removed trees at Compton Place (visible from Kala Point Drive). The remaining stumps and debris are being removed and a screening hedge will soon be planted along the back of the property.

Two items were approved for sending to the Board:

1. Revised pet regulations that reflect changes recommended by Jefferson County Animal Control.
2. Encouragement for the Board to assign responsibilities to the appropriate committee(s) to receive and approve applications for additional Little Lending Libraries

Check this and upcoming issues of the *Kala Pointer* for articles on wooden newspaper boxes, fire pits, and pet policies.

Next Meeting: March 2, 2021

Internal Control

Meeting January 27 via Zoom

Old Business:

- Expense Review:
 - September completed
 - February 8 scheduled to complete October, November and December
- Year-end report has been sent to Auditors
- Expense, Income and Inventory annual review delayed due to COVID-19.
- Discussed/decided not to change meeting date/time

New Business:

- Discussed review of procedures for annual GM Financial Review
- Discussed reviewing APPs for Internal Control Committee

Publications

Meeting on February 8 via Zoom

- The chair requested members reach out to neighbors for the “Get to Know Your Neighbors” features in each issue
- Decline in advertising in the newsletter has raised some questions and ongoing challenges.
 - Ads provide a service to Kala Point residents, and provide income as well
 - Historically, there was more expense in distributing the Kala Pointer, as it needed to be printed and mailed; now, the vast majority of copies are distributed electronically
 - Does the staff have a fiscal responsibility to raise funds?
 - Should ads be solicited? If so, who should do the solicitation?
 - Board rep to bring up advertising issue in the next Board meeting
- Deadline for the March issue is February 19
- Next meeting March 8 at 3:30 p.m. ♦



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](http://www.kalapoint.org).

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! ♦

Poetry Page

Knockdown

Dan Coffman

Afternoon race around a few buoys,
 at the tiller Arlyn keeps our course,
 I tend the mainsheet,
 John and Art trim the jib.
 Firm steady wind aft of abeam
 propels us toward the finish line,
 no worries we sail on until
 sudden gust catches us unaware.
 In an instant leeward rail in the water,
let it out! let it out! amid
 moaning wind and sails' whip cracks,
 tang of salt spray on our tongues.
 We ease sails, still they flap, boat shudders,
 dash to slanted foredeck that
 pitches and rolls with each wave,
 John lets out the halyard,
 Art brings down the jib, feet on the bases
 of lifeline stanchions keep him onboard.
 Pull mainsail in as mast rises,
 out goes the sail when a puff pushes again,
 finally wind relents, gradually we relax.
 Where is the finish line? ♦

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.



Pagoda at Ocean Shores • Pamela Thompson

2 Haikus "Lite"

Tim Twiford

When the "other shoe"
 dropped, it was suddenly much
 easier to walk!

In my ultimate,
 alternate universe, cheese
 burgers, healthy are.



2 Haikus "Heavy"

Heaviest object
 ever weighed: Kennedy launch
 pad in Florida.

I am of the mist,
 and dirt, and wind; I will be
 within them again. ♦

Your Septic System: The Forgotten Environmental Defender

Strategic Planning Committee

The Strategic Planning Committee — Dan Kimball, Dale Moses, Dan Nordlund, Jim Quandt, Scott Rovanpera, and Keith Larson (ex-officio) — has been made aware of some recent septic system failures within Kala Point in 2020. The Kala Point development is now approaching 45 years in age and every home's Onsite Sewage System (OSS) solution is a septic system. We thought this was a strategic time to remind all homeowners how to care for their septic system.

Septic system maintenance is not complicated, and it does not need to be expensive if you properly maintain your OSS. Upkeep comes down to four key elements:

1. **Inspect and pump frequently.** Jefferson County requires gravity systems be inspected every three years and pumped (or pressurized) systems inspected annually. Most household septic tanks are pumped between three to five years, depending on usage. With a majority of Kala Point households having two residents, the five-year pumping frequency is more typical. The inspection will tell you when you need to pump. The major factors influencing the frequency of septic pumping are household size, total wastewater generated, volume of solids in your wastewater, and septic tank size.
2. **Use water efficiently.** The average indoor water use in a typical single-family home is nearly 70 gallons per individual per day. Efficient water use improves the operation of an OSS and reduces the risk of failure. Water efficiency can be achieved by installing low-flush toilets (1.6 gal per flush), showerhead restrictors, and high-efficiency clothes washers that bear the ENERGY STAR label.
3. **Proper disposal of waste.** Whether you flush it down the toilet, grind it in the garbage disposal, or pour it down the sink – everything that goes down the drain ends up in your septic system. Your septic system is not a trash can; don't flush anything down a toilet that isn't human waste or toilet paper. That means no baby wipes, sanitary napkins, or materials that do not decompose in a septic tank. As for the kitchen sink, do not dispose of coffee grounds, eggshells, cooking grease or oil, cigarette butts, cat litter, pharmaceuticals, or household chemicals such as antifreeze or paint.



4. **Maintain your drainfield.** Your drainfield, a component of your septic system that removes contaminants from the liquid that emerges from the septic tank, is a crucial part of your OSS.

Here are a few things you should do to maintain it:

- » never park or drive on your drainfield
- » plant trees an appropriate distance from your drainfield to keep roots from growing into the leach lines
- » keep roof drains and other rainwater drainage system away from your drainfield area — excess water slows down or stops the percolation of septic tank effluent

For more information on maintaining your OSS, please visit the following websites:

- [How to Care for Your Septic System | Septic Systems \(Onsite/Decentralized Systems\) | US EPA](#)
- [Resources for Homeowners | Homeowner Authorization for Septic System Monitoring Inspections | Jefferson County Public Health](#)
- [The Homeowner's Guide to Septic Maintenance | PreDoC, Inc.](#)
- [The Best Septic Tank Treatments for Homeowners | Bob Vila](#) ♦



Dramatic Sky • Hilary Newell

EJFR is Recruiting for Wildland Firefighting Volunteers

East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) will interview for volunteer firefighter and volunteer resident firefighters, on Monday, March 22. This opportunity is unique in that EJFR is specifically recruiting those interested in wildland firefighting.

While EJFR’s spring volunteer recruitment focuses on wildfire firefighting in preparation for fire season, they are actively recruiting for other volunteer positions as well. Volunteers earn stipends during their training and for responding to emergencies. They can also be eligible for sponsorship in the local fire academy and



EJFR’s Wildland Team members on a deployment to Eastern Washington.

EMT school, which is a great way to begin a career in the fire service.

For EJFR, the process of obtaining a wildland firefighter qualification commences with online classes that address

basic wildland firefighting skills, tools, operations, and basic fire behavior. Two physical segments follow the completion of the online portions. The first is an arduous fitness test that involves hiking a three-mile course in 45 minutes with a 45-pound pack. The second physical



Volunteer firefighter Matt Stewart using a firefighting tactic called a “Bump & Run”

segment is a field day where the physical skills of using tools, digging fire line, fire shelter deployment, along with water supplies and engine operations are evaluated in a training environment. The multi-agency field training day is scheduled for early June.

Volunteers and volunteer resident firefighters fulfill a variety of roles with the department, including emergency medical response, firefighting, station maintenance, public education and water tender operations response. In-district residency is not required.

Applications can be acquired via the website at bit.ly/EJFRVolunteer and returned to estewart@ejfr.org. Completed applications are due no later than March 15 at noon.

For more information and to obtain an application, visit www.ejfr.org/.

East Jefferson Fire Rescue is mandated to comply with the Federal Drug-free Workplace Act, which requires training, screening, reporting and disciplinary procedures. ♦



Wildland field day training with volunteers from across Jefferson County. Former Chief Walkowski can be seen in the right-side foreground.

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Neighborhood Classified Ads cost only 10 cents per word.
Please pay at the Kala Point office when you submit your ad.

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Retired attorneys from Seattle would like to rent a house or condo in Kala Point for the months of July & August. Prefer king (or at least a queen bed). Non-smokers, no pets, and will have no visitors during that time. We've owned a timeshare unit in Kala Point Village from the time it was created!

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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 ♦

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. ♦

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.