

Kala Pointer

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At the Helm of the SS Kala Point

Scott Rovanpera, KPOA Board President

I want to thank all of the Standing Committees for their dedication and determination while we endure the confines of the pandemic. When participating in Zoom meetings, it takes concentration: careful listening, strategic muting, and the hope that WAVE doesn't crash in your neighborhood.

The Architectural Committee is fully staffed with 10 members and under new leadership. There are at least four new builds in the works and many home modifications being tracked by the committee.

The Strategic Planning Committee is addressing long-range issues for the association. Topics such as septic system preservations, annual membership surveys, and philanthropic foundations that affect the future of Kala Point are being discussed today.

The Finance Committee is keeping a laser focus on the spending activity by the general manager and his staff, and 2021 is already revealing that we are below-budget levels. As a check-and-balance committee, the Internal Controls Committee makes sure that the revenues and the expenditures are applied to the right budget category.

The Grounds Committee is adhering to the governing documents that are within their jurisdiction and making great strides in keeping Kala Point common areas looking phenomenal.

The Tree Committee realized early on that trees

don't Zoom well, so this team of hard-working, strong-walking individuals meet at each residence that submits a Vegetation Control application.

The Emergency Preparedness Committee is staying on top of the COVID vaccination efforts within the County and continuing their support of our first responders through its fundraising efforts for the East Jefferson Fire Rescue.

The Elections Committee is very busy at this time of the year as they prepare for the Special Members meeting on April 30, and as KPOA headhunters for the next three directors.

Even the Personnel Committee has met three times this year to discuss human resource issues that impact the General Manager.

And many thanks and kudos to our incredible Publications team that produces this impressive newsletter month after month.

I am always humbled by the many volunteers who give countless hours of energy and expertise so that Kala Point will remain a success story.

Some of the changes that will be occurring in the coming months include the opening of the KPOA Admin office on April 1, member access to the Clubhouse on April 28 according to the GM's reopening plan, and new faces within the KPOA office. Daniella Brockmier has left the employment of KPOA after



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What's Happening With the Board?

[Gary Obermeyer](#), KPOA Board Secretary

Your KPOA Board of Directors met 3–6 p.m. on Tuesday March 9, via Zoom, with 10 additional KPOA members in attendance. As usual, the meeting began with announcements and the General Manager's report.

The big news from this month's announcements is that KPOA is returning to normalcy with the arrival of spring and the relaxing of COVID restrictions. The Administration Office is now open to Visitors during normal Business Hours (masks still mandatory). By the time you read this article, the swings at the beach playground will be hooked up and the floating docks will be back in the water. And, the really big news... KPOA Clubhouse staff are preparing for an April 28 reopening, with restrictions in compliance with the guidelines of [Washington State Safe Start](#). As you might imagine, there was considerable discussion about the details of the clubhouse reopening. The Board ended up expressing support in a 7-to-2 motion to support the General Manager's current decision regarding the clubhouse facilities along with a commitment to revisit the plan at the April meeting. To view/hear the conversation, you can access [a recording of the March 9 board meeting](#) on the website under the member tab.

Under unfinished business, the Board discussed the upcoming Special Member Meeting to be held April 30. In advance of the meeting, KPOA members will be asked to vote on a resolution that would amend the bylaws to move the Annual meeting from July to December. This would eliminate the need for two separate elections and a savings of just north of \$4,000 (including fees paid to Elections Trust, plus the related cost of materials and postage for the voter packets).

A Kala Point member speaking on behalf of members who are opposed to the proposed bylaw amendment requested space to publish an article in *Kala Pointer*. The Board had no objection to a newsletter article and went one better by directing the GM to include the opposing argument as an insert in the voter packet that will be mailed April 9. The Elections Committee, under authority assigned in [APP IX](#), will review the pro and con arguments for length and accuracy.

Under new business... Our CFO, Donna Colwell, announced the discovery that there are three separate addressing methods for

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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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the condo properties: Jefferson Co. records, Emergency services, and the USPS. The confusion seems mostly to be related to how or whether dashes are used in the addresses. There will be follow-up to correct the confusion.

Also, under new business... the Board expressed interest in revisiting an earlier-abandoned notion to create an independent 501(c)(3) foundation with the authority to receive tax-free contributions and apply for grants to support improvements aligned with Kala Point goals and improvements. The original proposal ran into resistance around the legal requirements that prohibit current KPOA board members from serving on the Foundation Board. Director Dale Moses will investigate to determine the extent to which conditions may have since changed.

The board accepted (unanimously) a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Website Advisory Committee to proceed with planning to develop specifications for a simpler, cleaner, more intuitive navigation structure for the KPOA website. The goal of the redesign effort is to improve the stability, functionality, and utility of the website to more effectively serve three purposes: 1. inform/engage the community, 2. facilitate governance work, and 3. promote Kala Point. At the end of the layout phase, the committee will come back to the board for approval to proceed with the development of a request for proposals based on the proposed website layout.

We approved two committee requests:

- Adding Terry Stewart to the Architectural Committee
- Approving a Grounds Committee recommendation to allow the installation of two Little Learning Libraries: one at the Main Gate mailboxes and one at 54 Trafalgar Drive

In the last action of the day, the Board voted 6-3 to return to the regular 1 p.m. start time for the April 13 board meeting and urged President Rovanpera to establish efficiencies (e.g., consent agendas, more effective use of email, less frequent committee reports, etc.) so that the length of meetings can be shortened. ♦

**Have something to say or share?
See our letter to the editor policy!**

Letter To The Editor Policy

President’s Message, Continued from page 1

six years of service to Kala Point residents. Felice Thompson will be holding down the fort until Keith Larson has decided on the next administrative assistant.

But one thing hasn’t changed, and that is the necessity of continuing to wear our COVID defense masks. Respect the virus, schedule your vaccinations, and stay patient — we will all find normalcy soon. ♦



Update On Our EJFR Fundraiser!
Emergency Preparedness Committee

Our Kala Point Family raised **\$5,325** this year. That’s the most ever in Kala Point history! Watch for more thanks in next month’s *Kala Pointer*. ♦

KPOA Facilities Open!

The Administration Office will reopen April 1.

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Clubhouse will reopen Wednesday, April 28, for exercise by RSVP only.

Wednesday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Locker rooms will not be open.

Pool Will Reopen Later

Possibility of 90% by June—limited hours.

Social distancing and masks still mandatory at all times.



KPOA Updates

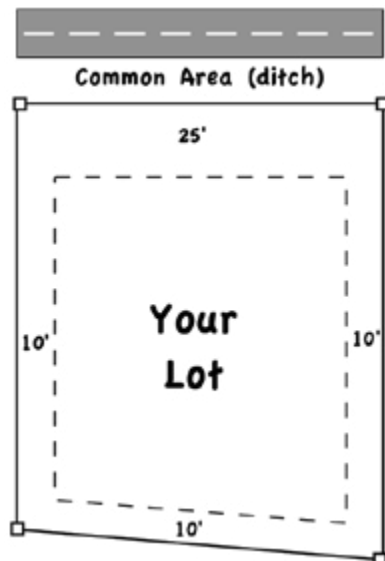
Where is my lot? — What do I own?

Michael Machette, Architectural Committee Chair

With the remarkable turnover of homes and new residents moving into Kala Point, the Architectural Committee is constantly answering some basic questions:

- How do I know where my lot boundaries are?
- Who owns the space between my lot and the street?
- What are setbacks and what are easements?

Perhaps a simple diagram and some explanations will help everyone get on the same page. Lot boundaries are usually marked by rebar and plastic caps at each corner. Some may be buried, and some may have been removed (hopefully only by mistake). Wooden stakes in those areas are only temporary markers. If your markers are gone, consider having your lot resurveyed. This is the only way to be sure what you own.



1. **Common Space** is the area between your lot and the street (it is KPOA owned). It provides a corridor for underground power, cable, water and phone. Never dig there without permission.
2. **Setbacks** are mandated along the border of your lot. They provide a building-free corridor for egress and a physical buffer between neighbors. Most lot setbacks are 10 feet along sides and rear, and 25 feet along roads (front or multiple sides). Parking is not permitted in your setbacks.
3. **Easements** are legal pathways for required utilities and provide physical access through lots. For example, Kala Point has an easement through Woodland Hills for an emergency exit. ♦

PUD Holds Rate Hearings April 6: Increases Proposed

Will O'Donnell,
PUD Communications Director
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[Excerpts from a March 9 letter from PUD]

At 5 p.m. on April 6, Jefferson County PUD's Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing to discuss proposed rate increases for water, electric and sewer services provided by the PUD. The PUD does not provide water and sewer services in the city of Port Townsend.

The proposed increases follow recommendations from a recently completed *Cost of Service Study* performed by FCS Group on behalf of the PUD. The study, which began in July of 2020 and concluded in December, showed most current PUD service rates did not match the cost of providing the services.

Expenses outpaced revenues for water and sewer services in 2020, and a \$400,000 shortfall in net margins is predicted in the 2021 budget. Though the 2021 budget for the electric department is forecasted at \$1.6M to the positive, FCS found that current rates would result in the PUD failing to meet required ratios for debt service beginning in 2023.

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[From a March 16 letter from PUD]

To clarify "No consumption rate increases are proposed for 2021 except for Kala Point customers. According to Streett [PUD General Manager], Kala Point customers have historically paid lower rates than other PUD water customers. Staff is proposing phased-in increases that will bring Kala Point rates even with all other PUD water customers by 2022."

It should read: "No consumption rate increases are proposed for 2021 except for a limited number of Kala Point customers. According to Streett, these Kala Point customers have historically paid lower rates than other PUD water customers. Staff is proposing phased-in increases that will bring the rates for these particular Kala Point customers even with all other PUD water customers by 2022."

We urge interested KPOA members and property owners to attend. ♦

Proposition “For” Ballot Resolution #2021

Changing the Bylaws to have a single meeting of the membership each year makes sense for Kala Point

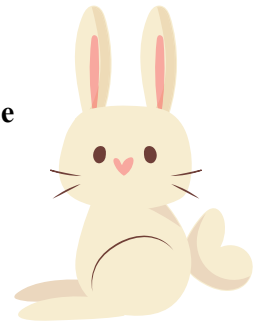
Submitted by Dale Moses on behalf of the Board of Directors

Five reasons:

1. Having only a December meeting/vote will save \$3,000 in the costs we pay to conduct the July internet voting through a contractor.
2. Having only one membership meeting will completely avoid the \$1,100 costs of printing and mailing ballot information to the membership.
3. The single meeting will avoid the labor required for clubhouse prep and cleaning; preparing, printing, and stuffing voting materials; and increasing staff availability to support the membership.
4. We can focus on issues through the summer and into the fall, rather than having two rounds of communication needs each year. Reducing the number of ballots circulated each year from two to one may help increase the number of people who vote in our elections.

5. Having new Board members elected to begin their terms in December will allow new Board members six months experience before being presented with budget issues. Under the current system, brand-new Board members must review/approve a budget during their first two months on the Board when they start in mid-July. The involvement of Board members in the financial management of KPOA does not end with the Budget presentation in October but continues throughout the following year as they monitor expenditures. The Budget is only a plan, not locked-in since the Board can and does effect changes to spending to reflect Board and membership decisions.

Note: The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR this resolution since they have already approved the change subject to owners' ratification. ♦



Second Little Lending Library Opens April 1 (no joke)

Michael Machette

A new LLL is opening on April 1 on Trafalgar in front of Vicky Miller's and Mary Brunner's houses. It was built by Michael Machette, adorned with artwork by the amazing Sue Stanton, and will be overseen by Vicky and Mary as librarians. It's just a short commute for them to resort, restock and keep the LLL in good shape. This LLL is bigger than the first one (Pinecrest) and features a living roof covered by succulents, moss and other small plants.

We'll have a ribbon cutting ceremony for the LLL at noon on April 1. You're welcome to bring a few books to stock the library, have a small glass of bubbly with us, and help us dedicate this new amenity in Kala Point.

LLL#3 is currently being built by Steve Donnelly of Terrace Drive. This will be located at the main entrance mail station, just 100 feet from their house. Katharine Donnelly, a former teacher and school librarian, will be the head librarian. Watch for it in May. ♦



Proposition “Against” Ballot Resolution #2021

Changing Our Annual Meeting Date Vote “Against” Changing Bylaws

Several Concerned Kala Point Members

Why are we rushing any vote during COVID without even our customary town hall meeting?

Member Participation: Moving July’s Annual Membership Meeting to December reduces membership participation. Why wouldn’t we want two, not one, valuable, in-person member meetings to collectively discuss member concerns?

Changing Bylaws Concern: Changing long standing practices in our documents, familiar to the members, should be done with caution and member involvement.

Savings: Our only budget savings if combining meetings is \$3,000: the electronic vote. Some board members believe the overall savings is insignificant. Printing/ mailing “savings” is minor, and overstated, since the same July and December meeting documents are merely combined into one larger packet. Historically we’ve spent any savings elsewhere.

Members suggested saving \$3,000-\$6,000 without changing July’s Annual Meeting or bylaws by hand counting some or all ballots. An option to discuss.

Additional Costs (with December Annual Meeting): likely holiday hall rental & staff overtime compiling double-sized vote packet.

Budget Concerns: Per new state law unless 301 KP members vote against the budget, our budget is approved. Since this is unlikely, whom we elect on the board is our only voting option to impact our assessments.

Per one concerned board member “The only way the budget would be voted down by the membership is if a majority of all eligible voters voted it down. That is an unrealistic possibility. Having to vote on the new board (July not December) before the new budget is the only way for members truly to have a voice.”

With a December annual meeting, three outgoing board members would vote at October’s board budget meeting then retire in December. Three new board members, with a stated budget platform, inherit a budget

they didn’t vote on as board members.

Attracting Board Candidates: 2020’s budget vote had a silver lining. The spending reduction meetings motivated several members to run for and be elected to our board. With a December board election, members may lose interest waiting a whole year to be a candidate.

A July Board Election Works: We are fortunate. We have a new board intent to mend the December 2019 assessment vote concerns. 2020 board candidates gained seven months experience at intense budget focused meetings prior to election. Three months postelection, we applaud their excellent job voting for an assessment reduction.

Member/Staff/

Committee Overload:

September-December’s additional workload (with December Annual Meeting):

Will members sit through a 3–4 hour combined Annual/Budget Meeting during the holidays, as well as any or all of the other meetings? **Members:** Analyze budget, board

candidates, and resolutions. Meetings: budget review, Candidate’s Night, Board meetings, town hall meetings, and December annual/budget meeting.

Staff: double workload printing/ mailing voter packets during holidays. Overtime \$’s?

Board: budget/resolution issues inundate meetings.

Election Committee: find board candidates, conduct Candidates Night and resolution town hall meetings, and oversee election documents (resolutions, candidate and budget).

Kala Pointer: crammed with budget, board candidate and resolution info.

Membership Participation Crossroad: This vote is an important KP crossroad. Do we want to keep our two separate July and December open forum membership meetings to discuss our neighborhood’s direction? Is a \$3,000 “savings” worth reduced member participation?

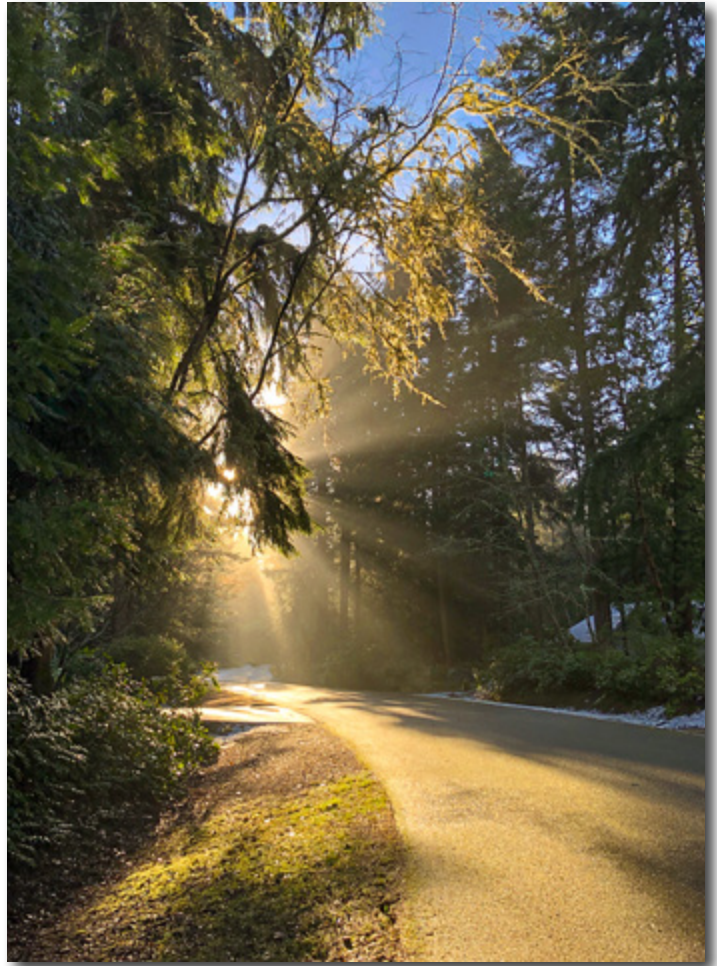
Or do we want a combined vote December meeting, probably less attended, per some board members, and reduce member open forum opportunities? ♦



Through The Lens



Admiralty Head Lighthouse, Coupeville • Bob Segui



Morning Light on Fairbreeze • Mike Burk



USS Nimitz • Angela George



All Tied Up • Bob Segui

Through The Lens



Cormorant Landing • Angela George



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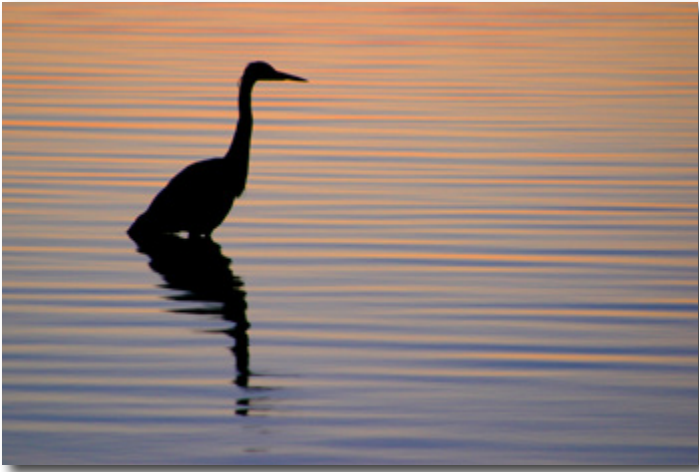
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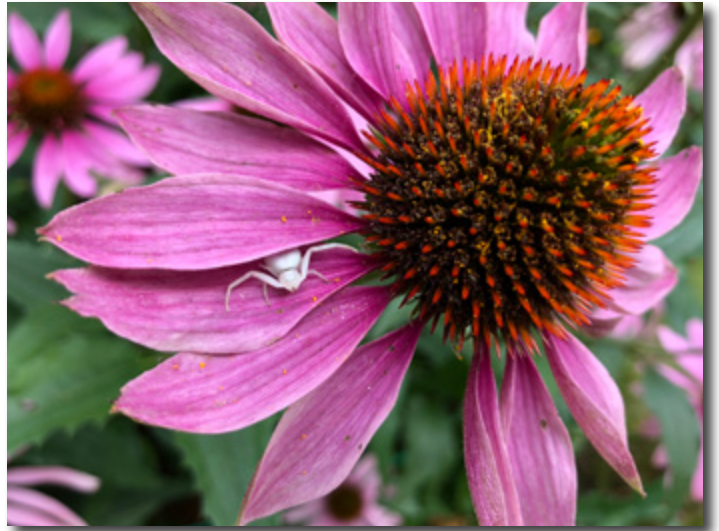


Forest of Ferns • Sharon Bastian

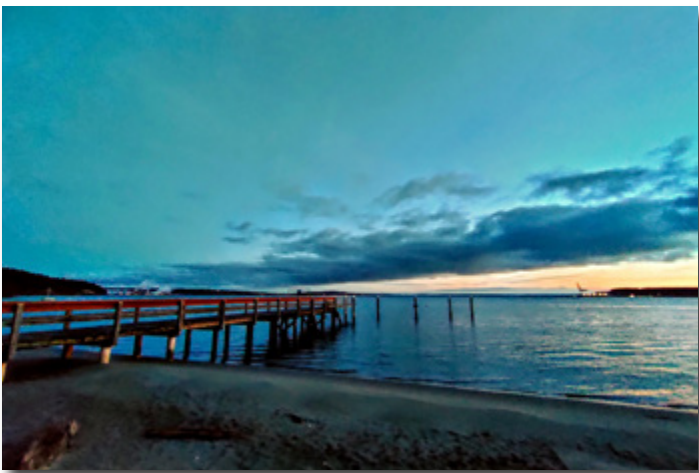
Through The Lens



Heron on the Salish Sea at Sunset • Dave Pitts



Peek-A-Boo! • Dave Pitts



Morning Light • Kevin Smith



Evening Light • Kevin Smith



Anne's Anna - Singular • Joe Englander

Around the Neighborhood

Commuting to their Little Lending Library in Style

The twins in their dad-powered carriage (Mike Burk).



Seaview Condo Cleanup Team

Hard at work (Ann Kirby).



New Condo Passes Architectural Committee Muster

Elves has left the building (Joe Englander).



Just Waiting for Her Bridge Group to Show Up

Deal her in (Mike Burk).



Sharing the Good Life *Hilary Newell*

TikTok is the world's top short-form mobile video app. Creators from all over the world make 15-, 30- or 60-second videos about everything. Users of the app get to narrow down what they like to watch and can be sucked in, spending hours being entertained. My video feed is full of travelers, photographers, nature lovers, quilters, musicians, rescue animals (particularly dogs) and cooks from around the world who, through the magic of editing, cram a 30-minute meal preparation into 30 or 60 seconds.

TikTok is where I found this month's *Sharing the Good Life* recipe. The cool thing is that TikTok Pasta really only takes minutes to prepare and there are endless variations you can adopt according to your personal taste. The first time I made it I stayed true to the original recipe shown here. But I have served it a few times now and each time it is slightly different.

A testament to the popularity of this recipe is that Norway ran out of feta cheese for a time right after this was posted (and went viral) the first time. I found that the feta cheese made in Greece and sold in its own brine works very well as it is creamier than the shrink-wrapped kind.



TikTok Pasta

Quantities are adjustable according to your needs.

Preheat oven to 400 degrees

Place 2-3 cups of cherry tomatoes in the bottom of a baking dish.

Place a block (4 ounces or more) of feta cheese on the bottom, so the tomatoes surround the block of cheese.

Drizzle all with a little olive oil and season with pepper.

Wait to add salt until it's ready to serve, as different brands of feta have varying degrees of saltiness.

Add some chopped garlic over the top of the tomatoes

Bake for 30 minutes.

While the tomato/feta mixture is in the oven, prepare your pasta. Use bowties, spaghetti, ziti, orecchiette, or whatever kind you want.

After 30 minutes, remove the baking dish from the oven and add the pasta. Stir well and serve.

Variations:

Add your favorite sausage halfway through the baking time.

Add cleaned, sliced mushrooms at the beginning.

Add Italian Seasoning (or your favorite blend) at the beginning.

Toss with fresh herbs like basil or parsley when you add the pasta.

Use Trader Joe's frozen spinach artichoke dip in the middle, instead of the feta.

Combine different cheeses.

The variations are endless! ♦



Our New Mail Carrier

Teresa's last day as our mail carrier was March 31 (photos in our May issue).

Our new carrier, Brandi, has trained with Teresa in the past. We're confident the transition will be smooth.

Please give Brandi a Kala Point welcome... and your patience.

When You're Forced to Take Family Photos



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**.

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Kala Natives Invasive Spotlight: English Holly is not Oregon Grape

Leslie Miller

Another British invasive can be found growing here at Kala Point. (Remember the English Ivy article a few months back?) English Holly, *Ilex aquifolium*, loved by the Victorian Port Townsend gardeners, continues to be grown, even commercially for floral arrangements and Christmas decorations. Washington State lists English Holly as a noxious weed, King County classifies it as a weed of concern to be controlled, and it is a prohibited plant for some communities like the city of Kirkland where one cannot plant it even on private property.

Holly leaves are alternate, simple, thick and glossy with stout, sharp spines, and slow to decompose. This evergreen non-native tree can grow up to 50 feet tall, creating a dense canopy that shades out native plants. These trees will put out many suckers that develop into more trees; more are planted by birds eating and digesting the red berries.

Only the female trees will have small white flowers followed by red berries which contain a poison to humans and pets, causing vomiting, diarrhea and drowsiness. Children have been reported to have symptoms from as few as two berries. Poison control centers actually advise not including holly berries into household decorations because of this risk of ingestion.

Small holly shoots can be dug out with the roots. Trees are more difficult with deep, extensive roots; if the stump is left behind, resprouting from the crown will happen. This means that early removal of small suckers is especially important.

In the Northwest, some might confuse English Holly with the beautiful native, the Oregon Grape, *Mahonia aquifolium*, the Oregon State flower. This native shrub has compound evergreen leaves with seven to eight leaflets with many color shades. Throughout Kala Point, there are various *Mahonia* species that vary in height from a tall shrub to low ground cover, and with variations in the degree of gloss and color to their leaves, and in the size and shape of the flower heads that can mature into purple to dusky blue berries. These berries are edible, albeit very tart, to the human palate, but they are eaten by many birds and small mammals.

Following are photos of both English Holly and Oregon Grape to help one distinguish the non-native English Holly from the native Oregon Grape. Feeling the leaves can help: the English Holly leaf is very stiff with painful spikes while the native Oregon Grape leaf

is thinner, more flexible, with soft spines.

The English Holly has small white flowers and bright red berries. The Oregon Grape has bright yellow sprays of flowers followed by clusters of blue purple berries — hence the name of Oregon Grape, despite the lack of a grape taste to the berry. In summary, pull out the Holly and keep the Grape!

Top: English Holly tree with red poisonous berries.

Middle: Oregon Grape Shrub with yellow flower head growing at the beach with other native plants.

Bottom: Close up of Oregon Grape showing the leaf color variation.



The Kala Natives volunteer work group of the Grounds Committee is busy removing invasive plant species, including English Holly, on Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m, weather permitting, and currently focused on the Lagoon trail and the road to the beach. To get on our email list, please contact drlesliemiller@mac.com ♦

Get To Know Your Neighbors *Vivian McFarling*

Tom and Vivian McFarling

Buckhorn Place

We moved to Kala Point in November of 2017. Formerly, we lived in northern California, first in Sonoma County north of San Francisco, then in rural Lake County for 15 years, enjoying the peace and serenity of country living before moving here.

We met and got married in our mid 30s in Santa Rosa, California, in the early '80s. I have one son, Matt, from a former marriage. He now lives in Port Townsend with his wife, Karen, and two college-age children.



Tom joined the Peace Corps in 1970 after graduating from the University of Nevada. He spent two years working in an agricultural program in Mauritius, an island in the Indian Ocean. After returning home he worked various jobs in his 20s; at age 30, he went back to school and got a degree in city planning.

I spent many years as a childcare and preschool teacher in San Francisco and Santa Rosa. I later acquired a teaching credential, but soon realized that this was not a career I wanted to pursue.

After marrying in 1983, Tom began working as an insurance agent. I worked for a few years as a Financial Planner, then joined Tom in his insurance practice selling individual and group health plans to small businesses in 1995. We liked working with clients and gaining their trust and appreciation, the independence of being our own boss and having flexible hours. This also allowed us to sell off parts of the business incrementally as we gradually retired.

Our proudest accomplishment was co-founding

a group called Coastwalk to promote awareness and protection of the California coast. In 1983 we organized 20 volunteers in Sonoma County and took a total of 50 hikers along that county's coastline, camping each night and shuttling their gear from campsite to



Jake

campsite. Each year thereafter, we added an additional county until individual hikes were being provided by volunteers in all 15 California coastal counties. In 1996 the organization spearheaded a complete California Coastwalk from Oregon to Mexico with both of us remaining in our command post at home putting the logistics together just ahead of the hikers as they moved down the coast. The effort contributed to the designation of the California Coastal Trail by the California state legislature. Coastwalk continues to offer hikes each summer.

We did a lot of backpacking in our early years together, often doing annual weeklong backpacks with friends in the California mountains. I finally bowed out at about age 60, while Tom continued into his 70s.

We enjoy traveling in our small trailer. In 2011

we made a leisurely 10-week trip across the United States and back. Most recently we took our trailer up the Inside Passage on the BC Ferry and drove slowly back down through British Columbia to Port Townsend. The happiest times in our marriage are when we are traveling.

Tom enjoys plunking around the Port Townsend waterfront, talking to every sailor he can corner, and sailing his small wooden Pelican sailboat in the Bay. He is also an avid reader.

I joined the Emergency Preparedness Committee and was co-captain of Zone 6 for more than two years. I enjoy birding, serve as the family's official historian, and am also a fanatic for creating spreadsheets. Together we like hiking, kayaking, clam digging, crabbing,



One of Vivian's baskets she crocheted with reeds.

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Get To Know Your Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

Rick and Alisann Smookler

Oak Shore Drive

Dogs have always had a place in the home of Rick and Alisann. Their first dog came along just after they'd been dating about a year.

"My girls wanted a dog, so Rick and I went to the Denver Dumb Friends League one afternoon to see about adopting a dog," says Alisann. "As we were getting out of the car, Rick stopped and asked me to marry him. I did not see that coming!"



They named the white Samoyed mix they adopted "Ed" for "Engagement Dog." The two married 18 months later.

There have been a lot of dogs in the 33 years that have passed since that time, including their "love dog" Abee who passed in 2019. Now Rocke, a Catahoula Leopard Hound/German Shepherd rescue, is the "dog in residence." Rick and Alisann adopted Rocke shortly after moving from Denver to Pt. Townsend in July 2020.

The move was prompted by their oldest daughter and her husband who had visited the area about five years ago. "They kept telling us about how beautiful it was, the amazing water and trees," says Alisann. "We took a trip here in the spring of 2020 and instantly fell in love, especially with Port Townsend then Kala Point."

The Smooklers have lived in several beautiful places — Sedona, Las Vegas, Denver, and Ocean City, Maryland — but living here tops their list. "Every day is filled with discovery and beauty," says Alisann.

In spite of the pandemic, they have met many of their neighbors and have a sense of community. "We are excited to be more active members of Kala Point once

the COVID restrictions are lifted," says Rick.

Rick was a real estate Broker for more than 40 years. He managed several companies, including Keller Williams Realty in Las Vegas, and Prudential Real Estate in Scottsdale. Alisann was also a Broker; together, they had one of the largest real estate teams in Scottsdale.

"Both of us not only loved management, but training and mentoring real estate agents," says Alisann, who retired in 2013.

It was real estate that brought them together. Alisann's best friend was receiving Rick's assistance with refinancing her mortgage when she decided to have a party.

"There were quite a few people there and when Rick walked into the house, my heart jumped," says Alisann. "He wasn't anything like the men I had dated, but something clicked. I walked up to my friend in the kitchen and said, 'I am going to marry Rick.' She laughed so hard, she cried." And while Rick initially played hard to get, things eventually (and obviously) worked out.

The house they purchased in Kala Point was not their first choice, but they love it now. "It turned out to be the perfect home for us and will be even better once we can start the remodel," says Rick.

Speaking of that remodel, the Smooklers are looking for a place to rent for the late summer/early fall. (Check out their ad on [Page 22](#).) The original schedule had them starting the project in March, but they postponed because Rocke was starting a four-month treatment for heartworm. "His health is more important right now, so everything is on hold," says Alisann.



Rocke, rendered artistically by Alisann

Alisann's love for dogs is also obvious in how she spends her time. She is a fine artist specializing in dog portraiture. "My subjects vary, but my love and passion for dogs is my main subject," says Alisann. "I paint in oils and have a really great studio set up in our home."

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gardening and yoga. And, of course, we cannot leave out taking our dog, Jake, for walks down at the Kala Point beach. We also share in cooking, often listening to music while we cook, and dancing to a catchy tune when the spirit hits us.

We have been blessed with a lot of common interests. However, people often remarked at our ability to live and work together and still have a happy marriage. We learned early on how to deal with conflict. We both grew to understand the importance of giving each other the space to express our thoughts uninterrupted and acknowledging the other person's position.

Kala Point has been an excellent landing place for our final years. We've met a lot of wonderful people and love the community we live in. ♦

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As she paints, Rocke is always close by. You can see her work at artbyalisann.com.

Besides dogs, Rick is also passionate about cars. "I have a 2016 C7 Corvette convertible which is my 'baby,'" says Rick. He was very active in the Scottsdale Corvette Club, Scottsdale Ferrari Club and the Denver Corvette Club. He sold his beloved Magnum PI Ferrari in 2018 at the Barrett-Jackson Auction.

The two also enjoy traveling. "Our favorite mode of travel is to cruise," says Alisann. They've taken one cruise twice: the East Coast Fall cruise from New York City up the Canadian Coast.

"The most recent cruise we took was from Baltimore to Charleston, South Carolina," says Alisann. "So much history — I even saw my fraternal ancestors' homes in Charleston. Such a fun experience."

Rick says that they are both open to new experiences. "At the top of the list was becoming Certified Fire Walkers," something they did while living in Nevada through Trails of Fire.

But for now, they are happy to be in Port Townsend. "The calm and peacefulness of this amazing place has helped us in realizing how blessed we are in so many ways," says Alisann. "Rick survived a heart attack in 2018 and I survived brain cancer (terminal diagnosis 2013). To be able to spend the rest of our lives here is a gift we did not expect and cherish." ♦

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Introduction to Pickleball for Beginner Players: Pickleball Clinic 101

Date: Saturdays, May 8 and 15

Time: 10–11:30 a.m.

Location: Lagoon PB courts

Cost: \$10 per person

The Kala Point Pickleball Club is offering a beginners' pickleball clinic in May to those who are interested in learning the game. There will be two Saturday classes (90 minutes each) held on May 8 and 15, weather permitting. (If it is raining, classes will be rescheduled.) The clinic will be held on the lower Lagoon courts below the Clubhouse.

The classes are limited to four people per court plus instructor due to current COVID restrictions. We will have a maximum of four courts for the sessions. There will be a \$10 fee, which includes both Saturday classes. The money is used to purchase balls and supplies.

It will be important to commit to the two Saturdays to complete the class. This will be an opportunity to learn the basic rules and gain a few necessary skills to get you out on the courts, having fun and meeting new friends right out of the chute.

Please wear comfortable, layered clothing and court/tennis shoes. (No running shoes or shoes that leave black marks on courts, please.)

Loaner pickleball paddles are available if you do not have one available for your use.

Masks are encouraged and we have hand sanitizer and ball sanitizer available on the courts for your use.

We currently have approximately 50 players in Kala Point and we use a Google Calendar for scheduling play.

If you are interested in signing up for the class or have questions, please contact Charlene Quandt at Charlene.quandt@gmail.com or 360.531.4226. ♦

Kala Lily's

April Gardening Tips

Diane Solvik

After the long winter we have all experienced, we really need April to be the spring we had hoped for. It can be a wonderful month; lots of sunshine and flowers so that we can enjoy being outside in the garden. April is also a busy gardening month; many gardeners experience increasing muscle aches with all the hard work to be accomplished after a winter's rest.



Continue planning your summer color scheme. Fill containers and hanging baskets with good potting soil and plant with your favorite annuals and trailing plants. Fertilize any plants in containers every two or three weeks. Stake tall perennials, such as peonies and delphiniums, that will soar into bloom during the month of May. Trim and prune spring-blooming shrubs, such as forsythia and camellia, after their flowers fade.

It is time to plant summer-flowering bulbs such as dahlias, lilies and gladiolus. Begin moving geraniums and fuchsias (which have overwintered inside) into the



garden. Start off by placing them in light shade, and slowly move them into brighter sunlight.

Daylilies, hostas, phlox, daisies and other summer-flowering perennials can still be divided. Use a sharp knife or spade to divide the roots.

Install soaker hoses or drip systems. Our summers are dry, making watering essential from about mid-May through September — and sometimes even longer.

Around the middle of April, fertilize your lawn with a high nitrogen fertilizer. Now a few words about fertilizers. Using the numbers 12-20-10 as an example, the first number (12) designates the nitrogen content that is important for foliage development and green growth. The second number (20) is phosphorus, which is used to build blooms. The third number (10) is soluble potassium (potash) and is used to stimulate root growth. A type of popular fertilizer is time released. If you check the label, you will see that in order for it to activate, it needs three months of 70-degree temperatures! Unless global warming kicks in more rapidly, this won't happen here. You will be wasting your money and time.

Fertilize rhododendrons and azaleas with an acid-based formula just before the buds begin to open. After they bloom, apply a high nitrogen fertilizer.

Fertilize your bulb beds to help the bulbs regain their vigor for next year. Remove spent flowers but leave the foliage to die back. I have heard that it is okay to remove the foliage after six weeks, even if the leaves are still a bit green. That is certainly good news.



Our friends the deer are always hungry, so here is a recipe for a repellent. Use eight or nine eggs, two tablespoons of liquid detergent and water. Blend in a blender, pour into a sprayer, and fill to the one-gallon mark. Spray the plants that deer really like. Start early so the deer realize that your place tastes nasty compared to your neighbor's. You won't be on their regular foraging path! It really works and is not expensive.

My last recommendation is a fruit tree, a Desert King Fig. I have one in my garden and have had huge crops of figs with delicious flavor in late summer. It is a green fig with red flesh. It does very well in the Northwest climate and will grow 20 feet tall and 20 feet wide in six or seven years. Plant it on the south side of your home.

Happy gardening! ♦

Committee Reports

Architectural

February 18 via Zoom

Project Summary: (28) total — (3) completed, (21) ongoing, (1) conditional, and (3) new

Old Business:

- Lot #117: completed
- Lot #164: completed
- Lot #165: completed
- Lot #41: conditional approval; needs permit, deposit and lot flagging

New Business:

- Lot #116: Approved request to construct 36” rock wall along front property line
- Lot #166: Approved request to re-roof with AC-approved material
- Lot #299: Did not approve request to reroof with roofing material not approved by AC
- Lot #28: Approved repair and replacement of two porches, contingent on building permit

Board of Director Motions:

Motion to approve Terry Stewart as member of committee

Emergency Preparedness

March 4 via Zoom

East Jefferson Fire and Rescue (EJFR)

Bret Black, the new EJFR Chief, gave a presentation and answered several questions from EPC members.

Highlights were:

EJFR is an all-risk fire department (structure and vegetation fires, medical calls, accidents, etc.) with an emphasis on active training with other regional entities.

A new position, Medical Services Officer, has been added with the responsibility for quality control and training for new and current paramedics and EMTs, and monitoring new innovations in emergency medicine.

There is a forest-fire risk here, especially during the four-month summer season when the relative humidity is low and there are strong winds.

Firefighters use a triage system to concentrate their resources where they do the most good. In Kala Point, this could mean homes that are more “fire-wise” may receive priority over those presenting more risk.

(Firewise information is available on EPC site)

The Chief expressed his willingness to offer

residents “walk and talk” tours of Kala Point properties, discussing how firefighters triage homes and how homeowners can make changes to mitigate fire risk. Stay tuned.

EPC will arrange to have Chief Black speak to Kala Point residents, possibly this spring in advance of fire season. A small KPOA group will meet with EJFR to review current emergency plans and how we can assist one another.

EJFR solicits and depends on volunteers. Volunteers are needed for firefighting, emergency medicine, and various support roles. There is no age limit on volunteers. Chief Black asked EPC’s help in encouraging people to volunteer with EJFR.

The Fire Department does community first aid, CPR and AED training (but not during the COVID era). The Fire Chief volunteered to review an inventory of first-aid supplies maintained by Kala Point’s First Aid team, and make recommendations.

Maintenance of the fire hydrant system is the responsibility of the PUD. Chief Black agreed to ask PUD about the hydrant maintenance process and schedule for Kala Point.

COVID-19 Update

Mark Miller gave a detailed COVID-19 update. Please see the [KPOA website](#) for current information.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Bill Hasan and Tom Clark met with Anne Englander on CERT training/continuing education. They proposed including virtual CERT training as a significant component of EPC’s monthly meetings. An online course that includes “how to” videos is being considered as the platform for EPC’s CERT training, supplemented by virtual or tabletop exercises, and practical in-person exercises post-COVID.

Grounds

March 2 via Zoom

All five committee members were present to address a wide range of issues:

Invasive Plants: Kala Natives volunteers are continuing their work Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m., weather permitting, focusing on the Lagoon trail and the road to the beach with assistance from KPOA maintenance staff (hauling away plant material and digging out flagged root balls). Individual members of the team are producing a series of articles for the *Kala*

Committee Reports

Pointer about five invasive plants: ivy, holly, blackberry, laurel and the bittersweet nightshade.

Pedestrian Safety: We got a first look at a list of hazards that have been identified by the recently activated Pedestrian Safety Committee, and a report from the General Manager on hazards already being addressed or soon-to-be-addressed by KPOA maintenance and the respective homeowners. A final report is expected in the next couple months.

Little Lending Libraries: Two new proposals for Little Lending Libraries were presented, one at the mailboxes near the main gate and another on Trafalgar. The vote to recommend approval by the Board was unanimous. This makes a total of three Little Lending Libraries; we were informed of at least one additional proposal in the works.

In other business, the committee:

- Addressed a complaint about unstacked wood visible from the street and set a deadline for compliance.
- Considered a complaint about a utility trailer parked in violation of KP Rules and agreed that it should be handled by the General Manager.
- Voted to recommend that the Board approve the installation of simpler Off-Leash Area signs at each end of the beach parking lot.

If you have questions or ideas for the Grounds Committee to consider, contact Chair Stan Cummings at stan_cummings@hotmail.com.

Internal Control

February 17 via Zoom

Old Business:

- Expense Review of October, November and December 2020 completed
- Annual review of Expense, Income and Inventory scheduled with GM

New Business:

- Expense reviews from January through April assigned
- Discussed review of procedures for annual GM Financial Review
- Discussed GM reviewing check-printing procedures with administrative staff

Motion was made and passed to request that the Board include in the next membership ballot a request

to waive the external audit of the KPOA financials for the fiscal year ending 12/31/2020. This complies with the Revised Code of Washington which requires yearly external financial audits for Homeowners Association financials unless the membership votes to waive the audit requirement.

Publications

March 8 via Zoom

- Discussed upcoming website ad hoc meeting and possible outcomes
- Questioned if office provides advertisers with final PDF of issues in which they advertised
- Brought up *Kala Pointer* email issues, and differences between using web portal and downloading desktop app
- Deadline for the May issue is April 19

Next meeting is April 5 at 3:30 via Zoom:

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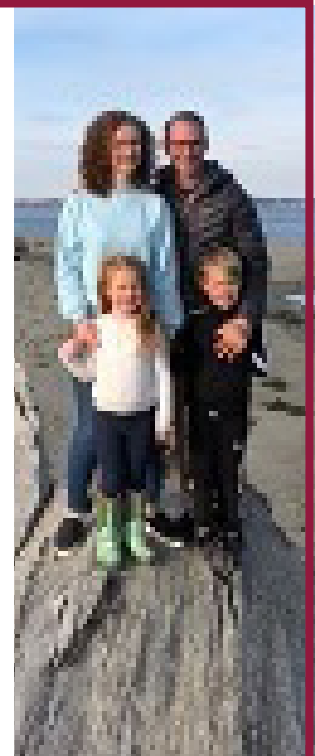
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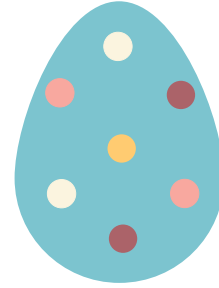
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