

Kala Pointer

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At the Helm of the SS Kala Point

Scott Rovanpera, KPOA Board President

When most people drive through the gates of Kala Point, they first see the beauty of a wooded community with nice homes and a well-maintained facility. What they don't see is a highly evolved, quasi-governmental homeowners association that strives to keep these high standards. Try to envision what the developers had hoped for over 40 years ago — a swim and racquet club to entice future residents to build homes with CC&R oversight and enjoy the scenic wonders of Kala Point.

Fast forward to 2021 and that dream has come true for all. But the dream comes with an expense, and I am not speaking of the annual assessment cost. Except for the paid staff that administrates and maintains the facility, the cost of continuing the Kala Point vision is “unpaid” by the volunteers who work within the governing documents to make our community better than what was ever imagined. If we were to pay for these services through a professional HOA management company, your assessments would most likely quadruple. The continuation of a volunteer-based organization is woefully hinged to the statistical dilemma of finding volunteers to serve.

After 40 years, our pool of volunteers shrinks annually due to many factors: 1) those who have already served, 2) those who have reached the age that they can no longer serve, and 3) those who do not wish to serve. One of my many concerns as president is the succession planning for our Board and standing committees. Asking volunteers to serve in either body for up to three years is a daunting request. But if you want Kala Point to

continue its success story, then you have to ask yourself “Can I be of service?”

Speaking of service, I want to thank Anne Englander for her dedication to the Emergency Preparedness Committee and the many achievements under her watch. After three and a half years, Anne has decided to step down as chairperson of EPC. During her tenure, EPC has become the largest-attended standing committee and has defined a mission of helping residents prepare for emergencies when first responders are unable to respond. Our community has to rely on own resourcefulness if a major disaster strikes, and the Cascadia Subduction Zone is at the top of the list for testing our ability to endure.

Under Anne's leadership, EPC has been able to host basic and advanced first aid training, community emergency response training (CERT), firewise concepts, the EXPO, and inviting speakers to address pet rescue and psychological effects following a disaster. EPC has raised thousands of dollars to augment East Jefferson Fire Rescue's budget to purchase specialized equipment. EPC has fielded a first aid team to provide good Samaritan response for those who require immediate medical attention. Anne has expanded the communication network among its members through the cell phone chat app Telegram and EPC updates on the KPOA website.

For this and many more accomplishments I have failed to list, I thank Anne for her services and her passion of improving emergency preparedness for our entire Kala Point community. ♦



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What's Happening With the Board?

[Gary Obermeyer](#), KPOA Board Secretary

The KPOA pool and clubhouse reopenings were the big items on the April Board agenda. Most of the email correspondence received since the March meeting was about the pool, as were the member comments at the beginning of the meeting. Therefore, most of this summary is about the pool and clubhouse reopening.

General Manager Larson presented the reopening plan, acknowledging that it will likely be modified as clubhouse staff gain experience with the new procedures and as the pandemic-related limitations change. To set the context for the discussions, the Board was reminded by Director S. Moss that [APP II-17](#) requires that the Board approve pool and clubhouse hours.

The clubhouse will be open by the time you read this article; the pool is expected to open as early as May 19, perhaps sooner; both open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. Reservations are required, but proof of vaccination is not. Call 360.385.0814, option 1, to make a reservation.

The pool procedures were developed in consultation with the managers at the Sequim YMCA, Mountain View Pool, as well as South Bay, North Bay, and Cape George HOAs. Main feature: the Kala Point pool has been sectioned off to provide maximum occupancy while still meeting the guidelines for social distancing.

Initially, 30 minutes will be set aside for sanitizing between sessions. A sign-up schedule has been created to assure time slots for lap swim, lot and condo owners, and timeshare guests. Masks are required except for when in the water (plastic bags will be provided to hold the masks). It is expected that the sauna will remain off-limits for this season.

The new plan, even with reduced hours of operation, will require an additional 50 hours per month of staff time. Under normal circumstances, there are gaps in the hours that staff are on duty and one person is able to attend to both the clubhouse and the pool. With COVID-19 precautions in effect, there is a need for someone to be in the clubhouse to receive, monitor, and provide instructions to guests.

Director S. Moss asked the General Manager to determine what it would cost to return to normal hours (9 a.m. to 8 p.m.) under the current staffing plan. President Rovanpera asked about the potential for extending the season beyond the expected

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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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September closing. CFO Colwell will assist the GM in pulling numbers together to answer those questions.

The KPOA Office will keep members and residents informed of clubhouse and pool availability by email, signs at the gatehouse, and postings on the [KPOA website](#).

In other business, the Board:

- Approved funding for capital improvement projects from the Reserve Fund (not to exceed \$154,282) as part of the Consent Agenda.
- Received a report on assessment collections: two outstanding assessments remain among lot owners, and two outstanding timeshare payments.
- Declined to extend the exception to [APP II-17](#) “Clubhouse Usage” from March 10, 2020, effectively prohibiting the solicitation of fees or gratuities for clubhouse events.
- Denied a request from Social Plus to host or facilitate garage sales this year, given potential liability for the spread of COVID-19.
- Encouraged Director D. Moses to continue exploring the interest in creating a Kala Point Trust.

The last item on the agenda was an executive session for the purpose of discussing sensitive issues related to an EPC request.

Committee Reports are posted on the website under [Members/Board Meeting Files](#).

A recording of the April Board meeting can be found under [Members/Zoom Meeting Recordings](#).

Next Meeting: May 11, at 1 p.m. via Zoom. ♦



KPOA Facilities Open!

Administration Office Hours of Operation:

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

The Clubhouse is now open for exercise by RSVP only.

Wednesday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Locker rooms will not be open.
See [Page 7](#) for details.

Pool to Reopen Later This Month

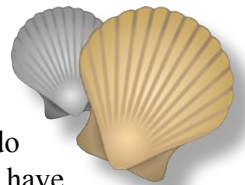
See below for details.

Social distancing and masks still mandatory at all times.

Reserve Your Lap-Swimming Session

KPOA Staff

KPOA hopes to open the swimming pool on a limited basis in mid to late May. A schedule has been developed to ensure home, condo and timeshare owners and visitors all have a chance to enjoy the pool. Please note that lap swimming will be by reservation only during these times:



Wednesday–Thursday: 9–10 a.m., 10:30–11:30 a.m., 12–1 p.m., 1:30–2:30 p.m., 3–4 p.m., 4:30–5:30 p.m.

Friday: 9–10 a.m., 10:30–11:30 a.m., 12–1 p.m., 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Each swimmer may reserve two sessions per week for a total of three people/households per session.

To reserve your spot for lap swimming, or for questions, please email Donna Colwell (cfo_colwell@kalapoint.org) who will be setting up a standard schedule for the summer weeks. In your email, please designate your first, second and third choice of preferred day and time for your lap-swimming session.

A full pool schedule will be online soon. ♦

KPOA Updates

Should We Have a Kala Point Trust?

Dale Moses

Some years ago, a small group of KPOA owners thought it would be a good idea to create a legal entity, a trust, that could receive gifts or bequests to do good things around our Kala Point community. The idea was that any proposed improvement would be over and above what our assessments could afford and would be a nice way for residents to make a positive difference in this place we love.

There were several folks who said they would be willing to serve as one of the five trustees that a trust would require and several more folks that thought they would contribute significant amounts toward such a trust. Legal documents were drawn up, they got an IRS tax ID, and they opened a bank account. There were several articles in the *Kala Pointer* asking for people to indicate their interest. Because the trust benefits a private entity (KPOA), it doesn't qualify for charitable deduction on your taxes — it's just a nice thing to do!

Unfortunately, this initiative didn't go any further because several of the movers-and-shakers passed away and the possible contributors had to pledge their money elsewhere. A few of us think this is still a good idea and would like to resurrect the idea. The paperwork seems to be in effect but only one of the five trustees is still available.

This Kala Pointer article is an attempt to see if we can get four trustees and also some folks who might be interested in contributing now or later on. The trustees would meet probably once per year and map out future directions. Contributors might have a specific idea in mind for their investment or just leave it up to the trustees. The trust specifies that the work done must meet with approval by the KPOA Board of Directors even though that Board doesn't control the trust.

If you think you might be willing to help this effort, please contact Dale Moses (Board Director) at dalemoses@aol.com or 360.385.5530. You could make Kala Point an even better place! ♦



Kala Point Raises \$5,735 for EJFR

Anne Englander

Our deepest thanks to everyone who donated so generously to East Jefferson Fire Rescue during EPC's recent fundraising drive. You raised over \$5,700 — a record-setting level of contributions!

Chief Black personally and enthusiastically expressed his gratitude when we dropped off the checks, and we received this more formal thank-you note as well:

“On behalf of the firefighters and staff at East Jefferson Fire Rescue, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution. Your valuable donations provide needed support for our daily operations. We will be using these funds to support several programs:

- Community CPR & First-Aid Teaching Equipment
- Response Equipment (such as suction units, medical gear & instruments, etc.)

With our limited revenue and rising operational costs, we use donations like these to acquire badly needed replacement equipment in our service to the community. Thank you, again, for your generous donation.”

Thank you, Kala Point, for this outpouring of support for the first responders of EJFR. ♦





EAST JEFFERSON FIRE RESCUE

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Kala Point Residents Raise Funds for EMS Gear

Jefferson County, WA – East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) received notification of a \$5,735 donation to the District.

Each year EJFR is excited to participate in the Kala Point “Potato Bake and Chili Cook-off” fundraiser for the department. Due to COVID-19 restrictions we’ve missed out on the fun gathering for second year, however Kala Point residents have continued to donate in support of EJFR and quality Fire and EMS services.

“Kala Point residents have always been generous, but we are astounded by the amount of support that this group has shown.” Said Chief Black. “EJFR has put these funds to good use recently by purchasing new Suction Units – hopefully next year we’ll be able to gather together and enjoy a friendly cook-off competition as well.”

Most recently, EJFR purchased five new Laerdal Suction units utilizing Kala Point’s donation. Each unit costs nearly \$1,000. These devices are used to clear an obstructed airway so that a patient may breathe adequately. One advantage to these machines is their portability. EMS providers can bring these units directly to a patient at home. This type of unit also runs for up to 45 minutes on a single charge and is extremely durable.

EJFR wishes to extend a huge thank you to all of the donors, and to the neighborhood as a whole for your support. In the past we have purchased a stair chair and AED’s using the donated funds. Approximately 75% of EJFR’s call volume is EMS-related, making specialized EMS equipment a high priority. Additionally, thank you to the members of the planning committee that put together this fundraiser each year. We appreciate the time and energy you put into this!



EMT Holbrook demonstrates suction set up



PM’s Weaver & Bergen utilizing suction during training

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Clubhouse Opening

Keith Larson, General Manager

The clubhouse facility reopened its doors starting April 28 at 9 a.m. Reservations are required for exercise room use. Please call the KPOA Office to reserve your preferred time. One person or two from the same household may share the exercise room for each time slot. Hours of operation are Wed.–Sun., 9 a.m.–6 p.m.

Time slots:

Wed-Friday:

10–11 a.m.

11–12 p.m.

12–1 p.m.

1–2 p.m.

2–3 p.m.

3–4 p.m.

4–5 p.m.

5–6 p.m.

Sat/Sun

9–10 a.m.

10–11 a.m.

11–12 p.m.

12–1 p.m.

1–2 p.m.

2–3 p.m.

3–4 p.m.

4–5 p.m.

5–6 p.m.

The equipment will be sanitized between each session. Please be mindful this process takes some time to accomplish. Exercise times are approximately 45 minutes for each session.

Please note that masks must always be worn properly (covering nose and mouth; no gaps) while you are inside the clubhouse facility. We can provide you with masks if you do not have one.

We are not scheduling clubhouse events currently. Groups of no more than three to five people may drop in per hour in the Fireplace Room and no more than eight to 10 people, socially distanced apart, may gather per hour in the Main Room.

Each person will be required to sign a logbook and a one-time liability waiver along with permission to take their temperature.

The KPOA admin office has been working diligently to establish the policies and procedures for the safe start clubhouse opening. We are adhering to the guidelines set forth by the Governor of the State of Washington and the Jefferson County Health Department based on the size of our facility.

We have installed ventilation fans to increase the airflow in the facility. Please note that due to the fans, the temperature may be cooler inside the building.

The pool will be opening in May. We will be notifying the membership in advance of the new pool times and procedures in the next few weeks.

The safety of our membership is our utmost concern. We are aware many of you have been vaccinated but you must continue to wear a mask while in the clubhouse facility. It is imperative to everyone to adhere to the guidelines set forth for the wellbeing of all.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. ♦

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. ♦

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Point
Pickleball
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Change in Address Format by USPS' Address Management Systems

Donna Colwell, CFO

If you live at any address on Bluffs Drive, Upper Bluffs Court, Harborview Drive, Sailview Drive or Seaview Court, you may have noticed some interruptions with your mail service. This is particularly true if you are having your mail forwarded for any reason.

I live on Seaview Court. My neighbors and I have noticed that oftentimes our mail is not received as addressed. When I received final notices in February for two medical bills that had not been previously received, I did some research. The providers did in fact notify me that bills sent in November and December had been returned as "Address does not exist." (We were having our mail forwarded at that time.)

I contacted our USPS post office in Port Townsend and was referred to Postmistress Mary Jane Duff to whom I spoke in late February, and again on April 1 and 15. Ms. Duff explained to me that the addresses listed above — with the exception of the "Bluffs" — had been changed over the course of the last 18 months. The change was in accordance with the postal service's master database of deliverable addresses, Address Management System, to accommodate the USPS sorting and forwarding system. As Ms. Duff explained, the

USPS system uses the first four digits of our last name, and last 3 digits of our addresses. Ours was showing as "colw-602" when it should be "colw602," which caused issues for our delivery. She further explained that Kala Point's two Bluffs roads were also in the process of being changed. She confirmed this has now been done as of April 15.

As an example, our old address was 60-2 Seaview Ct.; our new address is 60 Seaview Ct. Unit 2. This is a major change to the addressing Kala Point has used for more than 35 years.

Ms. Duff recommends that members at the affected addresses immediately start notifying all contacts on this change to avoid any delays in mail service.

KPOA will need to update its database and Quickbooks with these new formats, as well as changes to the mailboxes as we replace the mail gangs planned for 2021 on Sailview and Kala Point Drive. What is unknown at this point is our red address signs. Gary Obermeyer will be following up with the Grounds Committee to determine what if anything will need to be done.

Unfortunately, Ms. Duff was unable to provide anything in writing regarding this change. If you would like to speak directly to her, feel free to send me an email, (cfo_colwell@kalapoint.org) and I will provide her direct number. ♦

More LLLs for Kala Point

Michael Machette

The month of May will usher in flowers and two more Little Lending Libraries. The nautical-themed LLL at the Sailview mail station is being built by Eileen Svoboda and her assistant Chip. Joy Winfrey, who lives next to the mail station, will be the librarian.

At about the same time, Steve Donnelly will be finishing up his LLL for the mail station at the main entrance to Kala Point. The design is more traditional, and will be the largest of the four built so far. Sue Stanton is once again providing artistic adornment. Katharine Donnelly will be the librarian for this LLL; conveniently, they live about 100 feet from the mail stop.

Hopefully, the final two LLLs will be completed this summer. They are destined for the mail stations on Foxfield (Paul Loubere, builder) and Kala Heights Drive (Bob Eggleston, builder).

Books that are of wide interest as well as for kids are much appreciated. Once stocked, the inventory of the LLLs changes through the "lend and borrow"

concept that have made them so popular.

Plan to attend this month's ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the debut of two LLLs. As has been tradition with the last two LLLs, cookies and sparkling cider will be served. ♦



LLL Grand Openings in May

May 3, Monday at noon. The Donnellys will host the opening of the third LLL at the main entrance mail station

May 15, Saturday at noon. The Svobodas will host the opening of the fourth LLL at the Sailview mail station.



Through The Lens



Roche Watching the Boats • Alisann Smookler



Tulip Festival • Bob Segui



Sharing the Love and the View • Bob Hare

Through The Lens



(Above) Water Cooler Confrontation • Joe Englander

(Top left) April Full Moon • Dick Nockleby

(Left) Playing Through on Discovery Bay • Bob Segui



Jonathan Livingston Seagull • Bob Hare

Through The Lens

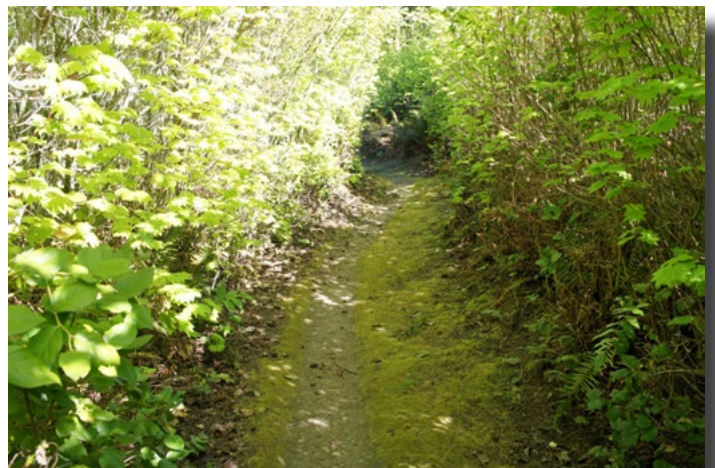


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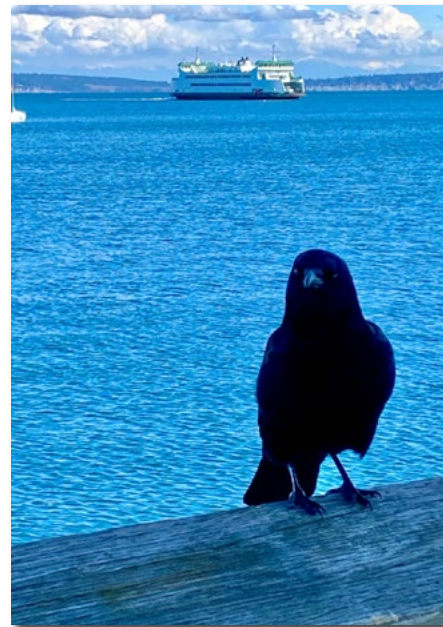
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Mt. Baker from Point Wilson • Dick Nockleby



Yucca Blooms • David Pitts



Questioning Corvid
• Alison Ebbott



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Sharing the Good Life *Hilary Newell*

This month's recipe holds a place near and dear to my heart. Originally developed in 1978 for the Morning Glory Café on Nantucket, it is still a standard offering at many Nantucket establishments. It was always a top seller at the farm market where I worked. In 1981 it was published in *Gourmet* magazine and 10 years later was chosen as one of the top 25 favorite recipes in 50 years of the magazine's history.

You can find lots of variations for Morning Glory Muffins online, but this is the original. The fruit makes them moist and the carrots provide a hearty texture that makes them oh so satisfying. They're very worthy of sharing with a neighbor or two.



Morning Glory Muffins

- 1¼ cups sugar
- 2¼ cups all-purpose flour
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup shredded, sweetened coconut
- ¾ cup raisins
- 1 large apple, peeled and grated
- 8 ounces (1 cup) crushed pineapple, drained
- 2 cups grated carrots
- ½ cup coarsely chopped pecans or walnuts
- 3 large eggs
- 1 cup vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

Position a rack in the lower third of the oven and preheat to 350 degrees.

Sift or whisk together the sugar, flour, cinnamon, baking soda and salt into a large bowl.

Add the coconut, raisins, apple, pineapple, carrots and nuts, and stir to combine.

In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs with the oil and vanilla.

Pour into the bowl with the dry ingredients and blend well.

Spoon the batter into muffin tins lined with muffin cups, filling each to the brim.

Bake for 35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean.

Cool muffins in the pan for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a rack to finish cooling. ♦



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food and cocktail
recipes to:
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Get To Know Your Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

Bob and Dianne Bergstrom

Cedarview Drive

When Bob moved to Port Townsend, he concentrated his home search in town where he pictured himself walking to everything: dinner on Lawrence, movies at the Rose Theater, morning coffee along downtown's waterfront, and happy hour on Sirens' deck. But he never found just the right home in just the right setting. His realtor kept telling him about a house in Kala Point, but he wasn't sure he wanted to live so far south of town. When Bob finally agreed to see the house on Cedarview, he was, much to his surprise, sold.

"It was practically brand new and beautifully built with a view of the water," says Bob. He and Dianne loved everything about the house.

Bob moved here from Portland's Hollywood District where he lived for 30 years. About 20 years ago, he became friends with Dianne, an Oregon Masters Swimming teammate at Mt. Hood Community College.

"We were very evenly matched and friendly competitors," says Dianne. "We started out racing against each other — now we swim alongside one another."

When Dianne met Bob, she was living in Damascus, a rural area of southeast of Portland. She worked for a labor and employment firm in downtown Portland in a job she loved, exclaiming that there was "never a dull moment working with attorneys!"

Bob worked for nearly 30 years as a fire boat pilot for Portland Fire and Rescue out of the station near the east side of the Hawthorne Bridge. He says it was a fulfilling job that had some essential components: "Helping people, adventure, being on the water, serving my community."

Bob and Dianne made their relationship official four years ago when they got married at their Kala Point home.

"We were going to get married at the courthouse," says Dianne, "but my daughter informed us that she got ordained online and was going to perform the

ceremony. We decided we should invite a few friends and neighbors and have a party!"

Dianne's daughter Casey lives in Portland where she works as a UPS driver and just bought her first home. Her son Jake also calls the Portland area home where he works in mortgages and lives with his long-time girlfriend.

Bob and Dianne moved to Port Townsend to retire and enjoy sailing, the charms of a small maritime community, and abundant outdoor beauty. But they also liked that the setting allowed them to continue a "side hustle" of ship compass adjusting that they started in Portland.

Bob explains that are two components to the business. One involves taking compasses off boats and repairing them in the shop. The second is going aboard ships and boats and adjusting the compasses while underway. "By swinging the boat or ship in circles in the water, we can adjust the compass until it is accurately calibrated."

Not surprisingly, the Bergstroms enjoy swimming (still) and boating. They are

members of the Port Townsend Yacht Club, and enjoy the fellowship and local cruising that comes with it.

One of their most memorable vacations involved sailing from Alaska to the Sea of Cortez aboard their 45-foot Cabo Rico *Valkyrie*. "We kept the boat at Port Hadlock for two years and in Mexico for two years," says Dianne. "She is now in Seattle for sale as we are ready to move on to new adventures."

Other favorite trips include scuba diving in the Philippines, art in Italy, the British Virgin Islands, and visiting friends in Holland and family in Sweden.

Besides travel, they enjoy jigsaw puzzling and reading. Bob enjoys woodworking, Dianne dabbles in mandala dot painting, and they both love gardening.

But mostly they enjoy spending time with friends, family and each other.

"We are sappy in love, we like each other, and we are happy every day, all the time," says Dianne. "If you marry your best friend, it's easy!" ♦



Get To Know Your Neighbors *Brian & Jenny Vervynck*

Brian and Jenny Vervynck

Oak Shore Drive

In 1965, Jenny graduated from Oak Harbor High School and set off for what is now Western Washington University. Brian was born and raised in Seattle and graduated from Garfield High School. Brian began his college work at the University of Washington and graduated from Western. He also completed an executive graduate program at UCLA. Brian and Jenny met at Western and were married in July of 1968. Brian began teaching at Washington Middle School in Seattle and Jenny completed her degree in education at the University of Washington.

The country was embroiled in the War in Vietnam, and teachers were being drafted. Brian enlisted in the Army, and attended Infantry Officer Candidate School at Ft. Benning, Georgia, and was commissioned as a second lieutenant. From Georgia, they went to Kentucky for additional training and Brian was assigned to the First Infantry Division, Forward in Augsburg, Germany. They enjoyed camping through several countries in Europe. Their first daughter was born there.

In 1974, Brian completed his military service and they returned to Seattle, settling in Bellevue. Over the last 45 years, Brian has held a variety of senior management positions with leading and start-up companies in healthcare products and healthcare medical management. During this period of time, they were able to live in New Hampshire and San Diego, and always hoped they could return to their beloved Pacific Northwest. The entire time they lived away from the Northwest, they continued to be avid Husky and Seahawk fans! Brian retired in 2016.

While living in Bellevue, they visited Port Townsend, following the advertising for a place called Kala Point. A new concept called “timeshare” was emerging, and they bought a condo in Kala Point Village in 1980. Their second daughter was born in 1976 and

their son was born in 1979; they thought vacationing at Kala Point Village would be a great family opportunity. As they lived in other places across the country, their children always insisted that they come to Kala Point for vacations.

In Germany, Jenny used her education, working in the U.S. military school as a tutor for an autistic child. When they returned to the Seattle area, she directed a preschool in Bellevue. As the family grew, they moved into Kirkland into a new neighborhood, where they met lifelong friends.

Brian’s career then took them to New Hampshire, where they took advantage of traveling throughout the Northeast, and enjoyed the historic places they had only

read about. They knew they would only be there for a short time, so they took advantage of this new opportunity. It was a wonderful adventure! Jenny volunteered at the Episcopal Church as a Sunday school teacher and education leader, and cared for their three children as Brian traveled in his work. They learned about mayflies and June bugs, and what snow from Thanksgiving to Easter was like!



They then returned to the West, landing in the San Diego area. They really never intended to stay long, but found themselves, 32 years later, wondering where the time had gone. During that time, Jenny graduated from the Episcopal Theological School, at the Claremont Colleges with a degree in Theology, and was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1988. She served in several individual congregations, and was called to the Bishop’s staff where she worked with 50 congregations in the process of leadership transitions and helped them in their organizational development. She retired from that work in 2009. In 2011, Jenny became the head of school for St. John’s Episcopal School in Chula Vista, California. Nearly 90% of the students made the daily, arduous trip across the border from Tijuana to attend school. Upon arriving in Port Townsend, Jenny served

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Neighbors, Continued

for one year as assistant pastor at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

In 2015, Brian and Jenny made the decision to leave Southern California and return to Washington. Their two daughters and their families, including eight grandchildren, continue to reside in Palm Desert and Temecula, California.

Every time they visited Kala Point, they drove around imagining living here. When they decided to leave Southern California, the only logical place to go was here. Their house sold in one day with a 30-day escrow. They put most things in storage and drove to Mill Creek where they owned a condo. Luckily, very quickly, they found a lot in Kala Point, and a builder, and began the exciting process of building a home. Jenny then went to work for the builder, Lexar Homes. She learned a great deal about the home building process. After completing the home and moving in on April 1, 2016, she joined the Architectural Committee.

Brian became involved in Jefferson Healthcare and served as the president of the Foundation and as a member of the Patient and Family Advisory Council. He also volunteers with the trail clearing group at Ft. Townsend. Jenny substitute taught, and worked in the Chimacum School



Blitz at home with his hedgehog

District as a behavior interventionist. She now works for Kitsap Mental Health Services, in the role of behavior interventionist in the Port Townsend School District.

After moving into their new home, they adopted a wonderful dog Blitz, and he is very happy to be living in Kala Point! They recently purchased a motor home and enjoy camping and traveling across the western states and provinces. Their son lives in Portland, allowing them to get together often for hiking, camping and enjoying so much of what beautiful Port Townsend and the Olympic Peninsula offer. They love the beauty of Kala Point and the friendly people who are their neighbors. They are looking forward to a post-pandemic world when we are all able to gather again, and get to know their neighbors even more. ♦



Kala Pointers Pete Smith, Char Quandt, Hilary Newell and Marilyn Berry work the garden at Rain Coast Farm. •Lys Burden

The Food Bank Garden at Rain Coast Farm

Hilary Newell

Volunteers are welcome at the Food Bank Garden at Rain Coast Farm! Thanks to volunteer efforts, this garden has doubled in size this spring.

Only in its second year, more raised beds are being built and the installation of new irrigation is on the near horizon! Potatoes, carrots, radishes, celery, kale, chard and peas are all in the ground, with more veggies being planted every week. The greenhouses are ready to receive several varieties of tomatoes and peppers. And as the spring and summer go on, there will be weeding, watering, harvesting, and eventually fall clean-up.

More than 350 pounds of food was harvested in 2020, the garden's first year. We are excited to see how much more we will harvest with the increased size this year. To volunteer please contact food bank garden co-manager, Lys Burden at WPburden@aol.com or 360.301.0982, or just show up at 9:30 on Thursday mornings.

The Food Bank Garden at Rain Coast Farm is just one of seven such gardens in Port Townsend. To find out more about all of them, or to donate time or money, check out their website at ptfoodbankgarden.com/. ♦

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

[Letter To The Editor Policy](#)

Around the Neighborhood

Teresa's Send-Off

For the past two years, Teresa was the faithful mail carrier for Kala Point. To express appreciation for her service to the neighborhood, Social Plus decorated every mailbox area with balloons, cards and flowers on her final day, March 31. ♦

Mailbox photos by Char Quandt; Teresa photo by Mike Burk



A Woodpile With Style

Ron Lo Reaux poses with his artistic stack of firewood. His partner Charla Jean says it reminds her of a Native American sweat lodge. ♦



Charla Jean

New Residents on Fairbreeze



Mike Burk

Don't Forget Gatheringplace During GiveBIG

Linda Ferris

Tails are a waggin', woof woof is the call; the canines in Kala Point, Port Townsend and Jefferson County love the organic dog biscuits from Gatheringplace.

"Yummy" artisan dog biscuits are handcrafted by participants at Gatheringplace, the nonprofit organization founded by us, Linda and Bob Ferris and inspired by our late daughter Megan. You might have seen us on a walk with that cute, small gal with red hair! We have been Kala Point residents for 27 years living on Foxfield Drive.



Megan Ferris

Megan graduated from the PTHS-Special Education Program in 1994. Four weeks later, Gatheringplace was founded.

Its purpose is offering adults with mild to

severe developmental disabilities a space to come together for friendship, learn cooking skills, explore art

opportunities, relax and exercise to music and volunteer at the Dog Biscuit Bakery.

On Fridays, the Bakery is humming and participants practice job skills from simply focusing, to teamwork for making the dough and rolling it out, cutting biscuits, labeling bags, weighing biscuits and delivering packages to local stores with the assistance of a staff or volunteer.

Soon, Gatheringplace's "Yummy" Dog Biscuit Bakery must find a permanent new home. The bakery is presently located in Boat Haven at the Skookum Building, but will have to move out in the near future. The search has begun for either land to build on or a house/building to remodel. This is a big project and will need financial support from several sources.

The perfect way to support this incredible organization is to make a donation to Gatheringplace during Washington's GiveBIG 2021 campaign on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 4 and 5. Go online to givebigwa.org/gatheringplace where you will find more good information.

Click on the green button "DONATE NOW." Early giving started April 20, and is possible until May 15.

Visit Gatheringplace's website at www.gppt.org, check on the KP bulletin boards or call Executive Director Linda Ferris at 360.385.4172 for more information. Participants, staff, volunteers, Board of Directors and canines thank you very much! ♦

Newest LLL Grand Opening

The grand opening of the Little Lending Library on Trafalgar took place on April 1. The structure was built by Michael Machette (right), and augmented by the succulent-studded roof created by Vicky Miller (middle) and Sue Stanton's artistic flair. Mary Brunner (left), is the Trafalgar librarian (Vicky is her backup) and owns the property on which the LLL sits. ♦



Send Us Your Photos!

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

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

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

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

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

Fantastical Creatures of Fort Townsend

Donna Abear

I go to these woods often with just my dog (she never makes trivial conversation).

Entering the forest, I am welcomed within by towering cedars, fir and hemlock. I pat them with reverence as I pass, whispering “hello, great ones.” Inhaling the scents of their majesty, they wave to me in the breeze; once deeper within their world, they share with me their secrets, if my eyes are willing to look.

Up on the hill, along a trail that winds around and up and down, I spot a great Stegosaurus, his tail slowly disappearing to the whims of the termites.

Along another trail, a diver has disappeared within a stump, only his mossy legs protruding in diving position.

A minotaur along another, shaking his stump fist at an unseen foe.

In plain sight, on the main trail, roots and moss have weaved together to form a woody clam shell, that looms as if threatening to close upon my dog, who rests in its shadow.

These are but a few of Fort Townsend’s fantastical creatures; there is magic throughout our forest, illuminated by shards of sunlight, or hiding in the shadows. Look. Wonder. Imagine. Who knows what you will see? ♦



Stegosaurus



Loch Ness monster



Minotaur



*(Above) A woody clam shell with Donna’s dog
Sonnet*

(Right) Diver



Poetry Page

How Much Longer

Tai Sheridan

the pacific northwest winter lingers and weighs down my spirit
a short burst of an orange dawn teases out hope for warmer days
before quickening gray clouds and gray spume wash out
the blue sky dome with shadows and mist a bitter malaise

a lone daffodil spills yellow warning winter of impending doom
the budding rhododendrons and magnolias threatening red and white
will the gray ever give way and retreat into the horizon's tomb
i long for green and blue those flagships of the luminous bright

people have been dying in droves this long gray winter
as a black plague plunders and dismantles borders and beliefs
we've taken to locking doors and dragging around masks
how much longer before yellow washes away the horror ♦



Blooming in the Northwest • Bob Segui

Green Nylon

Dan Coffman

My flannel sleeping bag
could not keep me warm,
goose down would be better.
I needed months to save enough
while hiking season approached.
An ad for sleeping bag kits caught my eye,
Aha, my mother can sew.
Mailed the order, then asked Mom
to make a special birthday present.
She gave me her quizzical look,
Interesting, is that how you think?
But she agreed, a son full of presumption
she would sometimes indulge.

The kit arrived, Mom started promptly,
nothing could be better.
While she worked I heard reports
about the chore I had blithely given.
*You have no idea, my father told me,
how hard this is for your mother to do.*
My sister helped Mom fill the bag
without producing a goose down blizzard.
When finished it was masterfully made,
light and warm, just as I wanted.
When Mom gave it to me she added these words,
*A gift for your birthday, Christmas,
and the Fourth of July.*

Five decades that sleeping bag has gone
many places good bedding is scarce,
alpine meadows on the High Divide,
sailboat races to and from Swiftsure Bank.
I pull it close and always feel
the warmth and comfort
my mother created. ♦



Kala Lily's

May Gardening Tips

Diane Solvik

The height of the gardening season is here! Some summers are warm and dry whereas others are cooler and wet. It looks like this might be a hot one, based on the last few days.



Our gardens are growing like mad. If you listen very carefully, you can actually hear them grow; if you watch carefully, you will see changes every day — leaves and flowers suddenly popping into bloom. This is the thrill of late spring.

Set out your tender plants, such as begonias, coleus and tomatoes in early to mid-month. Using a product such as Quick Start or Vitamin B1 Plant Starter will reduce transplant shock and growth will not be set back. Use the starter on all plants, trees and shrubs, in addition to a good fertilizer.

Prune your early blooming shrubs and trees as soon as they finish flowering. Spring-blooming clematis should also be pruned back as soon as the blooms fade. This gives the plant lots of time to set flower buds for next year. Summer-blooming clematis should not be pruned until early next year. Dan Hinkley, a renowned American horticulturist, passed on a tip for clematis: when planting: put one stick of blackboard chalk into each hole and the plants will have a good supply of sweetened soil for their lifetimes. This writer went around her garden and put sticks of chalk next to each plant, as deep as I could. I hope this will make them happy!

Almost everything growing in your garden needs a good feed this month. Feed potted plants and hanging baskets every two weeks all summer long to maintain nutrients which get washed away with watering.

To coax more blooms from delphiniums after the first flower spike finishes, cut them back to the base. This encourages new spikes to form for a second late summer bloom. For Shasta daisies and branching

perennials, after the top flower fades, cut the stem back to a side blossom or leaf. When no buds remain, cut the stem down to the base. Pinch the top three inches from fall-blooming asters, sedums and mums to make the plants bushier. The Brits say “pinch your mum on Mother’s Day.” Americans give them a second pinch on the 4th of July. Two pinches will help them bloom in the fall and keep them a healthy, bushy plant. Summer-blooming dahlias, begonias, agapanthus, cannas, calla lilies and gladiolus bulbs can be planted now.



To maintain a healthy lawn, keep the grass mowed to a height of two to two and a half inches. This will shade the ground, keeping the roots cool and preventing moisture loss. Fertilize your lawn with a high nitrogen fertilizer in late spring. Water your lawn deeply and infrequently to encourage deep roots. One inch per week should keep it green during periods of drought.

Here is a great tip for killing weeds. I use white vinegar and spray it right onto the weed. You can also add a squirt of dish soap to help it stick to the surface of the plant. This is best done on a sunny day, is organic and is very cheap.

I will also repeat my recipe for a deer repellent since they seem very hungry at this time of the year. Break eight or nine eggs into a blender, add a little water and a drop or two of dish soap. Blend and put the mixture into a spray bottle, adding water up to a gallon. Spray the plants the deer like to snack on. If you start this early and repeat applications, you will not be on the deer’s paths through our neighborhood since your garden will taste nasty and your neighbor’s will be delicious.

Enjoy the lovely weather! ♦



Committee Reports

Architectural

March 18 via Zoom

Project Summary: (26) total — (0) completed, (20) ongoing, (2) conditional, and (4) new

Old Business:

- Lot #299: Approved resubmitted roofing project; using AC-approved roofing material

New Business:

- Lot #79: Conditional approval new home construction
- Lot #101: Conditional approval new home construction
- Lot #78: Approved landscape plan
- Lot #50: Approved freestanding pergola project
- Lot #276: Approved attached pergola project
- Lot #4: Report on AC and Kala Lagoon HOA meeting to discuss mutual HOA AC considerations

Future Considerations:

- Gas outdoor fireplaces are permitted in the KPOA Rules and Regulations
- Tree removals for new house construction
- Septic field failures on rise and new drainfield construction should be covered in AC APPs
- Fence repair/replacement permitted only if previously AC approved
- AC should better define “temporary,” “permanent,” and “structure” in AC APPs
- Modifications to AC APPs should be done as a block, not piecemeal

Emergency Preparedness

April 1 via Zoom

COVID-19 Update

Mark Miller provided a COVID-19 update. Some of the information presented is not current at the time of this writing, but a couple of points are worth sharing:

- Very recently, a study found that of the one million fully vaccinated Washingtonians, 102 have since tested positive, a rate of 0.01% (1 in 10,000.)
- Some of the virus variants are more contagious. Early studies indicate that the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are effective against these variants. The Pfizer vaccine is now being tested

on children aged 12 and above. Early results indicate a high efficacy with side effects similar to those observed in adults.

Mark Miller, the Patient Operations Supervisor for the Chimacum Clinic, is in charge of nonmedical volunteers for the clinic. Volunteers are needed for the Chimacum and other area vaccination clinics, for the Jefferson Healthcare drive-through site, and for the call center. Shifts are relatively short (for example, two and a half hours for parking lot volunteers, four hours for indoor workers). You can volunteer by contacting the Department of Emergency Management at JCDEM@co.jefferson.wa.us

Continuing Education: Disaster Psychology

- Tom Clark, helped by Bill Hasan and Anne Englander, gave an excellent presentation on disaster psychology. Disasters can lead to great stress and varied emotional reactions. Responders need to care for themselves before they can care for others.
- A brief discussion on how to prepare for a disaster was then held. Some of the ideas that were mentioned include: continuing review of training materials, video and graphic aids helpful (the U. Utah course has the advantage of including these), role playing to simulate actual disaster events, importance of empathy and listening skills, basic first aid training for all EPC members is desirable.

East Jefferson Fire and Rescue Fundraiser

The fundraiser has been amazingly successful, with \$5,325 (now more than \$5,700) in contributions, the most of any year. Thanks to Jean Reed and Katharine Donnelly for collecting donations and to all of you wonderful donors. Chief Black will soon let us know how the funds will be used.

Grounds

April 6 via Zoom

The GM reported that the new off-leash area signs are installed at the beach and after missing last summer, the floats are once again at the dock. Also, the bench nearest the parking that had been removed for both aesthetics and safety reasons will have been replaced by the time you read this article.

Highlights from the business portion of the meeting:

- Little Lending Libraries: The committee

Committee Reports

saw a first draft a proposed revision of the Administrative Practices & Procedures (APP), including added language reflecting the Grounds Committee's authority to approve LLL applications.

- A fourth LLL was approved for the Sailview Mail Station. The Committee learned of interest in at least one, possibly two, more installations.
- Kala Natives: Led by Frances Loubere (now up to seven volunteers), the group continues their Friday morning efforts to remove blackberry cane with KPOA Grounds Crew support for the removal of the root balls and debris.
- An active case closed: it was a case initiated by a member complaint regarding poorly stacked wood in a neighbor's yard. The responding owners complied with the relevant KPOA standard well within the specified timeline and will receive an official thank you from the committee.
- Review of the Grounds Maintenance Plan: a responsibility of the General Manager, the plan is reviewed annually by the Grounds Committee before submission to the Board. Leslie Weertman is taking the lead. Member comments will be incorporated into one document to facilitate a feedback session with the GM at the next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for 9 a.m., on Tuesday, May 4.

Contact Stan (stan_cummings@hotmail.com) if you have comments, questions or concerns that you'd like to have shared with the Grounds Committee.

Internal Control

March 17 via Zoom

Old Business:

- Expense Reviews:
 - Discussed eliminating physical check review; available online
 - Discussed financial document “back-ups” offsite
 - Discussed need for “disaster” recovery plan
- Income review:
 - Discussed year-end review by tax consultant and bookkeeper

New Business:

- Expense reviews for January reassigned
- Discussed when annual Asset/Inventory Review can be scheduled by GM
- Discussed employee use of KPOA credit cards with GM

Publications

April 5 via Zoom

- Discussed emails from *Kala Pointer* readers and contributors regarding:
 - Inclusivity in celebrating/noting religious holidays
 - Editing of submitted articles vs letters to the editor
- Suggestion made to review and possibly update the APPs in August
- Members encouraged to engage with neighbors for the “Meet Your Neighbors” column.
- Deadline for the May issue is April 19
- Next meeting is May 7 at 3:30 via Zoom: zoom.us/j/5035396285 ♦



Kala Cares

In Memoriam

Sonnich Brinch

KPOA Website Advisory Update

Gary Obermeyer

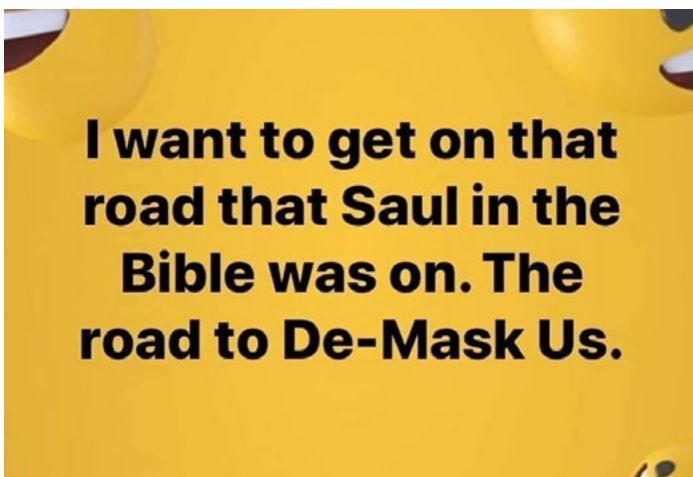
The Ad Hoc Website Advisory Committee submitted the results of its nearly two-month study of the KPOA website at the March meeting of the Board and received unanimous support to develop a detailed plan for a new website with a simpler, cleaner, more intuitive layout to be deployed on a WordPress platform. A recording of the March 9 meeting is posted on the [KPOA website](#), under the Members tab.

Background: The study was launched largely in response to concerns that out-of-date plug-ins were requiring frequent/costly maintenance. This proved not to be the case, but when the 10-person advisory committee conducted an in-depth review, it was obvious there were bigger problems: a confusing menu structure, much duplication of resources, and no means for full-text searching. It was also recognized that any rebuild plan would need to consider options for integrating EPC resources and for improving how the *Kala Pointer* is assembled and published.

The Advisory Committee is now organized for a layout design phase. Two subgroups; a Design Team — mapping out a new navigation structure with description of each enhancement, and a Contract Team — drafting language for Request-for-Proposals and Scope-of-Work documents.

When the layout design work is completed, the plan will go back to the Board for approval to authorize the issuing of the RFP and SOW with the goal of finding multiple, qualified contractors to submit a bid to implement the website rebuild. We expect the layout design phase to be completed by summer. And, if funded, a new and improved KPOA website could be launched this fall.

Questions? Contact Gary Obermeyer at kpoaboard_obermeyer@kalapoint.org. ♦



Illegal Tree Cutting

Dale Moses

Most of us in Kala Point love living in a community that prizes its trees. There are some problems; however, you can help us with these. Trees keep growing and that is good. But if our nice views get blocked, then we start thinking about cutting or trimming. We also get concerned if we think a tree might fall on a house or be the conduit for a fire reaching our house. You will be happy to know that it is very rare for trees to fall on houses. Likewise, we are not aware of any fires caused via nearby trees.

However, before you go any further in pursuing these concerns, you need to read [APP II-22 Tree and Vegetation Policy](#) (available on the KPOA website.) This document outlines policies that we have adopted to both promote trees while also helping solve the tree problems that arise. Our hard-working Tree Committee can help you with all of this.

Unfortunately, some of our owners decide to take matters into their own hands and start cutting trees down without first reviewing the APP and/or contacting the Tree Committee.



Arborist Dan Field takes down an ailing Douglas fir that was approved for removal by the Tree Committee.

We are averaging at least one case of illegal tree cutting each year and recently we have had several cases. This makes it hard on the owner, leading to fines and restitution and replacement of the cut trees. We even had a case recently of a renegade company approaching an owner to tell them some of their trees were going to fall on their house and the company would be happy to cut the trees for a “good deal” charge of \$12,000! The homeowner found another company to cut the trees, but still found themselves in conflict with KPOA rules and regulations.

Most owners are happy to work with the Tree Committee and find solutions. The Tree Committee can also react to emergency conditions and have a turnaround decision within hours. Please review the APP before attacking your trees. Working together, we can continue to enjoy all the beauty of our community. ♦

Neighborhood Classified Ads

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

Wanted: Summer Rental

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!

Please email: lfinegold77@icloud.com or SharonFinegold77@gmail.com

For Sale

One crabbing outfit consisting of an 8-foot row boat, oars, and two used crab pots. Price: \$100.

If interested, call Bill Kaune at 360.379.3908 (home) or 360.390.8149 (cell).

Looking for a Home for Sale in Kala Point

We are a family with two young kids. We've recently relocated from Seattle. Our ideal home would be 2,500+ sq. ft., with water views and a 2+ car garage. We are well-qualified, experienced home owners and remodelers.

We're happy to work with or without an agent.

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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 ♦

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.

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. ♦