

# Kala Pointer

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## At the Helm of SS Kala Point

*Scott Rovanpera, Board President*

Jefferson County has issued a new health directive (No. 2021-2) that will allow fully vaccinated residents to gather indoors without the need to wear masks. For this guideline to be enacted within Kala Point, the general manager is requesting the Board of Directors adopt these new regulations for the clubhouse. The exception is allowed for indoor events in which all participants are verified to be fully immunized with a COVID vaccination. Presentation of a CDC vaccination card or WAIS record will suffice as verifiable proof of vaccination. The health directive still requires approved face coverings at businesses and other indoor public places within Jefferson County, but not for outdoor events.

I know that the general manager and all of our patient residents have been waiting for this great news, but don't let your guard down when visiting high-probability locations or crowded venues. This is a personal responsibility that extends not only to our HOA, but to our entire community. The only sure solution to fighting this pandemic is reaching herd immunity, and Jefferson County maintains the second-lowest rate of COVID-19 transmission and the highest percentage of fully vaccinated residents in Washington State. This is why the county health officer was able to issue this directive.



Personal responsibility extends to other facets of our HOA lifestyle. There are five irresponsible actions that can have adverse consequences: 1) Trying to tailgate behind another vehicle when the gate is in operation. The cost of repairing a broken gate is over \$2,300 and whatever damage occurs to your vehicle. 2) Dumping items at our recycle station that are not considered recyclable. I have observed cans of paint, Styrofoam, wood and plastics that are not acceptable by

our recycling facility. If we don't follow the rules, we risk losing these valuable recycling dumpsters. 3) Having full control of your dog when off-leash at the beach. The new pet regulations remind all of us that KPOA is governed by Jefferson County ordinances; if you experience a dog attack, you must call 9-1-1 and wait for a sheriff deputy to respond. 4) If you want to prune or remove trees on your property, you should check the Tree Committee APPs and/or contact their

chairperson. Don't let predatory tree contractors convince you that a tree on your property needs to be removed. 5) Consider wearing reflective clothing when walking on our roads. Safety vests are inexpensive, can cover any jacket, and will save your life when cars and pedestrians share the road – especially in poor lighting. ♦

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## What's Happening with the Board?

*Gary Obermeyer, KPOA Board Secretary*

The KPOA Board met via Zoom on Tuesday, May 11; all members were present with the exception of Steve Reed. Fifteen KPOA residents were also in attendance.

The big news at this month's meeting was the announcement of a date for the opening of the pool (May 19). We were informed that KPOA Members are signing up for lap swim Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, and group swim from Friday afternoon through Sunday. Interest is very high — most of the swim times are already booked through the summer, except for three time slots each week that were reserved for one-time bookings (thanks to KPOA Administrative Assistant Felice Thompson who was chiefly responsible for setting up the registration process). GM Keith Larson is keeping an eye on the demand, including the number of requests left unmet.

The Board will be watching these data and considering whether currently available funds in this year's budget might be used to extend the pool hours set in place under the initial reopening plan. Possible responses include using volunteers, which would also require staff time for training and supervision. The advice from our CFO is that we gain a few weeks' experience with the initial staffing and scheduling before trying to expand hours: "Throwing too much into the pot right now could be a recipe for disaster." This fairly reflects the general attitude of the Board: all want to return as close as possible to normal hours of operation as soon as possible.

Complicating matters is an apparent shortage of chlorine and bromine (essential for keeping the pool open). The GM has been scrambling to find additional suppliers, but with no luck so far. At last report, there is sufficient product on hand to keep the pool open at least through August; but given the uncertainties, it is unlikely that hot tub will open at all this season.

### In other business, the Board:

- Approved seven maintenance and improvement projects totaling an estimated \$181,695, to be paid from the Reserve Fund, including: paving, office upgrades, replacement mailboxes, and the replacement of buoys/chains at the beach.
- Received a report from Kevin Gale, the chair of the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee. Two main points: a desire to

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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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separate pedestrians and vehicles to the extent possible; and the possibility of lowering the speed limit on Kala Point Drive. The Board approved a motion to investigate the cost of hiring of a traffic safety engineer.

- Concurred with the Finance Committee's timeline for standing committees' budget requests: submission by June 8 for review at the June 10 Finance Committee meeting, allowing time to prepare for a presentation at the July Board meeting.
- Learned that the Elections Committee is proactively seeking to recruit candidates for an expected vacancy for the last six months of the position currently held by Director Tom Gillespie (following procedures specified in [By-law Article VI](#)).
- Approved a motion to put the EPC website in maintenance mode while proposed upgrades to the structure, specifications and capabilities of the KPOA website are under review.

All Committee Reports were posted on the [KPOA website](#) (under the Members tab) since no actions needed from the Board at this meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 8, 2021, at 1 p.m. ♦

## Boat Ramp Sand Removal

*Keith Larson, General Manager*

I would like to clarify the process of scraping the boat ramp of sand. The KPOA beach is a documented spawning site for baitfish such as smelt and sand lance, and migrating juvenile salmonids. It is necessary to use caution when equipment is used on the beach.

KPOA is currently working with Washington State Fish and Wildlife to obtain the necessary permit to continue scraping the boat ramp. The permit will give details as to when we can scrape the boat ramp without harming the sea life. It is vitally important that we as an association continue to be good stewards of the ecosystem that surrounds the Kala Point community. ♦



## Yard Sales in Kala Point

*There will be multiple location yard sales in Kala Point.*

**Friday–Saturday,  
June 4–5,  
8 a.m. –3 p.m.**

There will be a sign at the gate with the addresses we know about, but there may be more. Please follow masking rules and drive carefully.

These are private, individual sales, not part of Kala Point or Social Plus.

## KPOA Annual Meeting Moved to December

*Gary Obermeyer, KPOA Board Secretary*

By a vote of 236 to 68 (77.63%), KPOA members approved Resolution 2021-1, initiated by the KPOA Board. Results of the voting were announced at a Special Member Meeting, held on April 30, 2021, via Zoom. Out of a potential 601 eligible voters, 304 were cast for a turnout of 50.58%.

The affirmative vote on Resolution 2021-1 has the effect of moving the Annual Meeting from July to December, and combining Board candidate elections with votes on the budget and related actions. Leading arguments for the resolution included the saving of \$3,000 (current cost of one online election through Elections Trust), freeing up staff time for other priorities, and aligning Board terms in office with the fiscal year.

Also on the ballot for the Special Member Meeting were budget-related votes normally taken at the Annual Meeting:

- Resolution 2021-2, by a vote of 294 to 10 (96.71%), authorized the application of excess income over expense for year ending 2020 to the 2022 assessments.
- Resolution 2021-3, by a vote of 247 to 57 (81.25%), waives the need for an audit of the 2020 financial statements (required only once every three years or when there is a change of the CFO).

The Board will set dates for the Annual Meeting and related deadlines at the June 8 Board Meeting. Stay tuned for details via email, announcements on the KPOA website, and meeting info in the *Kala Pointer*. ♦

## To Burn or Not to Burn

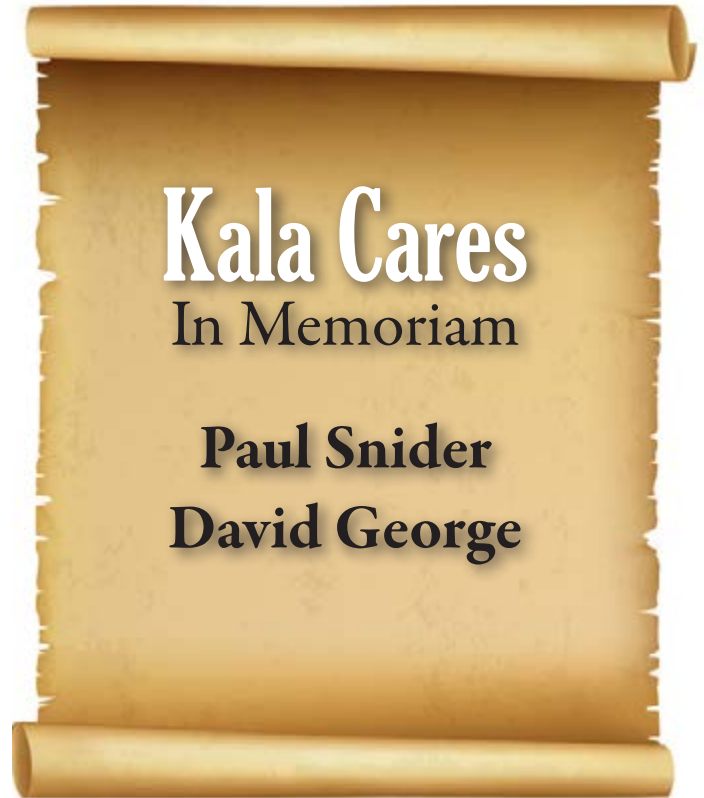
*East Jefferson County Fire District*

The barbecue season is fast approaching, and with it come questions about what is allowed as an open fire source here in Kala Point. It is also the beginning of the summer fire season here west of the Cascade Mountains.

The East Jefferson County Fire District has a very nice explanation on their website of the [rules for residential burning](#). For us here in Kala Point, the important thing to note is that an HOA can have stricter guidelines than the county.

In Kala Point's [Rules and Regulations](#), Article II.A.5 states that only gas or charcoal grills may be used in the community. No firepits or wood-burning grills or burn barrels, fire rings, etc. are allowed. No propane weed torches, or the burning of wood debris is allowed.

So, turn on the propane, dump some charcoal in the Weber and enjoy a fine charred meal on a nice summer night. I think you may get away with adding a few cherry or hickory chips to the grill or a wet cedar plank to get the special taste on that salmon filet. Enjoy the coming season. ♦



## Architectural Committee: Love It or Hate It

**Michael Machette**, *Architectural Committee Chair*

The Architectural Committee enforces a variety of KPOA Board-approved rules that determine the look of your home, whether you are building new or remodeling your existing one. Some residents consider these rules oppressive (we are a Homeowners' Association), while others are fine with the rules because they help maintain the well-kept appearance of our community. However, the Architectural Committee also serves another important function: making sure you and your neighbors get what was approved. Following is a good example.

Recently, a homeowner requested a re-roof of their house. This is a standard request since they chose to use a pre-approved roofing material. A contract was accepted, and six weeks later an "awesome" roofing company appeared and started the job. As part of the Architectural Committee's process, we check the brand, type and color of the roofing material delivered to the

site against the homeowner's approved request. In this case, they didn't match!

By the time we got to the site, about one-third of a non-approved, substandard roofing material had been laid. The Architectural Committee Chair and our General Manager told the roofing foreman to stop all work. The roofing company had to rip off the just-applied roofing, replace new waterproofing membrane in that area, and start anew with the approved roofing material as contracted with the homeowner. The contractor had to absorb several thousands of dollars of labor and incorrect material, and the homeowner's roofing job was delayed.

In summary, when you buy a Cadillac, you shouldn't get a Chevy delivered. A lesson was learned by all involved. Check your contract, check what is being installed, and don't hesitate to call the Architectural Committee or General Manager if something is suspicious or just wrong. We always recommend getting at least three bids from licensed contractors for work as important as this. ♦

# Little Lending Library Update



## Little Lending Libraries Numbers 3 & 4 Are Open

*Michael Machette*

Our two newest Little Lending Libraries opened in May. Our third LLL, at the front gate, was inaugurated on May 3 with builder Steve Donnelly and librarian Katharine Donnelly, along with Kala Point artist Sue Stanton, opening the doors. Neighbors welcomed them and helped stock the library with popular books. This library is expected to get heavy use since all residents pass by it when exiting and entering Kala Point.



*Sue Stanton, Steve and Katharine Donnelly*

On May 15, builders Eileen and Chip Svoboda, and librarian Joy Winfrey opened number four, their nautical-themed LLL at the Sailview mail station. In

## Ode to the LLL

*Katharine Donnelly*

This little library is for lending,  
So choose a book — your soul to feed it.  
And when alas you've reached the ending,  
Bring it back so others may read it.

If sharing's what you have in mind,  
In any empty space you find,  
Feel free to add a book — or two.  
Not a lot, but just a few.

Note: You may return the book, or a substitute,  
to any KP Little Lending Library



*Eileen Svoboda*

addition to books, Chip added a half dozen jigsaw puzzles, one of his passions. This LLL will mainly service the Bluffs and time-share condos. We expect that the inventory at these new libraries will turn over quickly as it has at the other libraries on Trafalgar and Pinecrest.

Next up is library number five at the Foxfield mail station; Paul Loubere is constructing this one and it's expected to open in June. The last LLL, number six, at Kala Heights mail station is still under design. ♦

## Our Tribute to Necco

*Joanie Reynolds*

Our Necco passed away in May as he was on a walk with my son Douglas. The “Rainbow Bridge” was originally inspired from a Norse poem used to help the Danes mourn the loss of their beloved animals.

Necco, I love you so much...

*Necco's Mom, Joanie*



### Rainbow Bridge

By the edge of a woods, at the foot of a hill,  
Is a lush, green meadow where time stands still.

Where the friends of man and woman do run,  
When their time on earth is over and done.

For here, between this world and the next,  
Is a place where each beloved creature finds rest.

On this golden land, they wait and they play,  
Till the Rainbow Bridge they cross over one day.

No more do they suffer, in pain or in sadness,  
For here they are whole, their lives filled with gladness.

Their limbs are restored, their health renewed,  
Their bodies have healed, with strength imbued.

They romp through the grass, without even a care,  
Until one day they start, and sniff at the air.

All ears prick forward, eyes dart front and back,  
Then all of a sudden, one breaks from the pack.

For just at that instant, their eyes have met;  
Together again, both person and pet.

So they run to each other, these friends from long past,  
The time of their parting is over at last.

The sadness they felt while they were apart,  
Has turned into joy once more in each heart.

They embrace with a love that will last forever,  
And then, side-by-side, they cross over... together. ♦

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food and cocktail  
recipes to:**

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### Identifying the Invasive Green Crab

*Leslie Weertman*

We do not want the invasive European green crab (*Carcinus maenas*) — destroyers of our native Dungeness species — in our area. To help easily identify the crab, see this link to an illustration that is easy to print and read: [seakecology.org/](http://seakecology.org/). The shape of the carapace is more like a square on the green crab than the beloved Dungeness shape.

If you find a suspicious crab, note the location, photograph it, and send the picture with location to the fish and wildlife department [wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/carcinus-maenas](http://wdfw.wa.gov/species-habitats/invasive/carcinus-maenas). They welcome volunteer data and they even have a program called the Crab Team. ♦



# Kala Lily's

## June Gardening Tips

*Diane Solvik*

“June is bustin’ out all over!” and is looking great. But I know you don’t want to just sit and admire your garden when there are still so many things to do.



Check your irrigation system and soaker hoses. Water deeply and slowly to encourage root growth.

Evergreens can be pruned at this time. The new growth is called a “candle” and can be pinched off or cut back by half to encourage bushier plants. The candle is still tender; never cut into the hardened wood of conifers as most cannot regenerate new growth in that area.



Create colorful container gardens by experimenting with new color combinations like chartreuse and purple, or blue and orange or apricot. Try an all-foliage container. Start with a showy focal point and then add

a different colored trailing plant placed near the edge of the container. Fill in with smaller plants in various colors and leaf textures.

The main tasks in summer are weeding and deadheading. Deadhead your rhododendrons when they have finished blooming. You can also shape and prune them at this time. If you need to reduce the plant in size, do so now because they will produce next year’s buds very soon. Feed with rhody/azalea fertilizer and finish with a mulch layer. Give them a nice drink of water, too.

Stake your delphiniums, peonies, lilies, hollyhocks and other tall perennials. Help your climbing clematis find its way up and around a trellis.

If you cut back and deadhead delphiniums, lupines, asters, columbine, phlox and other similar plants after the blooms have faded, they will reward you with a second flush in the fall. If a plant does not thrive, dig it up and change it rather than to keep trying with the same plant. Similarly, if a plant has not come up by June, put something else in its place of a similar size and habit.

### *Tips for good herbaceous borders:*

Plant a border with one-third of the plants scheduled to flower early in the season, and two-thirds for late summer. Plants that flower early, such as bulbs, aquilegias (columbines), lupines and poppies, perform for around three weeks, whereas plants flowering after midsummer — asters, salvias and dahlias — flower for much longer, providing more bang for your buck.

Don’t forget about foliage. The greens in a border are very important because there are so many different shades to complement flowers. Repeating plants throughout a long border creates cohesion, adding a sense of rhythm to your garden.

Last but not least, be on the lookout for Scotch broom. We don’t want any in Kala Point! It is an invasive and noxious weed and a detriment to the environment.

Enjoy the long hours of daylight and keep gardening! ♦



## Kala Point Pickleball

*Char Quandt*

Pickleball is the fastest growing sport in the United States. Kala Point just added 18 new players to its pickleball ranks! The sun was out both days and everyone had a great time, and new friendships among neighbors have begun.



Congratulations to our Pickleball Class of 2021 (pictured above, not in order): Ann Kirby, Carole Skolrud, David Green, Susan Barrington, Julie Arnstad, Kathleen Eakins, Scott Minor, Kathy Craig, Logan Bailor, Susan Bailor, Rhonda Ellis, Rick Smookler, Sigrid Cummings, Joe Datz, Vicky Datz, Linda Sather, Betsy Davis, and Stacy Cholvin.



A shout out and thank you to all the coaches and assistants (pictured above, not in order) who volunteered their time to put on this class: John Galanes, Kathy Thomas, Michael Machette, Kim Anderson, Colette Swan, Al Gerard, and Char Quandt.

We look forward to new friendships and fun on the courts with you all!

Pickle on! ♦

## Sharing the Good Life

*Hilary Newell*

This month's recipe was sent to me by **Chris Martell**. *Flower Drum Song Chicken* is a wonderfully basic recipe for an Asian-American dish. In the photo, you will see that I used the recipe as a base and amended it according to what I had on hand. It would work with any assortment of vegetables, as the cornstarch thickens the sauce. I subbed broccoli for the mushrooms, and yellow peppers for the green. I also added a squeeze of garlic paste at the same time as the pepper. It's quick, easy and very simple to put together.



### Flower Drum Song Chicken

4 whole boneless, skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch chunks

1 tablespoon cornstarch

1 tablespoon dry sherry

1 tablespoon soy sauce

2 tablespoons peanut oil

1/4 pound fresh mushrooms, chopped

1 green pepper, chopped into 1-inch pieces

1 heaping tablespoon hoisin sauce

Salt to taste (I used salted cashews, so I didn't add any extra salt)

1/3 cup cashews

Sprinkle cornstarch on chicken and toss until coated. Add sherry and soy and marinate for at least a half hour.

Heat oil until just faintly smoking. Add chicken and sauté until barely done. Add mushrooms and green pepper and sauté for about 45 seconds. Add hoisin, salt, and cashews. Toss until thoroughly mixed.

Serve immediately. ♦

## The Healing Power of Nature

Bob Hare

We are blessed to live immersed in the natural beauty of Kala Point and the Olympic Peninsula — it is this beauty that has drawn us to this special place. The stately presence of the ancient cedars, the ever-changing shoreline and sea, and the hovering of a hummingbird in your garden bring great joy and a sense of wholeness. The Japanese term for this healing power of nature is *shinrin-yoku*, “forest bathing.” Nature’s healing is indeed a kind of washing away of our usual sense of separation from nature, which is only skin deep. Carl Jung wrote that you get clean whenever you touch nature and that taking a walk in the woods or a bath in the sea washes away the dirt of too much civilization.

Our culture has taught us to experience nature as something “out there,” which completely ignores the fact that our bodies are physically, genetically, and ecologically inseparable from nature. The question is: are you *a part* of nature or *apart* from nature?

Nature heals us by getting us out of our head and into our senses and connected with all our wild relations. Our houses and cars are like a second skin boundary that can separate us from the experience of unity with nature. Opening the door to take a walk in the woods or on the beach is an invitation to heal body, mind, and soul by communing with the living spirit of nature, the *anima mundi*, the world soul. When your body, mind and soul speak as one, you see this living spirit everywhere and in everything. Nature invites you to such everyday epiphanies at every turn of the trail — but to see them, you must open your “eye of the heart” and quiet your restless mind. William Blake spoke to this when he wrote: “See a world in a grain of sand, and a heaven in a wildflower, hold infinity in the palm of

your hand, and eternity in an hour.”

Einstein said that our greatest ethical human challenge is to grow beyond the prison bars of the self-centered ego to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature. Experiencing the living spirit in all things is not just a personal revelation — it is also how we heal our world from the inside out. Thoreau was right when he declared, “In wildness is the preservation of the world.” Our self-destructive exploitation of the environment flows directly from the illusion that we are separate from nature. When we let nature nurture us, we heal our cultural alienation from nature, and then we can

nurture and heal the environment we depend on.

The healing message of nature is that *we are nature* — inside and out. On your next walk, open your senses and heart, quiet your thoughts, and let nature nurture you. As Laozi wrote: *Being a Child of the Universe, love the world as your very self.*

Editor’s note: Bob

further explores the healing power of nature in his two forthcoming books: *Following John Muir into Wild Yosemite* and *Wisdom for Unwise Times: Thirteen Insights Healing Self, Society, and Nature.* ♦



Lunch With the Guys (Spices) • Michael Machette

## Drowning Doesn't Look Like Drowning

*Shared by Dale Moses*

Dale Moses shared an [article by Mario Vittone](#) on drowning, excerpts of which are included here. He thought it was well worth reading, particularly with the number of kids and grandkids swimming in Kala Point's pool and beach.

The captain jumped from the deck, fully dressed, and sprinted through the water. A former lifeguard, he kept his eyes on his victim and headed straight for a couple who were swimming between their anchored sport fisher and the beach. "I think he thinks you're drowning," the husband said to his wife. They had been splashing each other, and she had screamed, but now they were just standing neck-deep on a sandbar.

"We're fine, what is he doing?" she asked, annoyed.

"We're fine!" the husband yelled, waving him off, but his captain kept swimming hard toward him.

"Move!" he barked as he sprinted between the stunned owners. Directly behind them, not 10 feet away, their 9-year-old daughter was drowning. Once the girl was safely above the surface in the arms of the captain, she burst into tears and screamed, "Daddy!"

How did this captain know — from 50 feet away — what the father couldn't recognize from just 10? Drowning is not the violent, splashing call for help that most people expect. The captain was trained to recognize drowning by experts and years of experience. The father, on the other hand, assumed he knew what drowning looks like because he watched television.

Drowning is almost always a deceptively quiet event. The waving, splashing, and yelling that dramatic conditioning (television) prepares us to look for is rarely seen in real life.

Francesco A. Pia, Ph.D., a former lifeguard, is the person who coined the term "instinctive drowning response." This is what people do to avoid actual or perceived suffocation in the water. When someone is drowning there is very little splashing, and no waving, yelling, or calling for help of any kind. In an article for the Coast Guard's [On Scene](#) magazine, Dr. Pia described the instinctive drowning response like this:

- Except in rare circumstances, drowning people are physiologically unable to call out for help. The respiratory system was designed for breathing. Speech is a secondary or overlaid function. Breathing must be fulfilled before speech occurs.
- The mouths of drowning people alternately sink



below and reappear above the surface of the water; they are not above the surface of the water long enough for the victims to exhale, inhale and call out for help. When the mouths are above the surface, they exhale and inhale quickly before sinking below the surface of the water

- Drowning people cannot wave for help. Nature instinctively forces them to extend their arms laterally and press down on the water's surface. Pressing down on the surface of the water permits drowning people to leverage their bodies so they can lift their mouths out of the water to breathe.
- Throughout the instinctive drowning response, drowning people cannot voluntarily control their arm movements. Physiologically, drowning people who are struggling on the surface of the water cannot stop drowning and perform voluntary movements such as waving for help, moving toward a rescuer or reaching out for rescue equipment.
- From beginning to end of the instinctive drowning response, the bodies of drowning people remain upright in the water, with no evidence of a supporting kick. Unless rescued by a trained lifeguard, these people can only struggle on the surface of the water from 20 to 60 seconds before submersion occurs.

### Visual cues to look for when trying to recognize a drowning person:

- Head tilted back with mouth open
- Head low in the water, with mouth at water level
- Eyes glassy and empty, unable to focus
- Eyes closed
- Hair over forehead or eyes
- Not using legs
- Hyperventilating or gasping
- Trying to swim in a particular direction but not making headway
- Trying to roll over onto the back
- Appears to be climbing an invisible ladder

Sometimes the most common indication that someone is drowning is that they don't look as if they're drowning. They may just look as if they are treading water. One way to be sure? Ask, "Are you alright?" If they can answer at all, they probably are. If they return a blank stare, you may have less than 30 seconds to get to them. And parents, children playing in the water make noise. When they get quiet, you need to get to them and find out why. ♦

## Get to Know Our Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

### Paul and Frances Loubere

*Saddletree Drive*

A decade ago, Paul and Frances returned to the Pacific Northwest after living elsewhere for more than 30 years. While their new home on Saddletree was being built, they traveled back and forth between DeKalb, Illinois, and Port Townsend.

The two were introduced to the Pacific Northwest in 1975 courtesy of Paul's doctoral program at Oregon State University. "And so began our life adventure together — a big one for me, moving far from family and to another culture," says Frances, who had just turned 22. "After visiting Paul's parents in western New York, we traveled by rail from Toronto to Vancouver, British Columbia, and then boarded a Greyhound bus south to Corvallis. We walked to find our apartment."

They fell in love with Oregon, but work took them to Illinois where they "lived, worked, and raised our family while dreaming about returning to the Pacific Northwest," says Frances.

As Frances' accent reveals, her origins lie across the pond. The two met in 1971 at the University of Keele in England, an hour north of Frances' home in Birmingham. Paul grew up in Williamsville, New York, the son of an English woman.

"We've often joked that my father was a geologist, and I married a geologist," says Frances. "Paul's mother was English, and he married an English woman."

They graduated and married four years later. Frances applied for a green card so she could work in the U.S., although she says she had "absolutely no idea" what she was going to do.

She ended up developing a career as a counselor and teacher at a small community college located amongst the cornfields of northern Illinois.

Paul taught and researched climate change

at Northern Illinois University. A geological oceanographer, his career occasionally took him away from the Midwest, spending time on ships in the Atlantic region extending into the Arctic. He also worked with archeologists in Peru at early civilization sites as part of an effort to understand how the tropical Pacific responds to climate change.

"I am privileged to have had experiences in many places in the world," says Paul. "I was raised in a

family that valued learning and openness to those experiences."

Despite missing Oregon, the Louberes grew to appreciate their Illinois home, enjoying "the rich, expansive Midwestern landscape complete with thunderstorms and fireflies," says Frances.

It was in Illinois that they raised three children, now in their 30s. "Nicholas, his wife Lali, and our grandchildren ages two and four, live in Lund, Sweden, where he is a professor," says Frances. "Our daughter Sophie is pursuing an MFA

in printmaking at UW Madison in Wisconsin, and our younger son, Alex, and his wife Kendra, are biologists in Arizona. We look forward to visiting — when we can travel safely again."

They bought a Kala Point lot in 2003, inspired by a visit years ago to Port Townsend. "Ocean, mountains, forests, history, culture, small community and yet access to Seattle, progressive politics, and sensible, temperate weather — plus the big bonus of virtually no mosquitoes," exclaims Frances. "What more could we ask for?"

When asked the secret to their long marriage, Frances confides, "We've always enjoyed each other's company and respected one another. Although we are very different personalities, we have core values, interests, and politics in common. For 10 years we



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## Get to Know Our Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

### Pam and Greg Marchand

*Brookhaven Place*

Pam and Greg talked about finding a vacation home for years, but the perfect place and house just seemed to elude them. After their daughter landed a job at Fort Worden in September, the location — Port Townsend — became clear. Their new home on Brookhaven Place came on the market in November.

“We knew it was special,” says Pam. “It felt right, and we made an offer two days after seeing it.”

The Marchands won't be living in the house full time until Greg retires in three or four years from his job as director of global benefits for Boeing. He has worked for Boeing for 25 years and still enjoys his job. “I particularly like being involved in local initiatives to improve health care quality,” says Greg.

In the meantime, Pam and Greg are mostly living in the Ballard house they've called home for the past 27 years. When they come to Kala Point, they bring their two cats Bella and Tessa, 10-year-old sisters.

“They travel back and forth with us from Seattle, which they don't love, but put up with reasonably well!” says Pam. “They enjoy looking out our windows at the birds and the deer,” adds Greg.

The Marchands both grew up in the Midwest and went to Hiram College in the Cleveland/Akron area.

“We met in college and the story is that I had a crush on Greg's best friend,” says Pam. “As I got to know Greg and his friends, it became clear that Greg was the real catch! We have been married for over 30 years and are still best friends.”

Greg studied economics and Pam earned a degree in international business. They continued on to American University in Washington, D.C., where they received master's degrees. Before becoming a stay-at-home mom to their three kids, Pam worked for Brooks Sports as an international operations manager for many years.

Anna — the reason why the Marchands ended up in Port Townsend — is 24, Will is 21, and Josh is 18. Will and Josh both attend Western Washington University in Bellingham; Will is studying physics and computer science, while Josh is leaning toward a degree in environmental science. Anna graduated with a degree in biology from University of Puget Sound, and has been accepted to the University of St. Andrews master's program in comparative psychology that will start in fall 2022.



It won't be Anna's first experience in Scotland or St. Andrews; she did a term there in 2018, resulting in one of the Marchands' most memorable trips.

“We also enjoyed summer vacations at Wapato Point on Lake Chelan for 19 years with our kids and Pam's extended family,” says Greg.

The Marchands also enjoy daily walks, gardening, tennis, reading, and home improvement projects. And since Greg

has been working at home since the pandemic, they've had more time to pursue such projects.

“I bought some new woodworking tools and am sharpening my skills with some projects at our new house,” says Greg. “I got out my sewing machine that had largely sat unused for years,” says Pam. “I started with a few face masks and made some new pillow covers. It's been fun to have some little sewing projects to fill my time.”

They are enjoying the process of getting settled into their new home and appreciate their partial view of the water. They are also liking their yard — much larger than the one they have in Ballard — with lots of trees and flowers, and Kala Point.

“We love how friendly everyone is here!” says Pam. “We also love being close to the water and close to Port Townsend. We are looking forward to taking advantage of the many wonderful amenities at Kala Point.” ♦

## Get to Know Our Neighbors *Continued*

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participated in a Friday night peace vigil on a street corner in DeKalb, Illinois. I think we recognized early on that we married very young (I wouldn't have wanted our kids to marry that young!), and so the key was to grow and explore together, not apart."



They enjoy doing many things as a couple, including spending time in the garden. "Each year we plant more daffodils," says Frances. "The garden grows — amazingly after a decade — and there are plenty of elves and fairies out there, too!"

They also like hiking mountain trails — "The views from Mt. Townsend and Lillian Ridge are unsurpassable. We will climb up there for as long as we are still able" — or just walking on the glorious Kala Point beach.

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**The garden grows — amazingly after a decade — and there are plenty of elves and fairies out there, too!**

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The Louberes are active at Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship where they've met many people committed to social and environmental justice. "Neither of us is religious or has belonged to a church," says Frances. "We have surprised ourselves — it's a great fit!"

As for individual pursuits, Frances enjoys writing, photography and creative vegetarian cooking. She

recalls a pivotal moment in her life during a camping trip in Spain when "the night sky was intense with summer perfume and cicada symphony." Frances' father pointed to the stars and told her that there were other suns many light years away. "I struggled to grasp the incredible vastness of it all," she says. "There is so much to wonder about. And we humans are capable of so much good, yet we screw up. How can we turn this around? Perhaps asking questions is my life philosophy!" She says she still seeks to understand, strives to keep an open mind, and will always wonder about the unknown.

Paul rides his bike, plays some pickleball and tennis, and builds furniture for their home. Forever the researcher, Paul has turned his attention to Kala Point's eroding bluffs, and to what he can learn about how they will respond to climate change, using data collected on land and at sea. Some of the data is collected with his friend Willy whose boat *The Laffing Lady* — aka the otter party boat — has been temporarily moored at Kala Point.

"My abilities may be diminishing with age," he says, "but I hope I can continue to learn and, in the process, continue improving as a person." ♦

### 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](https://www.kalapoia.org/).**

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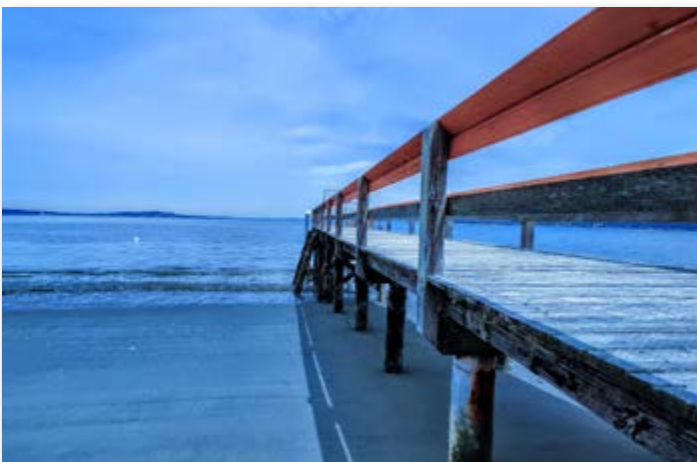
# Through the Lens



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# Through the Lens



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Father's Day  
Sunday, June 20**



# Committee Reports

## Architectural

*Meeting April 15 via Zoom*

**Project Summary:** (39) total: — (0) completed, (26) ongoing, (1) conditional, (1) variance, and (11) new

### Old Business:

- Lot #184: First deck extension plan rejected by County; new plan approved by County
- Lot #277: New construction completed; landscaping postponed until May
- Lot #4: Memorandum of Understanding clarifies cooperation with AC & Kala Lagoon HOA
- Lot #428: Grandfathered fence adjustment
- Lot #451: New build awaiting County building permit; neighbor letters sent
- Lot #79: New build awaiting County building permit; neighbor letters sent
- Lot #101: New build awaiting County building permit; neighbor letters sent
- Lot #41: New build awaiting County building permit; conditional issues

### New Business:

- Lot #42: Approved driveway repave, new rock wall and patio
- Lot #142: Approved variance to extend septic drain field into side and/or front setbacks
- Lot #185: Approved home repainting: Stone Walls body color and Light Granite trim color
- Lot #290: Approved to paint white trim on existing home
- Lot #165: Approved closing in deck for greenhouse; siding type and paint to match home
- Lot #186: Approved to replace front wooden landing with concrete
- Lot #340: Approved install of white pergola on patio behind house
- Lot #428: Conditional approval to install prefab storage shed
- Lot #454: Approved installation of child's playhouse in backyard for 2-3 years
- Lot #4001: Approved installation of heat pump under deck landing; shield with plants
- Lot #6006: Approved home repainting to match

recent addition, or all original color

- Lot #KT4: Approved replacing front decks and railings; County permit received
- Lot #339: Approved new home build, buried propane tank, shed and dog fence in backyard

### Future Projects:

- Lot #127: Future new home, now designing septic field; County permit mid-summer.
- Lot #123: Future new home build, has variance to place part of septic field in rear setback
- Lot #247: Future new home build; application expected in May

### Board of Director Motions:

None

## Elections

*Credentials/Voting Results Report  
Annual Membership Meeting, April 30, 2021*

Mr. President:

The Elections Trust, acting as your Credentials Representative for this meeting, has completed validating the list of the names of the Kala Point Owners' Association members who voted as of the 5 p.m. cutoff on Thursday, April 29, 2021.

Previous to the Special Membership Meeting, the Elections Trust had verified that 601 member units were eligible to vote (out of 601 total units).

A total of **304** votes were received, using Electronic Online Voting, prior to the meeting. This represents a voter turnout rate of **50.58%**; with only 20% (120) of eligible voters required for quorum purposes to hold this meeting, all requirements were easily met.

Mr. President, the vote count is as follows:

### Resolutions:

**2021-1**, Resolved that the KPOA Membership hereby adopts the following amendments to the **KPOA Bylaws Article V, Section 2 & Article VI, Section 1**.

Approval Requirements: Majority of Votes Cast

Passed:

Yes: 236 – **77.63%**

No: 68

Abstain: 0

**2021-2**, IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604, Excess of Income over Expense for Year Ending 2020 to be applied to the 2022 Assessments.

## Committee Reports *Continued*

Approval requirement: Majority of votes cast

Passed:

Yes: 294 – **96.71%**

No: 10

Abstain: 0

**2021-3**, Waiver of audit of the 2020 Financial Statements.

Approval requirement: 67% of votes cast

Passed:

Yes: 247 – **81.25%**

No: 57

Abstain: 0

On behalf of the Elections Committee, I move that this list be the official roll of voting members of this meeting.

Kim Titus, Chair, Elections Committee

### Emergency Preparedness

*Meeting May 6 via Zoom*

- Tribute was given to Anne Englander for her energy, hard work and dedication to the EPC. Thank you, Anne. The next chair will stand on the shoulders of a giant.
- Tom Clark graciously accepted the nomination as chair and was unanimously approved by the Committee. Thank you, Tom, for stepping into this important role. As of this writing, Tom Clark is meeting with members to solicit input into EPC website needs.
- There was an extensive discussion about the EPC website. Many of the EPC members expressed dismay that the website is essentially in suspension. Gary Obermeyer gave a very nice presentation on the work of the Ad Hoc Website Committee and asked that EPC provide input into its needs for the website. (As of May 13, the website is in maintenance mode pending the Ad Hoc Committee finishing its work. The Committee expects to submit its final report to the Board in the June meeting.)
- Mark Miller gave an update on COVID-19. Thanks, Mark.
- The EPC meets the first Thursday of the month. All KPOA members are welcome to attend and participate in any of its functions, including serving as Block Captains, or being part of the First Aid, Communications or Pet Support teams.

### Grounds

*Meeting May 4 via Zoom.*

All members were present.

#### The agenda mostly addressed old business:

- **Little Lending Libraries** — there are currently three LLLs: Pincrest, Trafalgar, and near the Main Gate. A fourth LLL will soon be installed at the Sailview mail station. There is a committee consensus that reactions and comments from the community have been 100% positive.
- **Kala Natives Work Group** will be shifting from its focus on the removal of blackberry vines and root balls (while the maintenance crew is understaffed) to work on weeding the playground. This will reduce the need for herbicide treatments.
- **Pedestrian Safety Committee** has completed its work. Frances Loubere (who serves on both Grounds and Pedestrian Safety) gave a summary of the recommendations that will be going to the May Board meeting.
- **APP Revisions** – Chair Stan Cummings presented the second iteration of revisions to [Article VIII](#). Motions for minor edits were approved, primarily related to the maintenance of unimproved lots. Article VII.5 now states: “Unimproved lots may remain in its natural state except if noxious weeds or dead trees become a hazard to the community.”

#### New Business included:

- **A New Little Lending Library** — unanimous approval for a fifth LLL to be built by Paul Loubere and located at the mail station on Foxfield Drive. Linda Godfrey will serve as librarian.
- **New Case Averted** — a complaint was filed with the general manager about a vacant lot being prepared for a new construction that resulted in piles of old pipes and dead bushes. The owner responded promptly with plans to get the site cleaned up; it’s unlikely that formal action by the Grounds Committee will be necessary.

#### Announcements:

Geoff Genther is submitting an article to the *Kala Pointer* with tips on safe use of fire pits and BBQs as we all look forward to spending more time outdoors.

[\[See page 5 To Burn or Not to Burn\]](#)

## Committees *Continued*

Next Grounds Committee meeting is Monday, June 1, at 9 a.m. Send questions and suggestions to Stan Cummings, [stan\\_cummings@hotmail.com](mailto:stan_cummings@hotmail.com).

### Internal Control

*Meeting April 21 via Zoom*

#### Expense Reviews:

January completed on March 31, 2021; February completed on April 14, 2021.

#### New Business:

- Discussed setting up Expense Reviews for March
- Discussed when annual Asset/Inventory Review can be scheduled by GM
- Discussed why bank card signature reviews depend on Special Membership Meeting “Vote” Outcome

#### Board of Director Motions:

None

### Publications

*Meeting May 3 via Zoom*

- Updated on website ad hoc committee progress
- Discussed possible June issue lineup
- Deadline for July issue is June 19

Next meeting is on June 7 at 3:30 via Zoom:

[zoom.us/j/5035396285](https://zoom.us/j/5035396285). ♦

### Baycliff Paving Project Update

KPOA Members,

We have scheduled Tuesday, June 1, to complete the paving project on Baycliff Drive. The weather looks great with no further delays expected. The project will begin at 7:30 a.m. and will continue through the early afternoon. If you have appointments scheduled, you may park your vehicles on any sideroad in close proximity to your residence.

Lakeside Industries has notified Murry Disposal to assure that your garbage will be picked up that day.

If you have any questions regarding this project, please give me call at 360.385.0814.

Thank you, Keith Larson, General Manager ♦



*New Fawn • Mike Burk*

### Fawn Facts

Mother deer know that their presence near their babies alerts predators to the fawns' existence, which puts them at risk. In order to keep her young safe, a doe will leave her fawn in a secluded area, often for as long as 12 hours, distracting predators away from her baby while she forages for food.

Fawns' camouflage, their lack of scent, and their ability to stay still keep them safe from predators while their mother is away. When approached by a perceived predator (humans, pets or wildlife) a fawn's instinctual response is to lay very low and not move at all. People often mistake this defensive behavior for injury, weakness or illness, but in fact it is healthy behavior for a fawn. ♦

## 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.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Closed weekends and major holidays ♦

## Kala Natives Update

*Leslie Weertman*

Kala Natives is a volunteer work party under the auspices of the KPOA Grounds Committee. We meet every Friday morning from 9–10 a.m. Currently we are continuing our work off Sailview Drive and the Lagoon Trail to the beach. The Himalayan blackberry has been the primary focus for our invasive plant removal efforts.



We began in November 2020 and our volunteer hours now add up to well over 100 given the number of folks and work party longevity. The work is beginning to make a visible difference, too. Along the Lagoon Trail, one can see new growth on a large red huckleberry bush uncovered this winter, as well as a beautiful trillium uncovered a few weeks ago by Katharine Donnelly. Katharine and her husband Steve are showing who is boss over those blackberry canes in the upper right photo. We are doing this work so native plants can flourish here at our unique Kala Point.

Recently our work party pulled out weeds from the



playground so the association would have no reason to use a herbicide. This volunteer effort inspired ordering more engineered washed cedar play chips, which will both suppress weeds and cushion falls from a swing with less itching and splinters than regular wood chips. Shown in the photo to the left are Frances Loubere and Alison Ebbott hard at work weeding despite the rainy day. That said, we do cancel for miserable cold or rainy weather, or if there are high winds because of the risk of a tree falling.



We keep an email list and send a reminder on Thursdays. If you're interested, send us an email and we will add you to the reminder email for the party on Friday mornings, from 9–10 a.m. We keep a timer and end promptly — we are volunteers after all.

Please consider volunteering. Suit up against the thorns and bring your clippers. Or bring your weeding bench if pulling invasive grass is more your pace. Invasive grasses grow below the native blackberry and thimbleberry where it can't be reached with a weed whacker or mower. Unless pulled out, the grass will grow tall, go to seed, and spread more grass that will choke out the native plants.

Some might dismiss our work because it never ends; indeed we may only win a battle, but not the war. However, it is the journey, not the destination, and removing invasive plants with friends can be both exercise and rewarding. Send us an email if you are interested: [drlesliemiller@mac.com](mailto:drlesliemiller@mac.com) ♦

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