

Kala Pointer

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At the Helm of SS Kala Point

Scott Rovanner, Board President

On July 13, Kala Point received the sad news that Stan Cummings died from injuries sustained on a bike ride with his wife, Sigrid. It was supposed to be a bike ride into Port Townsend for lunch the day after the 4th of July. Instead, it became a human tragedy of being in the wrong place at the wrong time, a freak “vehicle-on-bike” accident that sent Stan into the last chapter of his life. And in Stan’s final farewell, he decided it was his time to “go fishing...”

I met Stan and Sigrid at a Grounds Committee meeting in early 2019. Stan attended the meeting for only one reason: to see if he could get the commercially unappealing “Northwest Towing” signs removed from Kala Point. I told him that the best way to affect changes within our homeowners association is to work from within; that is, at the committee level. Stan noted that there were no specifications for signage outlined in the Grounds Committee APPs. So, he decided to write a complete set of specs for the Grounds Committee to review. After a few committee reviews, the Board signed off on the revised APPs and the General Manager purchased brand-new, Kala Point-friendly signage for the community. Stan was so satisfied with the outcome that he decided to join the Grounds Committee and eventually became the chairperson.

This was just Stan doing what Stan does — finding a solution for a problem that most people didn’t think was

solvable. Stan was a visionary, but just as important, he was able to convince others that the vision was achievable. His leadership on the Grounds Committee was remarkable because he put Kala Point and its members front and center. On behalf of the Board of Directors, we will forever remember his good deeds and insatiable spirit for service.

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On a brighter note, it is wonderful to have Felice Thompson back in the KPOA Admin Office. Felice took a nasty fall a few months ago, breaking a leg and a wrist. Despite her lengthy healing process, she helped Antoinette learn the ropes of KPOA as a new administrative assistant and provide virtual support for Keith Larson while recovering at home. She was also instrumental in providing critical suggestions to the Website

Advisory Committee during their design phase of our new website.

We are also fortunate to hire Kristen as one of our new Clubhouse attendants. Kristen was splitting her vocational time between Jefferson Healthcare and KPOA but decided that Kala Point was the happier place to work. With Summer and Kristen greeting our members and guests to the clubhouse and pool, our maintenance team of Shane and Raymond catching up on their grounds tasks, and the admin office back to full strength, it is great to be fully staffed for the first time in 2021. ♦

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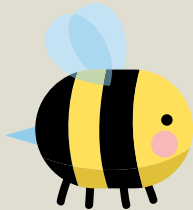
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What's Happening with the Board?

[Gary Obermeyer](#), KPOA Board Secretary

The July 13 KPOA Board meeting was conducted in hybrid mode, with most of the board seated in the Clubhouse; Secretary Gary Obermeyer and CFO Donna Colwell participated via Zoom. Nine KPOA members were present in the meeting room, and six members attended via Zoom.

Member comments at the beginning of the meeting were primarily focused on the PUD in anticipation of a PUD-hosted Zoom hearing scheduled for the following day (subsequently postponed to Friday, July 23, as a face-to-face meeting in the Clubhouse). The Board heard concerns about aging and deteriorating underground cables that have been in place far longer than their expected life time. Frequent power outages have become more than an inconvenience for those who depend on certain medical devices. It was pointed out that in such cases, loss of power can be life-threatening.

The meeting agenda was approved with items in the Consent Calendar regarding the dates/times/locations related to the budget and annual meeting:

- **2022 budget presentation** will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 1 p.m.
- **Date of record for the annual meeting** is October 15, 2021, (when eligibility for voting on budget, resolutions and Board candidates is established)
- **The Annual Meeting and Budget Ratification** will be held December 14, 2021, (same day as the close of online voting)
- **Annual Meeting Materials and Voting Instructions** will be mailed Monday, November 22

The General Manager's report generated discussion about planned improvements to make Kala Point trails safer, and the pending approval of permits from the county and state allowing weekly removal of sand from the boat ramp (the full GM report is accessible on the [website under the Members tab](#)).

Director Dan Nordlund reported on an unusually high number of emails sent to the Board (an average of one/day between the June and July board meetings) on a range of topics, including: the clubhouse, the pool, the boat ramp, pedestrian safety, home address updates, the open board seat, the fire threat level, and the PUD issue (mentioned above).

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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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CFO Donna Colwell reported on budget requests submitted to the Finance Committee. Six of the 12 committees are not requesting funding. The remaining committees have requested a total of \$12,633, so far, with EPC and Tree committees still refining their budget requests. The Board will review the full list of committee requests at the August 10 meeting.

In an unanimous yes vote, the Board authorized the General Manager to send a request for proposals (RFP) to a list of experienced/qualified WordPress website builders identified by the Website Advisory Committee (WAC), seeking bids in response to a scope-of-work (SOW) also developed by the WAC. If all goes according to plan, the WAC will present a recommendation to the Board at the August 10 meeting, advising on the contractor who can best meet KPOA needs/requirements at a reasonable cost. And, if approved, we will have a new, more intuitive, and greatly improved KPOA website up and running some time this fall.

The Grounds Committee submitted a substantial rewrite of their policies and procedures (**Article VIII**) for Board approval, designed to provide more flexibility and user-friendly approach to the rules relating to Common Areas. Sadly, this represents the final gift of the late Stan Cummings who served as chair of the recently revived Grounds Committee, and who skillfully facilitated the rewrite of Article VIII. The Board opted to delay a vote on the proposed language in order to provide an opportunity for KPOA members to review and comment on the proposed changes. **Read the text here.**

A request for the installation of a memorial bench at the beach was submitted by the son of deceased KPOA timeshare owners. The Board denied the request, reaffirmed the current limit of three benches, determined to end the practice of placing memorials anywhere in Kala Point, and is assuming ownership and maintenance of the beach benches.

The KPOA Board filled the vacancy left by the resignation of Tom Gillespie. Four KPOA members (Susan Headley, Geoff Genter, Pat Miles, and Mark Lannon) volunteered to serve for the remaining five months of Tom's term (August-December). Each volunteer was invited to explain their reasons for serving. After a brief executive session, the Board voted in open session to appoint Mark Lannon to fill the five-month vacancy. Director Dan Kimball reminded all four candidates that there will be an election to fill three open

seats in December.

The final item on the agenda was an update from Dale Moses about efforts to create a KPOA Foundation. So far, only one KPOA member has responded to a Kala Pointer article calling for KPOA members interested in serving as Trustee. Director Moses has not given up, and will submit an additional article (**see page 15**). ♦

**Our Newest Board Member**

Mark Lannon

Jane and I moved to Kala Point two and a half years ago. We were instantly attracted to this forested community on Port Townsend Bay with its custom homes, clean paved roads, and common areas.



This photo was taken at one of our favorite spots in town: Howell's Sandwich Company.

My vision is to continue the tradition of protecting and enhancing this treasure for the enjoyment of its members and guests. As a board member, I will be working with many good Kala Point volunteers and staff already hard at work to make our home the best it can be. ♦

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See our letter to the editor policy!**

Letter To The Editor Policy

Looking for a Few Good Women and Men!

Kim Titus, Elections Committee Chair

Whether you're new to Kala Point or have lived in our beautiful community for a while, *now* is *your* time to step up and choose to make a difference! The KPOA Board of Directors has a few slots open for those of you who want to ensure that the community we help create is the community we deserve. Here is *your* opportunity to apply to become a member of our governing body, the Board of Directors! The more diverse our board becomes, the stronger it will be.

If you:

- Have toyed with the idea of serving on the Board but needed a “push”
- Have ever thought, “I should do this”
- Have the passion to ensure that our community keeps thriving
- Want to effect positive change
- Are uplifted by volunteer service
- Are inspired by meeting and solving challenges

...then, we need you. Prior Board service experience is not necessary and applying is easy. Just submit your letter of intent by either dropping it off at the KPOA Administrative office or emailing it directly to our **General Manager, Keith Larson**. If you want a sample intent letter, let Elections Committee member Rita Hopkins know and she will email one to you. She can be reached at 213.505.2006 or at ritathopkins@earthlink.net.

The deadline for your submission, to ensure that it makes it on the ballot, is September 15, 2021. KPOA policies and procedures set a goal of having two candidates for each open seat.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact **current board members** or the **Elections Committee Chair, Kim Titus**, to help answer any questions.

Can we count on you to take this important step and throw your hat in the ring? Your voice is valued and one of the most effective ways to make it heard is from your seat on the Board of Directors!

Thank you,

Kala Point Elections Committee ♦



Newcomer's “Welcome to the Hood” Happy Hour

Sponsored by Social Plus

COVID really put the kibosh on Kala Point Social Plus hosting a Newcomer's event at the KP Clubhouse. Our last event was in May 2019, and we have certainly had many new residents move into the neighborhood since that time. COVID kept us all from reaching out to welcome you all!

We would love to invite all residents to come out and welcome all the newbies and reconnect with all the neighbors. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet one another and to welcome you all to this wonderful community we are all blessed to call home!

**Saturday, September 25
5 p.m. at the Kala Point Clubhouse**

**Please bring an appetizer to share
and your choice of beverage.**

We hope you will all plan to attend!

*Char Quandt, Diana Zinn & Patti Biazzo
Social Plus Tri-chairs ♦*

What Is Special About Honey Bees?



80% of the pollination of the fruits, vegetables and seed crops in the U.S. is accomplished by honeybees.



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Bees have to fly over 55,000 miles to make one pound of honey. ♦

OLYMPIC MUSIC FESTIVAL

THE 2021 SUMMER SEASON

Olympic Music Festival Announces Its 2021 Season

The Olympic Music Festival is planning a combination of live and virtual events for 2021, according to OMF Artistic Director and pianist Julio Elizalde. The virtual portion will be hosted in Kala Point with the return of the “OMF House.” When the pandemic caused havoc in 2020 for any possibility of a live season, OMF Directors Scott Rovanner and Tracy

Wirta offered their home to be used as a rehearsal and recording studio.



Affectionately known as the “OMF House,” Julio took up residence in their west wing bedroom and recreated a concert experience virtually using high-end audio-video equipment and expert editing, allowing the chamber music artists to perform for their patrons via YouTube.

Since the Olympic Music Festival was not able to host their ever-popular Fellowship Program last year, Scott and Tracy volunteered their home this August so that the fellows could rehearse with their mentors in COVID-safe surroundings. The Fellowship Program is designed to educate aspiring artists on how to manage their careers through the sage advice of their mentors — professional artists who have climbed those very steps when they emerged onto the classical music scene.

To give the fellows a chance to play in front of a live audience, the OMF house will host special donor concerts, by invitation and proof of vaccination only, on August 14, 15 and 22. To make this happen, Scott and Tracy are going to squeeze the four fellows and their instruments, their mentors, the 10 donor patrons, the OMF Artistic Director, and a nine-foot grand piano into their 475-square-foot great room! After the performance, a “meet and greet” reception will be held

on their back deck so that the donors may have a chance to talk to these aspiring artists. A special piano concert will be hosted at the OMF House on September 4 when Julio and Robert MacDonald, the legendary piano professor from Juilliard School, combine to play a Piano Extravaganza. Julio was Bob’s student while attending Juilliard, so this will be a special opportunity for these two master pianists.

But the centerpiece for the 2021 OMF season will

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OMF Managing Director Emilie Baker

be the return of the genre-smashing musicians from GardenMusic on Sunday, August 29, at Littlefield Green, Fort Worden. Tickets are on sale on the OMF website for this one-day performance. Anchored by Teddy Abrams, the acclaimed conductor, pianist, clarinetist and music director for the Louisville Orchestra, GardenMusic is an audience favorite. Julio noted that, “GardenMusic is a group of classically trained, boundary-breaking musicians who use their creative and improvisational

talents to craft programs spanning musical genres— from classical to contemporary, opera to jazz, bluegrass to klezmer, and more.”

“At this moment, keeping the music alive is something we can do to support our community, as well as the artists who have made our festival so special,” says OMF Managing Director Emilie Baker. This July, the Olympic Music Festival reached its goal of raising \$50,000 in donations, which enabled it to set the 2021 concert season in motion. Continuing donations over the summer are vital to sustain the festival. Complete donation information and a full 2021 concert schedule can be found on the OMF website at olympicmusicfestival.org/ or by calling the OMF office at 360.385.9699. ♦

Kala Cares: In Memory of Stan Cummings



Kala Point resident Stanley Cummings died July 13 of injuries sustained in a July 5 bicycle accident. He lived long enough to see his daughters and hear the messages of so many who loved and admired him. His loving wife, Sigrid, was at his side.

Stan's passing is a great loss to our community. In the [August President's Message](#), Scott Rovanner relates how he met Stan and Sigrid during their campaign for an updated KPOA signage policy. They were concerned about the proliferation of signs and had called for friendlier messaging and attention to aesthetics. Both friendliness and aesthetics were prime motivation for Stan's volunteer work on behalf of Kala Point — that, and his background as a scientist and seeker of knowledge.

It was Stan's interest in biological systems that drew him to the Tree Committee. He wanted to know more about the trees native to this area and the KPOA rules that protect them. It was as Chair of the Grounds Committee that he had a significant impact on how KPOA rules are enforced. He always wanted to begin with conversation then seek collaborative solutions to sustain the aesthetics of our community. Stan's final gift to KPOA was the skillful facilitation of a rewrite of the policies and procedures that govern the work of the Grounds Committee (on the August Board agenda).



Stan and Sigrid moved to Kala Point in 2007. They had not considered buying into an HOA but that changed when they discovered that the limited number of homes available within their price range in Port Townsend were mostly fixer-uppers. Stan appreciated

the amenities of Kala Point; especially the beach, the state park, and a place to park their RV. He loved being outdoors and active: camping, bike-riding, fishing, and crabbing in his classic Old Town canoe. In fact, the morning of the fateful bike accident he and Sigrid brought in three crabs.

Stan's professional career included leading various nonprofit organizations, mostly focused on the education of young people through engaging, hands-on, experiential programs. They included The Yosemite Institute (now NatureBridge), the Ocean Institute in Dana Point, CA, and the Northwest Maritime Center here in Port Townsend.



Stan was a lifelong Unitarian Universalist, he grew up at All Souls Unitarian Church in Greenfield, MA — an experience that inspired a lifelong search for meaning and purpose. He has reflected on his search in a series of talks presented at different times through the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (QUUF) Adult Learning Program (ALPS) and on cruise ships that have taken him and Sigrid around the world.

After retirement, in 2010, Stan spent a good deal of time doing volunteer work for QUUF: guest-speaking, setting up his cider press for church events, and assisting with fund-raising for a columbarium. Stan had just been elected to the QUUF Endowments Committee.

Stan was very much a family man (pictured above with his two daughters and their families). Known as "Bumpa" to his grandkids, he and Sigrid made frequent trips in their RV for family visits and hosted many gatherings in their Kala Point home.

Stan put his life in perspective: "I believe that character is all. How you and I behave toward others is all that we really care about."

Gifts in memory of Stan Cummings will support the Northwest Maritime Center's full slate of youth maritime programs. [Please go to nwmaritime.org](https://www.nwmaritime.org). ♦

Little Lending Library Update

Little Lending Library #5 Open

Michael Machette

We didn't want you to miss the piece at the top of the Foxfield Little Lending Library (LLL#5). ♦



Little Lending Library #6 Now Open

Michael Machette

At noon on Saturday, July 31, Kala Point's sixth LLL opened at the Kala Heights Drive mail station. This one, built by Michael Machette and Bob Eggleston, has a recycle/renew theme.



It uses about 40 license plates for the roof and interior, recycled wood for the body and door frames, and Covid plexiglass screens for the windows (donated by Carl's Building supplies). The license plates are from KP community members and include 12 states, Guam, and Bahrain. Sue Stanton "artist extraordinaire" burned and painted the intricate climbing vine design. Former teacher and Fairbreeze resident, Rebecca Carroll will be the librarian. Joe Wallace is leading the effort to round up an interesting collection of library books. Stop by and check it and a book out. ♦



A close-up of Sue Stanton's artwork on LLL#6.



Around the Neighborhood



Kind of makes you wonder which really came first.



Some clever tenants in our paper boxes.



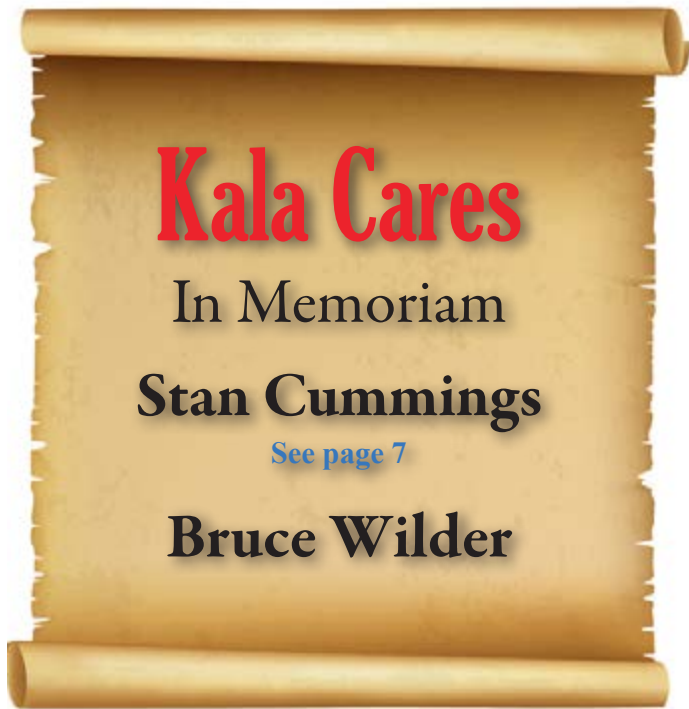
Raymond starting the upgrade work on our Kala Point forest trails.



Alan Girard and Charlie Hicks check out Dick Zinn's new pizza oven.



Slow! Because there are kids... and dogs, at play.



Lunch Visitor

Tina, Wayne, & Lucy Chang

On July 4, we had a visitor to our back deck during lunch...actually, the visitor decided to stop and bask in the sun in my daughter's lunch bowl. It flew between my daughter and husband and deliberately landed in the bowl! It chilled out for a few minutes and let me take a gazillion pictures. My husband eventually used the spoon to pick it up from underneath, at which time it flew away.



We are really enjoying the wildlife sightings around Kala Point, although I always kick myself for forgetting to bring a camera when out and about.

Thank you for publishing the *Kala Pointer* every month. We are enjoying reading them. ♦

Insurance Increase Shock?

Gail White

Large increase in your homeowners or car insurance recently? Welcome to the club! A new rule took effect this June.

On March 22, 2021, the Office of the Insurance Commissioner for the State of Washington issued a three-year ruling:

“Temporarily prohibiting the use of credit history to determine premiums and eligibility for coverage in private automobile, homeowners, and renter’s insurance products.”

This went into effect in June. Every company that sells insurance in this state has chosen to raise their rates, some a little, some a lot, to ensure that their bottom line does not fall. [Here is the information.](#)

It sounds good in theory, but the insurance companies are using it, as they say, to level the playing field, in their favor. If you have a good credit score, your premium goes up because the score is not considered; if not so good, I am guessing it will go up even more.

Ours went up by \$408 and I was told by our agent that he had clients who had an increase of more than \$1,000 in King County. [Check out this Forbes article.](#)

It is easy for the consumer to contact the OIC; there is a [form to file a complaint](#). ♦

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Sharing the Good Life *Hilary Newell*

The Best Zucchini Bread

Prep 15 minutes • 1-1.5 hours cook time

This month's recipe is from Patti Biazzo. She writes, "Growing up in Minnesota when we always had a big garden way back in the day, what do you do with this much zucchini besides stir-frying vegetables or grilling? Hmm, zucchini bread! That sounds weird, I'm not touching that stuff, it's too healthy."

It is in fact, very delicious. Try this recipe and you might also look up zucchini bread cookies. You can add nuts, chocolate chips, even dried fruit? Why not? This is *your* recipe!



2 cups flour
 ¾ teaspoon baking powder
 ¾ teaspoon baking soda
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 cup brown sugar
 ½ cup granulated sugar
 1 heaping teaspoon of cinnamon
 2 eggs
 ¾ vegetable oil (or canola)
 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
 2½ cups zucchini, shredded
 (about 1.5–2 small zucchinis)

Add in options: 1-1.5 cups frozen blackberries or blueberries, any kind of nuts, make it your own). Also, a tip: by keeping the berries frozen, it doesn't turn the batter blue.

Preheat oven to 350. Spray one large 8½ x 4½ or two smaller pans.

In a large bowl, combine all the dry ingredients. Add the eggs, oil, and vanilla. Stir to combine, then add in shredded zucchini, a bit at a time with a spoon until mixed well. Batter will be thick. Bake until browned and a toothpick comes out clean: 60-70 minutes.

Cool on a rack, remove from the pan and serve! ♦

Red Wine Sangria

Mike Burk

Best to chill ahead for 24 hours, but if need be, 24 minutes can work too.

This is from a Bobby Flay recipe that we saw on one of his barbecue shows. It's our favorite, perfect any time of year and especially now as we're getting together again. This could be perfect at a Kala Point street party (hint).

2 bottles red table wine. (Spanish is nice, but I've even made this with that 1.5 L bottle of Costco Cabernet)

1 cup brandy

½ cup triple sec

1 cup orange juice

1 cup pomegranate juice

½ cup simple syrup* or more to taste



Garnish: orange slices, apple slices, blackberries, pomegranate seeds. Take this part seriously, it really adds to the sparkle.

Mix all ingredients together and let stand in a tightly sealed container or pitcher for at least 24 hours in the refrigerator before serving. You can serve this in a wine glass or on the rocks (our favorite, it tones it down).

*Simple syrup: Equal parts sugar and water, heated until sugar dissolves. Make sure it's cool before use. ♦

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 and cocktail recipes to:
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Get to Know Our Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

Fred and Cindy Flanzer

Oak Shore Drive

It's fair to say that Fred and Cindy have lived in a lot of places in the past four decades. When they pause to calculate how many times they've packed up and changed addresses, the total comes to 19 moves in 14 different cities.

"We miss a little something about each place we called home," says Fred, who is originally from Pennsylvania; wife Cindy hails from Tennessee.

"Whether it was crabs on the Chesapeake, the thriving music scene in Nashville, the lifelong friends we made in Phoenix, the coastline in Marin, the sensory overload of New York... we always found something special to carry with us."

They moved to Port Townsend from Bainbridge Island where they lived for just a year. While they loved Bainbridge — "the ability to access the city yet live in tranquility was amazing!" — they were drawn to PT

by the lure of family. Like several neighbors who have been featured in the past few issues of the *Kala Pointer*, the Flanzers can blame their move to Port Townsend on a daughter: in this case, Natalie.

Natalie, her husband Tyler, and their son Ellis (now five) moved here in 2017 from Phoenix in search of a cooler, calmer environment. Tyler's family lives in Portland, which led them initially to focus on the Northwest. They rented a car after flying into Seattle and started driving on a journey that Fred describes as "storybook-like."

"When they reached PT, they declared that this would be their new home," says Cindy. Natalie, who is the director of marketing for Fort Worden, and Tyler have grown their family with the addition of son Beckett, now two.

"We love hanging out with our grandkids," says Fred. "They bring us immense joy, and that's why we are here."

Before Bainbridge, Fred and Cindy lived in Seattle

for a short time where Fred worked as a programming director for radio station 94.1 The Sound. Fred, who is known professionally as Smokey Rivers, was recruited by The Sound while programming a group of radio stations in Tucson. When he accepted the job, he moved to Seattle in mid 2018 while Cindy stayed behind to run the breakfast/lunch restaurant they owned and operated in Phoenix. After they sold the restaurant, Cindy was able to join Fred later that year. In 2020, Fred unfortunately lost his job during a COVID cutback after

three months of working remotely.

"The decision to either return to Phoenix or stay near the Washington branch of our family was on the table," says Fred of that time. "We logged onto Zillow, saw this cute little fixer-upper in Kala Point, made arrangements for a tour the next day, and consummated the deal by sunset." They moved here in May 2020 along with Nolan, their 14-year-old terrier mix.

"He's still fairly spunky for his age," says Cindy. "Being from Arizona, Nolan loves finding warm sunny spots to lay in. On cloudy days, he parks himself in front of the wall heater."

The two have enjoyed transforming their Oak Shore house into their "forever home." They admit that they enjoy remodeling, and how it keeps them busy. "Cindy has made over so many homes that she should be an interior decorator," says Fred.

Given Cindy's skills with colors, textures and design, it's unsurprising to learn that she has a degree in fashion merchandising and was able to enjoy a career that began with retailing for JC Penney and ended with manufacturing and marketing with Phillips Van Heusen. "I loved it," says Cindy; she cannot say the same about the restaurant industry.

Fred's career in radio broadcasting — a complete departure from his political science education — began



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Get to Know Our Neighbors

Mark and Jani Weller

Fairbreeze Drive

Mark and Jani have a thing for small towns at the end of the road. Before moving to Port Townsend, they lived in Delta Junction, Alaska, population 931, located at the end of the Alaska Highway and surrounded by three mountain ranges.

“We went for a two-year adventure and stayed for 32 years,” says Jani.

The Wellers carved out their homestead from 12 acres of Alaskan wilderness, an undertaking that began with them knowing nothing about building. With a little help from their friends and a few contractors, their 28-by-32-foot dry cabin with solar power and an outhouse was eventually transformed into a 2,300-square-foot log home.

The two met in 1978 in Monmouth, Oregon, where Mark earned his master’s degree from Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon State University) in learning disabilities. On their home to watch a Friday night movie on TV, Jani and her friend ran into their friend Clark. They invited him to join them, but Clark declined, saying he’d already invited over his friend Mark, who was making chocolate chip cookies. “We told him to bring Mark and the cookies!” says Jani.

During that fateful evening, Jani mentioned that she was leaving early the next morning to drive to LA to visit her parents. Mark replied that he had a test the next day and was worried that he wouldn’t hear his alarm. “He asked if I could stop by and make sure he was up,” says Jani. “What a unique pickup line!”

To thank Jani, Mark invited her to breakfast where they discovered a connection. “When I got to LA and met up with old school friends, I told them that I’d met the man I thought I was going to marry!” Mark, meanwhile, told Clark, “That girl’s trouble for me!”

They married in 1980. “I say that I married him

because he made the best chocolate chip cookies I’d ever had,” says Jani. “And I say I married her because she had a toolbox with her name on it,” replies Mark. After settling in Alaska, Mark became a special education teacher for Delta Greely School District, eventually working with all ages. “I found the kids to be exciting and liked guiding them and helping them learn,” says Mark. He still stays connected with some of his students.



Jani worked for the State of Alaska as the only public health nurse in the 50-mile radius around Delta Junction, a job she found interesting as well as challenging. “I really loved the connection with the families and the community in the work that I did with child health, school health, teens and pregnancy prevention and healthy choices, women’s health and childbirth classes, and communicable disease and disaster preparedness,” says Jani.

In 1985, the two headed to Tahiti to make an important decision: whether or not to have kids. While pondering their choice, they fell in love with the South Pacific. They returned to Tahiti a year later pregnant with their first daughter.

Two more daughters followed, and life became busy with hiking, camping, fishing, and Mark coaching girls’ softball for many years. All three girls learned to ski at age two.

Not surprisingly, Mark and Jani’s daughters — Celyse, 34; Kayla, 32; and Breana, 30 — also have hearts for adventure. After getting her master’s degree in international development from Denver University, Celyse spent two years with Peace Corps in Ukraine, then six years working for the United Nations in Ukraine, South Sudan and Yemen. Kayla has a degree in geology and works for USGS as a hydrogeologist, a job that takes her to very remote sites in Alaska to monitor water flow and quality. Breana has a degree in biology

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as on-air talent before progressing to programming. He continues to dabble in the industry and narrate audiobooks. "I have been a radio junkie since I was three," he says.

Fred and Cindy met at a dance club in Nashville back in the disco days. "Cindy was there with friends from work, and I was there emceeing a club promotion," recalls Fred. "I provoked her (and that is truly the right word) into having a cocktail and a dance. We dated casually for a while, which bloomed into our 40-year marriage."



Besides Natalie, the Flanzers also have a son, Jason, who lives in Phoenix. His day job is working for Yelp!, but his true passion lies elsewhere. "He was ranked among the world's top players of the strategy game 'War Machine,'" shares Fred.

As for Cindy's and Fred's passions, they have a mutual affection for preparing and consuming great food. Fred says he also golfs and loves music in its many forms. They also enjoy traveling (mostly domestically to allow them to spend time with friends and family), exploring Port Townsend (Cindy likes tooling around Downtown/Uptown, and Fred values having a front row beachfront seat at the Pourhouse), and settling into their new Kala Point home.

"We are big fans of coexisting with deer and raccoon and we hope they feel the same way about us," says Cindy. "Beach access is a big plus."

While the Flanzers wisely have not been very social during COVID, they truly value the acquaintances they've made. "At this moment in time, we feel safe and secure largely because of our environment and the respect that our neighbors demonstrate for each other," says Fred. "As relative newbies, it's comforting to be a Kala Pointer." ♦

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and wants to eventually get a teaching certificate to be a high school science teacher. In the meantime, she works for an engineering company and manages roadwork projects to ensure contractors adhere to environmental regulations. All three girls are very close, and until COVID, took a yearly trip together, most recently to Spain and Morocco. They all live within 15 minutes' walking distance of one another in Anchorage.



Daughters Celyse, Kayla, and Breana with their Sahara Desert guide.

On April 15, daughter Kayla and her husband Aaron welcomed a son. Landon Hayes, Mark and Jani's first grandchild, was delivered 11 weeks premature at 1 pound, 12 ounces, but is steadily gaining weight in the newborn intensive care unit.

After their daughters were off in college or working, the Wellers realized that they wanted a new adventure for their retirement years. They sold their home in Alaska ("the hardest thing we've done," says Jani) with a plan to rent in Port Townsend while looking for houses or property from Olympia to Bellingham. "But every time we got on Beaver Valley Road coming back to Port Townsend, we just felt a huge release of stress and a sense of home," says Jani. They moved into their Kala Point home in November 2012, with Soma, a 140-pound Landseer Newfoundland.

They thoroughly enjoy their new surroundings, whether it's while riding their Harley Davidsons, kayaking around the peninsula, bike riding, hiking in the woods or walking the beach. They also partake in

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“friluftsliving” (a Norwegian concept embracing open-air living), forest bathing, dancing to Music at the Dock, and just hanging out with friends and family.

“I love gardening and dancing — and you may catch me dancing as I garden,” says Jani.

“I love taking care of the ‘farm animals’: bees, birds, squirrels,” says Mark. They have a beehive at the back of their property. “Of course, I have a professional beekeeper doing the hard part of the job, Mike Harte,” he adds with a smile.

“This is where we needed to be,” says Jani of Port Townsend. “It’s the only other place we could live besides Alaska.” ♦



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.

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Thank you! ♦

Update on a Trust for Kala Point

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.

Back then, there were several folks who said they would be willing to serve as one of the five trustees that a trust would require; several more folks were identified 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 ended up pledging 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 article is an attempt to see if we can get four trustees and also some other 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. We ran a *Kala Pointer* article this past May and got just one person who said they might be interested. If we don't get any more interest than that this time, then we'll stop trying and forget the idea! ♦


Kala Natives Update: Bur Chervil, a Sticky Invasive Plant

Leslie Weertman

Kala Native volunteers continue to wage the forever war against the Himalayan blackberry canes near the beach lagoon. Recently we discovered a new target, bur chervil or *Anthriscus caucalis*, a class B noxious weed, making it a high priority for removal to prevent new infestations. [Read more in article from King County.](#)



Young bur chervil

Although this invasive from Europe, brought over in wildflower seed packets, is in the carrot and parsley family, it is poisonous; contact with it can cause rashes. Young plants have lacy green leaves and clusters of white small flower heads that mature into a multitude of seeds covered in stiff bristles that act like Velcro. Several volunteers have had to throw away clothing covered with the densely adhered bur chervil seeds. 



Mature bur chervil

The mature plant has rigid red-purple hollow stems. While there is a chervil that is safe to eat, this is not that plant, and it is an aggressive competitor for light, water

and nutrients, crowding out native plants to create a monoculture excluding other plants. The plan is to pull these out, get the roots, bag it up so it does not spread, and come back next year for round two.

Kala Natives, a volunteer work party under the Grounds Committee, continues to work most Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. removing invasive plants. Join us if you want to help; email drlesliemiller@mac.com. On



Volunteer Sharon Bowie covered in bur chervil seeds

August 13, we will be walking the lagoon trail from 9 to 10 a.m. with KPOA board members looking for suggestions to guide our work. ♦



Dense growth crowding out other plants in a beach hedge

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Kala Lily's

August Garden Tips

Diane Solvik

August is normally our driest month, and managing moisture is a gardener's most important task. Any plants that are not proving to be drought-tolerant can be assessed during this month. Some may require additional, root-saturating water earlier in the season, and there may even be a few that will need to be replaced if they repeatedly struggle during the heat of the summer. Keep in mind that a nice thick layer of an organic mulch will help retain moisture in the soil.



It is typical to notice foliage damage from the sun in late summer. Leaves may show signs of worn edges and the leaf color may be less vivid. Lawns that are not watered by sprinklers will be dry and turn light brown. Don't worry — the grass will return to its usual green hue when the rains begin again in the fall.

Generally speaking, this is not a good time to establish new plantings, but you can prepare your beds for planting later in the season by weeding, removing debris and adding mulch. Any plants you acquire now can be left in their pots in a shady spot. Water them regularly and plant them when the weather is cooler.

Many plants have finished blooming and the seeds are ripe for harvesting. Collect the seeds of lupines, poppies, columbines and hollyhocks to increase your plant collection and share the wealth with friends and family. After you have collected the seeds, dry them out

in a paper bag and sow them in the ground in the spring. You can also take cuttings of your favorite plants, such as lavender, fuchsia, geraniums or hydrangeas. Root them in water or dip the tip into a rooting hormone, and then pot.



Keep dahlias staked, watered, deadheaded and picked to encourage flowers up until the first frost. Divide spring bloomers, such as iris, day lilies, oriental poppies, lupine and anemone. Depending on the size of the plant, you can divide using a shovel or pitchfork (for large plants) or a sharp knife (for small plants). Continue deep watering of newly planted perennials, trees and shrubs. Don't just sprinkle; sprinkling keeps the roots on the surface and the plants will likely die.



Have fun leafing through those tempting spring bulb catalogs. There are bargains to be had if you shop early.

Lastly, always remember that gardens reflect your style and enthusiasm, and are only limited by your imagination. There are no rules, only "tips." Mother Nature is in charge. Above all this month, take time to enjoy your beautiful Northwest garden and climate. ♦

Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting June 17 via Zoom

Project Summary:

(37) total projects — (3) completed, (29) ongoing, and (5) new

Old Business:

- Lot #41: New build; awaiting County permit
- Lot #79: New build; awaiting County permit
- Lot #101: New build; awaiting County permit
- Lot #277: Needs final once construction completed; landscaping progress slow
- Lot #451: New home, roof trusses being installed

Interim Business:

- Lot #8: Repaint same colors
- Lot #46: Deck approved by County after long wait. AC approved; looking for contractor
- Lot #56: Repaint same colors
- Lot #119: Approved repainting house body (Juniper Berry) and trim (Scarborough)
- Lot #146: Repaint same colors

New Business:

- Lot #24: Approved repaint house (Chimney Slate) and trim (Espresso Bean)
- Lot #30: Approved reroof with PABCO Paramount Advantage
- Lot #287: Approved fence extension from house to shield garbage cans and outdoor equipment
- Lot #297: Approved repaint house (Silver Sage), trim (Historical Gray) and window trim (Salt Scrub)
- Lot #410: Approved minor “face-lift” to front of house, no structural work

Future Projects:

- Lot #123: Future new home, septic field approved by County
- Lot #127: Future new home, percolation trenches have been dug for septic system design
- Lot #156: Adair Homes doing site engineering; septic approved by County

Board of Director Motions:

None



Grounds

Meeting July 6

The July 6 meeting of the Grounds Committee began with a moment of silence for the chair, Stan Cummings – aware of the critical, life-threatening injuries incurred in a bike accident along Highway 20, just the day before. After a time of sharing thoughts about Stan’s contributions to Kala Point and the Grounds, the committee proceeded using the agenda and exhibits that he had prepared. With the exception of Stan, all members were present.

The General Manager reported that with both maintenance positions now filled, it is catch-up time with mowing and landscaping work. The beach was cleaned up for the 4th of July weekend and the clubhouse is fully reopened, including the locker rooms. By the time you read this report, the playground will have a new layer of wood chips and the pool will be operating with a new pump (that, unfortunately, broke down in the middle of the holiday weekend).

After a couple months and several rounds of amendments, the Committee unanimously approved a revised set of Policies and Procedures primarily affecting the sign policy and enforcement of rules affecting common areas. Changes in procedures take effect by action of the committee. Policy changes that will clear the way for action on several improperly displayed or missing emergency house number signs and a No Trespassing sign must first be approved by the Board.

In other Grounds Committee news:

- Kala Natives work continues Fridays from 9 to 10 a.m. with work recently focused on removing bur chervil along the beach parking lot. KPOA Board members will be invited to an August 13 walk-through to view the progress and gain understanding of the scale of both the removal and restoration needs.
- A fifth Little Lending Library was dedicated at the mailboxes on Foxfield Drive.
- The KPOA Board has taken the Pedestrian Safety Committee report under advisement and is investigating the cost of contracting with a traffic safety engineer.
- The bench at the beach that was washed out by last winter’s king tide (already rusting and rotted) has

Committee Reports *Continued*

been replaced by a bench built by volunteers (see the [July Kala Pointer](#)).

- A request for the installation of an additional bench was forwarded to the Committee, raising a number of questions that were forwarded to the Board. No recommendation was made, nor any action taken.
- Geoff Genter was selected to serve as Acting Chair in Stan's absence and zone assignments were realigned to assure that monitoring continues in all KPOA neighborhoods.

In the last item of business, the committee decided not to meet in August. Next meeting: Tuesday, September 7.

Internal Control

Meeting June 16 via Zoom



Old Business:

- Reviewed and approved revised Annual Review Worksheets

New Business:

- Expense Review for April finished satisfactorily
- May/June Expense Review assigned
- Discussed revising Monthly Expense Review Form
- APPs need to change "July" reference; waiting for Finance Committee input/coordination
- Discussed meeting back in Admin Building in July

Board of Director Motions:

None

Publications

Meeting July 5 via Zoom

- Deadline for August contributions is Monday, July 19
- Discussed challenges in pinning down details on evolving clubhouse/pool situation for last issue
- Revisited idea of Q&A column in the *Kala Pointer* (where the Board would use one page each month to provide written answers to written member questions); Board Alt member Gary Obermeyer reported challenge in providing answers that reflect opinion from entire Board
- Discussed timing for moving from InDesign layout program to newsletter plug-in on website;

Committee needs to research and recommend appropriate plug-in before decision is made

- Board rep Sean Moss recommended an article about recruiting board candidates in the August issue
- Discussed newest Little Library opening on Foxfield, future neighbor profiles, and possible beekeeping article
- Next meeting August 9, in-person, at Mike Burk's house at 2 p.m.; please email suzanne.eggleston@me.com if you are interested in attending. ♦

Kala Point Social Plus "Neighbors Creating Community"

This past year has been tough on all of us who enjoy the social scene at Kala Point. It's beyond time to make some fun events in the neighborhood, and the KP Social Plus Committee is gearing up to do just that!

Tri-chairs Char Quandt, Diana Zinn & Patti Biazzo invite Kala Point residents to join in creating a fun community environment.

Our mission is simple: We promote *fun* social activities, charitable works, talks, and classes of interest to members.

We encourage participation of all residents of Kala Point Owner's Association.

Mark your calendar now!
Social Plus Planning Meeting
Tuesday, September 7
1 p.m. at the Kala Point Clubhouse.

Bring creative ideas and we'll brainstorm and make plans for Kala Point social events and activities for October 2021–September 2022. Your input is needed as this is *your* neighborhood and it takes a village to create the much-needed variety of fun events and programs!

We appreciate the support and attendance to the events Social Plus has hosted in the past. Neighbors like you make the work worthwhile! ♦

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Kala Pointer Newsletter

Kala Point Owners' Association
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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.

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

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Lost and Found

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

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

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

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

Very Close Call Recently

Bret Black, EJFR Fire Chief, Joe Englander

The wind was 5-7 mph gusting to 10. The resident was using a torch to burn weeds. He told [us] an ember blew into the shrubs and immediately took off. I think it scared the snot out of him and the neighbors. If that



shrub had been touching the house it would have been a different outcome. Luckily the resident and neighbors were able to contain the fire with garden hoses until the fire department arrived.

Below is what the neighboring, similar healthy shrub looked like. ♦

