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At the Helm of SS Kala Point

Scott Rovanner, Board President

I want to give a special thanks to many of our unsung heroes:

Shane Ryan: our senior maintenance technician and a man of many skills. Shane came to the rescue on Saturday, August 14, by replacing the arm on the entry gate. The gate was taken out by a contractor the night before and Shane told me that he received over 20 phone calls that evening from concerned residents. And I thought that I was the first to call him the next morning! While the general manager is on an extended leave, Shane is making most of the maintenance decisions while trying to keep up with his work schedule. If you see Shane, give him a shout-out for the great job he is doing.

Bill Kaune: a man who takes meeting minutes seriously. Bill records the minutes for the Finance and the Emergency Preparedness Committees — two of the busiest committees within Kala Point. And he has the first draft done the same day! Bill serves as a team lead for the Emergency Communications, he is a member on the First Aid Team, and he has previously chaired the Bluff Management Advisory Committee.

Patsy Mathys: a woman who is helping me become a better president. Patsy is passionate about the governance and finances of Kala Point. She has updated me on the county’s swimming pool restrictions during COVID, researched IRS rulings regarding our assessment surplus, identified changes to the RCW

affecting HOAs, and even coached me on the proper protocol from *Robert’s Rules of Order* — all in the spirit of providing me a greater understanding of running an HOA.

Mike Harte: a firefighter from Colorado who volunteers for the East Jefferson Fire-Rescue as a back-up EMT for Kala Point and a support vehicle driver. Mike is our subject matter expert on the First Aid Team and coaches us during our practice scenarios. He has advised me on the health of our forest, the statistical risk of fires on the Quimper Peninsula, and even what flowering plants that bees love. Mike is also providing me with a better insight on the types of septic systems that Jefferson County allows and how Kala Point residents need to pay special attention to their own “onsite sewage systems” (OSS).

Felice Thompson: an absolute team player in the KPOA office. Felice has been with us for two years, and she has established herself as a great administrative assistant. She has been holding down the admin fort during Keith’s absence, assisting the Website Advisory Committee on the needs and design of the new KPOA website, takes care of special projects such as the beach lease through the Washington Department of Natural Resources, and demonstrates incredible phone etiquette!

There are many residents, committee members, and staff who did not make this short list, but please know that it is because of your service that Kala Point is a true success story. ♦



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What's Happening with the Board?

Gary Obermeyer, KPOA Board Secretary

The August 10 meeting of the KPOA Board was held at the Clubhouse with three board members participating via Zoom: Dale Moses on out-of-town business, Steve Reed joining from home out of COVID concerns, and Sean Moss from his office in Quilcene. Thanks to Zoom, all members were present; although, there were technical difficulties — Mr. Moses had no audio connection but managed to communicate by sign language and handwritten notes. In spite of the complications, the full agenda was covered. Eleven KPOA residents were in the room, and an additional four residents joined via Zoom. So, an average level of attendance. General Manager Keith Larson was absent (on vacation and bereavement leave). Felice Thompson, administrative assistant, set up the Zoom and took notes.

Member comments at the beginning of the meeting related mostly to emergency preparedness, limitations on the removal of native trees, and questions/concerns about PUD plans to add switches and replace old, failing utility lines, especially along Pinecrest.

A considerable amount of debate and discussion was prompted by a proposal to shift meeting times to enable Sean Moss, KPOA Board member and principal of the K-12 Quilcene School, to participate in board meetings. It was pointed out that Mr. Moss received the highest number of votes in the last Board election; members of the audience noted that the demographics of Kala Point are changing — more working families. The Board approved a shift of meeting times to 3:30 for the October and November meetings. President Rovanpera committed to keeping meetings under 2.5 hours. The possibility of holding town hall-style meetings was also raised, but no action was taken on the matter.

There were three additional business items on the agenda:

1. **Reporting of budget requests** from the Emergency Preparedness Committee (\$4,895) and the Tree Committee (\$2,500). These numbers are starting points for deliberations that the Finance Committee will hold with committee leaders as they prepare a draft budget for the 2022 fiscal year that will be presented to KPOA members next month.
2. **Approval of revisions to APP Article VIII** — First

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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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presented to the Board at the July meeting, the board agreed that such an extensive rewrite should be given a first and second reading in order to entertain member comments. There were none. The motion to adopt passed without objection — a final tribute to the substantial work that Stan Cummings accomplished as chair of the Grounds Committee.

- 3. **Awarding of a contract to rebuild the KPOA website** — The Board authorized the general manager to enter into a contract with Assai Web Design, based in Sequim, to rebuild the kalapoint.org website. Vice President Dan Kimball, chair of the Contract Team, walked the Board through a comparison of the three bids submitted: Strait Services (\$28,210), Totera Web Systems (\$8,452.50), and Assai Web Design (\$5,649). Assai also projected a lower ongoing maintenance cost (\$72/hour). Best of all, Assai comes highly recommended by the clients contacted by the Contract Team. The Design Team will now begin developing and organizing content for the new website; mostly a matter of copying, pasting, and editing current content to fit the simpler, more intuitive navigation structure.

The Next Board meeting is scheduled for September 14 at 1 p.m. at the Clubhouse, again with a Zoom option for residents who are out of town or prefer to watch from home. ♦



Clematis • Bob Segui



Kala Cares
 In Memoriam
Bob Cleveland
David Miller
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Remembering David Miller

by his friend Dick Schulte

On Wednesday, August 25, David Miller passed away in a Silverdale hospital from natural causes, but who really was David Miller? Sure, he was the David Miller who lived on Trafalgar Drive, with his lovely wife Vicky, but how well did you really know David?

David and Vicky built their beautiful home in 2008 that they've lived in since June 2009. While living here, David volunteered to run for a term on the KPOA Board and was selected to serve as vice president during part of his term. Among many other accomplishments while serving on our board, David went on a successful crusade to ensure that KPOA's full-time employees would have access to healthcare through a group plan. He knew that would make it easier to attract and retain quality employees.

To some, he was known as Dr. David Miller, Ph.D. That title came with his doctorate in education earned at Miami University of Ohio, not far from his family home near Dayton. That led David to a 30-year career in education in Southern California, ending up as a superintendent of a large public school system. He also shared his experience and expertise with countries in Africa and the Middle East by advising them on modernizing and improving their education systems.

After retiring to Kala Point, David utilized his love

of music to create and DJ a radio show called "Drift Away" on KPTZ. David went by the handle of Dr. Dave and played a two-hour set every Monday, with an emphasis on the Beatles and other '60s artists, with some comedic records and Broadway musical tunes thrown in. During these shows, he always included a heartfelt plug for his favorite charity, the Port Townsend Food Bank, and its manager Shirley Moss for the good work they do.

But David always told me that he was best known as "Vicky's husband." He also has a daughter Becky Sims who lives with her husband Bryce in Houston; and stepchildren Aaron and Chrissy Murphy; Andrea and Tim Lawton, parents to Issac (6), Daniel (4) and Julian (2); and Matthew and Claudia Murphy, parents to Charlotte (18 months).

David had a "Man Cave" that was the envy of many of his male friends. It clearly reflected his varied interests from Beatles memorabilia, Cincinnati Reds baseball collectibles, countless CDs and hundreds of books from his favorite mystery and crime authors.

If you knew David and would like to do something, I'm sure he would prefer that you donate a cash contribution to one of the [local food banks](#), in lieu of flowers.

David always ended his radio shows with the phrase "This is Dr. Dave, rounding third base and heading for home." For David, this is the end of the Ninth. ♦



"Dr. Dave" at the console talking with children who were taking a tour of the KPTZ studios

Why Are There So Many Power Outages in Kala Point?

Scott Rovanpera, Board President

We have all experienced power outages in our lives. Sadly, and especially for those living in upper Kala Point, these outages are becoming more frequent. Representatives from the Jefferson County Public Utility District No. 1 (JPUD) met with residents on July 23 to offer an explanation of the causes. General Manager Kevin Strett explained that the buried electrical cables installed during the development of

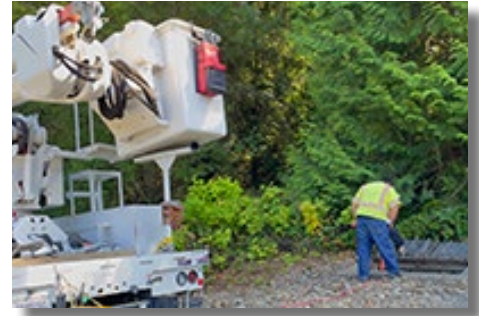


Kala Point have reached the end of their useful life and are beginning to fail. JPUD wants to rectify this situation by installing PVC pipe conduits between the electrical vaults.

PVC conduits are rodent free, prevent water intrusion and, when necessary, allow their crews to pull new cable through the pipe without digging up our streets. JPUD has been working with KPOA General Manager Keith Larson to install these conduits just prior to scheduled road repaving projects. So far, conduit has been installed on a large section of Pinecrest Drive and most of Baycliff Drive. Mr. Strett commended Kala Point for allowing JPUD to install conduits prior to our planned annual asphalt replacement projects.

The latest string of outages on Fairbreeze Drive stems from a bad section of old direct burial cable in Grenville Court. JPUD has promised to install conduit from the electrical vault at the end of Grenville Court up to Fairbreeze Drive and connect it to the electrical vaults north and south of the court. After this has been completed, JPUD crews will begin pulling new electrical wire through the conduits and connecting the electrical vaults. Ultimately, JPUD wants to replace all direct burial cable within Kala Point with conduits, but this will take decades, as our asphalt replacement program is scheduled over 30 years. The next major

paving project listed in our Reserve Budget is Windship Drive in 2024, and Oak Shore Drive and Oak Shore Court in 2026.



So, what are your options? JPUD noted that typical power outages last between seven to nine hours for the crew to locate the break, wait for the underground utility locaters to identify where it is safe to dig, bring in the contractor with a backhoe, and perform the repairs.

Residents might consider purchasing a portable generator to feed electricity to the critical needs in their house (refrigerator, portable lamps, computer) via extension cords. Depending on the rating of the generator, even more appliances can be run. A properly grounded 5,000-watt generator can handle additional loads of a microwave, television, and possibly a small portable electric heater. Or consider a stationary generator that is fed by propane gas and wired by an electrician directly into your home's electrical grid via a transfer switch dedicated to specific electrical circuits.

During a power outage, the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) can be of assistance if a resident is in critical need of electrical power (refrigeration of medications, power for oxygen systems, recharging of batteries for electric scooters). The EPC maintains a "Map Your Neighborhood" inventory whereby each Kala Point Zone Block Captain knows of residents who have portable generators and have offered to make them available to other residents in need. If you have a generator and are willing to help a neighbor during a power failure in their zone, please let your block captain know. During an emergency, the EPC and your block captain stand ready to help. ♦



You may have noticed seemingly random pieces of tape tied around address posts in Kala Point.

Electrical workers were consulted last week at the electrical vault at the corner of Fairbreeze and Pinecrest. They were labeling three cables: one red, one white and one blue.

Workers said that JPUD mapping was being updated, and they were using tape to mark which cable (red, white or blue) was providing power to each home. To help workers with this process, please do not remove the tape. ♦

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What's It Like to Be a KPOA Board Member?

Steve Reed



Sometimes people who would make great Board members hesitate to become one because they mistakenly perceive the position involves constant controversy. Here is my perspective after serving almost four and a half years on the Board.

Far from being in constant controversial situations, my time on the Board has provided several great benefits, including insight in how the Association runs. It's also allowed me to meet great folks — especially when we have meetings in the Clubhouse — making friends, and being part of solutions to issues that need to be addressed.

Each director is asked to serve as Board representative on one committee and as a Board alternate on another. This is not a burden at all. We have all been able to choose a committee in which we are interested, and it is quite enjoyable to join their monthly meetings. Even though I have been on the Board during some interesting times (e.g.: budget time and COVID), my experience has been overwhelmingly fun and rewarding.

I worked with wonderful, talented and dedicated volunteers to help make the KPOA continue to be the best-run HOA possible. It has been gratifying to listen to the opinions of KPOA members and Board members, and be exposed to different perspectives. In my experience, peoples' opinions are respected even when they do not coincide with our own.

So, folks, try it out! Run for the Board and see how you can make great friends, learn more about what is going on in the neighborhood, and make a difference. ♦

SOCIAL PLUS UPDATE

Newcomer's Happy Hour and Annual Meeting

The Social Plus Committee has elected to postpone the Social Plus Newcomer's Event and the Annual Meeting for September, and any further activities that would involve gatherings of large groups.

We made the decision based on the increasing number of COVID cases in Jefferson County.

It is our hope to resume making plans when it seems appropriate to do so.

Stay tuned and stay safe!

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

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 will be featured in the Kala Pointer and/or [KPOA website](#).

Please submit your full-resolution jpegs, one at a time, to photos@kalapoint.org

Thank you! ♦

Kala Point Beach Social



Stan Cummings loved the beach and all things Kala Point, and was such a huge contributor to our neighborhood, community and beyond.

All Kala Point friends and neighbors are invited to attend a casual beach social in honor of Stan's life.

Please bring chairs, and a simple appetizer dish to share. BYOB.

DATE: September 8, Wednesday

TIME: 4:30–6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Kala Point Beach Gazebo



Kala Point COOKS Celebrate 20th Anniversary

Michael Machette

Photos by Mike Burk

In about 2001, new Kala Point resident Bill Conklin got the keen idea of forming a men’s cooking group here. The idea took off like spit on a griddle. He was joined by Don Marioni, Ed Zinser and seven others, and formed the COOKS, a modest acronym for Culinary Order of Kitchen Studs (we’re not making this up.)

The idea was to meet once a month at a guest’s home for lunch, or to travel to culinary sites in the area to eat and learn. Several notable outings come to mind: a day with Graham Kerr (the Galloping Gourmet), several visits to Salumi (famous sausage from chef Mario Batali’s dad) in Pioneer Square, eating at Wild Ginger in Seattle, tours of Pike Place venues including Ettas, and tastings at area wineries and distilleries.



The kitchen after the lunch, 2018



A Greek-themed lunch, 2019

By 2009, the group had outgrown its britches, and a second group was formed. The original gang became the Herbs, and the newbies became the Spices.

In 2010, the COOKS celebrated their tenth anniversary. By then, the Herbs had participated in 100 events and decided to close their pantry doors, while the Spices bloomed and grew. Since 2009, the Spices have had about 130 events, ranging across the international spectrum of foods and, by our best accounting, tasted more than a thousand bottles of wine (256 gallons, at least).

Each month a member selects a theme and prepares an entrée. Guests are given suggestions on what to bring and share. The designated sommelier buys wines that pair with the entrée, and the entire cost is split evenly among the members. The bill is usually about \$20. Our all-time low was \$5 (a budget gourmet meal: tacos), and

the highs have approached \$30. The wine budget usually equals the food budget, but no one seems to care by the end of the meal.

In mid-August, the COOKS had their annual Beach Party and their 20th anniversary. This is one of two yearly events where partners are invited to dine and drink, but not allowed to cook. The other is the Christmas Party, which features cocktails and appetizers at a member’s home.

Because not everyone has a giant kitchen and entertainment area, the Spices have a 15-member limit. One or two members come and go each year, so the group has evolved over the past decade. The Spices aren’t in a position to expand, but if a new group wants to get going, we’ll be happy to help them form up. Since COVID raised its ugly head, we’ve had at least 50 new families move into Kala Point. “Fresh meat,” as they say in the restaurant business. ♦



Beach event 2019 with partners. Lunches stopped for the pandemic and have just resumed.

Sharing the Good Life *Hilary Newell*

Gravenstein Goodness

As our simmering summer wanes and my favorite season approaches, thoughts turn to harvesting fall fruits like apples and pears. Meals begin to turn toward comfort foods, and this recipe fits that bill.

I found some Gravenstein apples at the fruit stand, and their suitability for pies makes them perfect for this dish, too. Gravensteins bear early and have a very short season; if you are making this dish later in the season, you could choose Granny Smith, Honeycrisp or Pink Lady apples. These varieties won't turn to mush unless they are overcooked. Sauce apples will give you a fancy applesauce (not a bad thing) instead of this delightful dessert.

I prepared this for guests and had all the ingredients ready to go before we sat down to dinner, so it was super simple to throw together at the end of the main meal. To keep the apples from browning, let them sit in a bowl of cold water until you're ready to cook them. Drain well before tossing them into the skillet.



Autumn Apples

3 tart cooking apples, peeled, cored and thickly sliced

3 tablespoons butter

½ cup honey

½ teaspoon cinnamon

⅛ teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg

Method:

In a large skillet, melt butter over medium heat.

Add apples and cook, stirring occasionally, for 2–3 minutes.

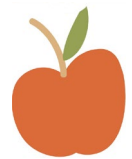
Stir in honey and spices and cook for 2–3 minutes more, just until tender.

Serve hot with a scoop of vanilla ice cream. ♦



An Apple a Day...

Mike Burk



Possibly New Jersey's finest cocktail, from Sullivan's Café in Jersey City. Makes use of historic* Laird's Applejack.

2 ounces Laird's Applejack (apple brandy)

¾ ounce fresh lime juice

¾ ounce grenadine**

* Prior to 1760, George Washington wrote to the Laird family requesting their Applejack recipe. Revolutionary soldier Robert Laird and his family provided Washington's troops with Applejack.

** Equal parts sugar and pomegranate juice. Use a small 8-ounce bottle of Pom and a cup of sugar. Heat the juice in the microwave, add the sugar, stir until dissolved. Add 1 tablespoon pomegranate molasses and ½ teaspoon orange blossom water. Cool before using. Lasts about a month in the fridge. ♦

Send us your favorite food and cocktail recipes to:

YourKalaPointer@KalaPoint.org

Come Play Bridge With Us!

Bruce Knott

Do you play bridge? Maybe a little rusty, but you enjoyed it and want to get back into playing?

Kala Point Bridge Club may be just the thing for you! We are a group of players who love the game, and don't care what your level of expertise is!

We play every Monday at 11 a.m. to "about" 3:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We play six rounds (24 hands) and when scores are turned in after the last table, the top three take home cash — and so does the low score!

While we love the game, it's also a way to connect with other players. Many friendships have started up



from our Monday games. We are competitive, but in a friendly way.

Playing is not free. We charge a whopping 50 cents to play and socialize and have fun!

Coffee and hot water for tea is complimentary, and we take a short lunch break, so everyone is encouraged to bring a snack or sack lunch.

Players must sign up in advance so that we can be sure we have enough players to fill out our tables.

If you are interested in more information, or in signing up, contact Bruce Knott at either bknottb@aol.com or 360.344.2076 and leave a voicemail.

We hope you can join us for some fun! ♦



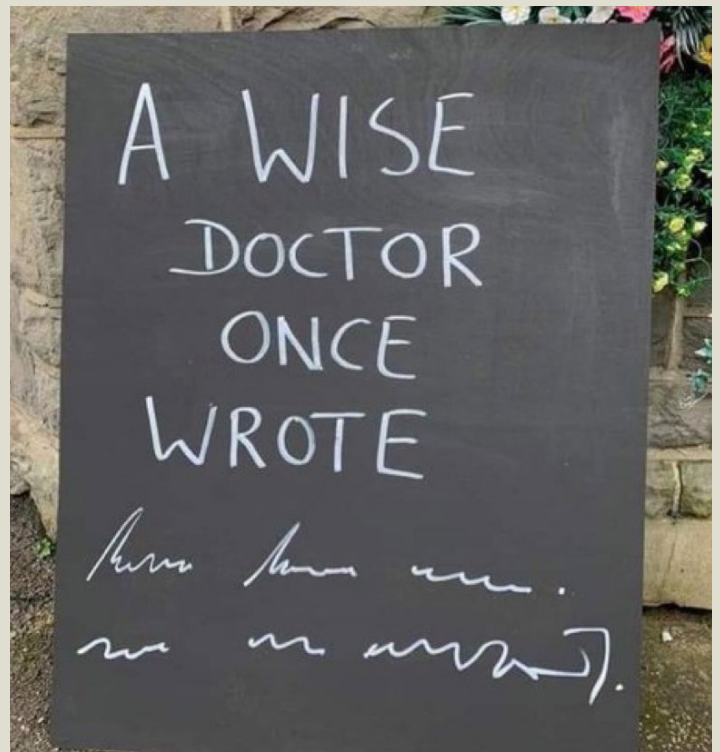
Thai Chat

Libby Nordlund

Who can benefit from Tai Chi in this stressful time? Is it you? Yang style Tai Chi consists of circular movements in a flowing form. You perform a series of postures or movements in a slow graceful manner. Each posture flows into the next without pausing and is coordinated with your breathing.

Benefits of Tai Chi include decreased stress, anxiety and depression. It improves mood, flexibility, and balance. In the Tai Chat class, we watch a DVD with a Tai Chi master (for new members), then when comfortable, we listen to calming music and look out at the beautiful view from our Clubhouse window. We are an informal group of women and men who sometimes "chat" as we go through the 24 steps.

All Kala Point residents are welcome. We meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9–10 a.m. at the clubhouse. If you have any questions, contact Libby Nordlund at 425.273.4933 and eanordlund@aol.com. ♦



Get to Know Our Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

Bruce Knott and Stephen Oxborough

Kala Point Drive

In some ways, Port Townsend and Stillwater, Minnesota, are very much alike. They're both small, picturesque, waterfront towns that are replete with art, history, tourists and Victorian homes. But the one crucial difference — the one that made Bruce and Stephen sell their home in Stillwater — is Minnesota's long, often grueling winters.

"We loved the small-town feel and the great summers," says Bruce of Stillwater, "but winter was getting to be too much; hence the move here."



Stephen (left) and Bruce holding Bijou

They moved to Kala Point in 2014, seven years that they say have passed quickly. During that time, the couple has put considerable effort into transforming their home — described by visitors as cozy and comfortable — and yard into expressions of their personalities.

"We are both creative in several ways, and we are constantly updating rooms by changing out one piece of art for another, or moving them to different locations within the house," says Bruce.

The yard, which features lush plantings, blooms, a variety of color and textures, and pockets of serenity, is more Stephen's domain. "Gardening is my passion," says Stephen, who likes to create gardens from scratch. "I became a Master Gardener while living in the Midwest. Many of the homes we lived in started

out with just grass, and we left them with beautiful gardens," he says. His efforts have resulted in both their Stillwater and Kala Point homes being part of community garden tours.

Stephen and Bruce share their home with Bijou, a 13-plus-year-old toy poodle. Bruce likens having a pet to having a child. "You must teach them, feed them, clean them, play with them, sometimes correct bad habits, and love them," he says. "Patience is necessary, and a loving pet is the reward. Sort of like human relationships, right?"

Their own relationship is marked with two anniversaries: one when they became a couple 42 years ago, and one when they married eight years ago. They met at Mother's, an after-hours coffeehouse on Seattle's Capitol Hill where they had both gone to meet friends after a night of disco dancing. "We made eye contact and the rest is history," says Bruce.

The couple married in 2013 in Bruce's hometown of Waverly, Iowa, in the Episcopal church where he was baptized. At the time, Iowa was one of just a few states that allowed same-sex marriage.

Bruce attended college 100 miles away from his hometown, graduating with a bachelor's degree in French from the University of Iowa. After living for a year in Rouen, France, he entered the graduate program at the University of Washington in 1971, fully intending to go into teaching. When he says the profession "sort of tanked," he took a job with Sears where he was trained to design and sell custom window coverings.

Bruce's career at Sears spanned 28 years in various home fashions positions, ending up as national training manager for custom decorating at corporate headquarters in Illinois. After that, he worked as a vendor's brand spokesperson, which entailed traveling all over the US, Canada, Mexico, and annual trips to Frankfurt and Paris. "I did enjoy my career, even though it wasn't the one I planned for," says Bruce. "Sometimes accidents happen and they're good."

Originally from Everett, Stephen went to the University of Washington and majored in art education, which helped him land a job as an illustrator at The Boeing Company. He worked there for 21 years, the last 10 in management in the Production Illustration department. When Bruce was transferred to the Chicago area, Stephen began a new career in retail for JCPenney.

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Get to Know Our Neighbors

Steve and Rita Hopkins

Bluffs Drive

There's a dark side to Steve and Rita that belies their friendly exteriors. He admits to the guilty pleasure of "garbage" cinema of yesteryear — "the trashier, the better," he enthuses — while she is obsessed with true crime documentaries. "It's not like I want to see the crime," she reassures, "it's just that I am intrigued by the psychological dynamic of it. What is it that would make some people commit crimes?"

After making the last statement, Rita laughs as she imagines neighbors reading this article. "No one is going to befriend us, Steve!"

Based on the art adorning the walls of their home, Steve and Rita are fans of film, theater and music. This passion compelled Steve to major in film studies at University of California, Los Angeles, and to watch thousands of movies, many of them multiple times. When pressed to name a favorite, Steve doesn't hesitate: "Dr. Strangelove," a movie he watched 13–14 times when it came out, and several times since.

"[Stanley] Kubrick is among my favorite filmmakers," he says. "It's just a masterpiece of political satire — way ahead of its time. I mean how many people can find laughter in the end of the world?"

"He's an encyclopedia on film — the ins and outs," says Rita of Steve. Beyond her true crime fascination, she likes movies that touch her, citing "Tender Mercies," "Hud" and "The Last Picture Show."

Rita's taste in films reveals a soft side, which Steve confirms when he describes her as, "a very, very, big-hearted, caring person." It may be why she spent the bulk of her career — 31 years — in the nonprofit sector. She served as the executive director of the Los Angeles or Southern California chapter of several national health-related nonprofits such as the March of Dimes, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and others.

"I loved it," says Rita. "Not that it didn't have challenges, but I'm drawn to that kind of work." Her enthusiasm for nonprofits has her currently pondering if she should come out of retirement.

Steve tried to make a living as a writer in the film industry early in his career, but he was eventually drawn to seek more stable and financially rewarding work as an electronic (or audio) court reporter. "We were basically note-taking sound engineers," he explains, mostly for federal agencies and some private companies.



Steve was born in LA and lived there up until the move here. Rita moved to LA in December 1974 from Northern California, the area her family emigrated to from Beirut, Lebanon, in 1968 at the start of the civil war there. They met a few years later at UCLA's International Student Union.

"I had a friend who was a grad student, and he brought Rita along one day," says Steve. "It was April 2, 1977," chimes in Rita. The two married in 1983.

"The most important ingredient to a marriage is the ability to laugh," reflects Rita. She concedes that they don't always agree or do everything together, but, "We're not afraid to be in each other's company." Together, they like reading, theater, walks, and exploring restaurants. "There are things we do separately," she adds. "He likes horror movies, so he'll watch horror movies by himself."

Steve's "sometime taste for real trash films" includes the work of Herschell Gordon Lewis, a "terrible, terrible filmmaker" who Steve describes as the low-budget king of gore in the 1960. "His pictures are so trashy, they're pretty much unwatchable except for people with a somewhat warped sense of whimsy like me."

When deciding where to spend retirement, it's not surprising to learn that Steve was inspired by a movie.

"I like to say I first decided about retiring in Washington when I saw 'Five Easy Pieces,'" says Steve.

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Get to Know Our Neighbors *Continued*

Continued from page 12 — Knott & Oxborough

He retired as a supervisor in 2006; Bruce retired from Sears in 2009.

Stephen also minored in history at the UW, which he speculates may be the reason why he enjoys foreign travel and genealogy so much.

“We love to travel,” says Bruce. “Over the years we’ve been to Italy three times, France probably 24 times,” during which Bruce’s French training came in very handy. Stephen adds, “For me, planning the trip is almost as much fun as taking it.”

At home, the two cultivate a variety of hobbies. Besides gardening, Stephen likes to research his extended family history. “I also enjoy painting, and have sold some of my work,” he says.

And they both love good food. Bruce began cooking in high school when he helped his mother in the kitchen. He likes too many types of cuisine to declare a favorite, but relies on cookbooks by Julia Child, Ina Garten, and David Lebovitz.

Stephen prefers to bake cakes, pies and decadent desserts.

Not surprisingly, they enjoy wine as well. “We’re not wine snobs,” says Bruce. “We’ve been known to have a chardonnay with a grilled steak — not a problem with us. We also sometimes put ice in a rosé, but don’t tell the French!”

Bruce writes about food and wine in his weekly blog called [Reflections](#) that features a recipe each week along with commentary and anecdotes. He says he enjoys writing it, and has about 85 followers now.

In addition to planning and cooking meals, Bruce likes to read, birdwatch (he’s a member of the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society), play piano, and needlepoint creative pillows, which he sells. He also plays bridge, and is currently the organizer of the Kala Point Bridge Club. See article on [Page 11](#).

Lastly, they both take pleasure in showing out-of-town visitors the area’s many attractions. “It’s fun showing them that while we might be somewhat isolated, we lack for nothing,” says Bruce, “and live in a beautiful corner of Washington State.” ♦



The backyard oasis Stephen created.

Continued from page 13 — Hopkins

The movie, perhaps best known for the “chicken salad sandwich scene” in which Jack Nicholson valiantly tries to get around a diner’s restrictive ordering policies, was mostly filmed in the Puget Sound area. “I thought, “That’s where I want to finish it out, some environment like that,” says Steve. Rita was attracted by the area’s lush greenness and bodies of water.

The two made their way north from Los Angeles in December 2018 with their mostly white cat with tabby markings. Miss Chlotilde Ridgeback of the Savannah Ridgebacks — also known as Chloe — is a shy domestic shorthair who came from Long Beach.



When they sold their spacious home in Los Angeles, they purposely chose a smaller home here to ensure they had resources to travel. They’ve traveled to such places as Norway, Hawaii and Jamaica, but their favorite is Paris. “I love going to the restaurants in Paris,” says Steve, a self-described gourmand. “I can tell you more about bistros than I can about most things.”

During their travels, Rita often serves as interpreter, speaking French, Arabic and Armenian. They look forward to taking the London and Paris trip that they planned for April 2020, but had to cancel.

Being at home during the past 18 or so months has had a plus side: Rita discovered the art of baking for the first time. “I make very good brownies,” she confides. She’s also done considerably more cooking than in the past, making such dishes as turkey meatballs, beef stroganoff, and chicken Florentine.

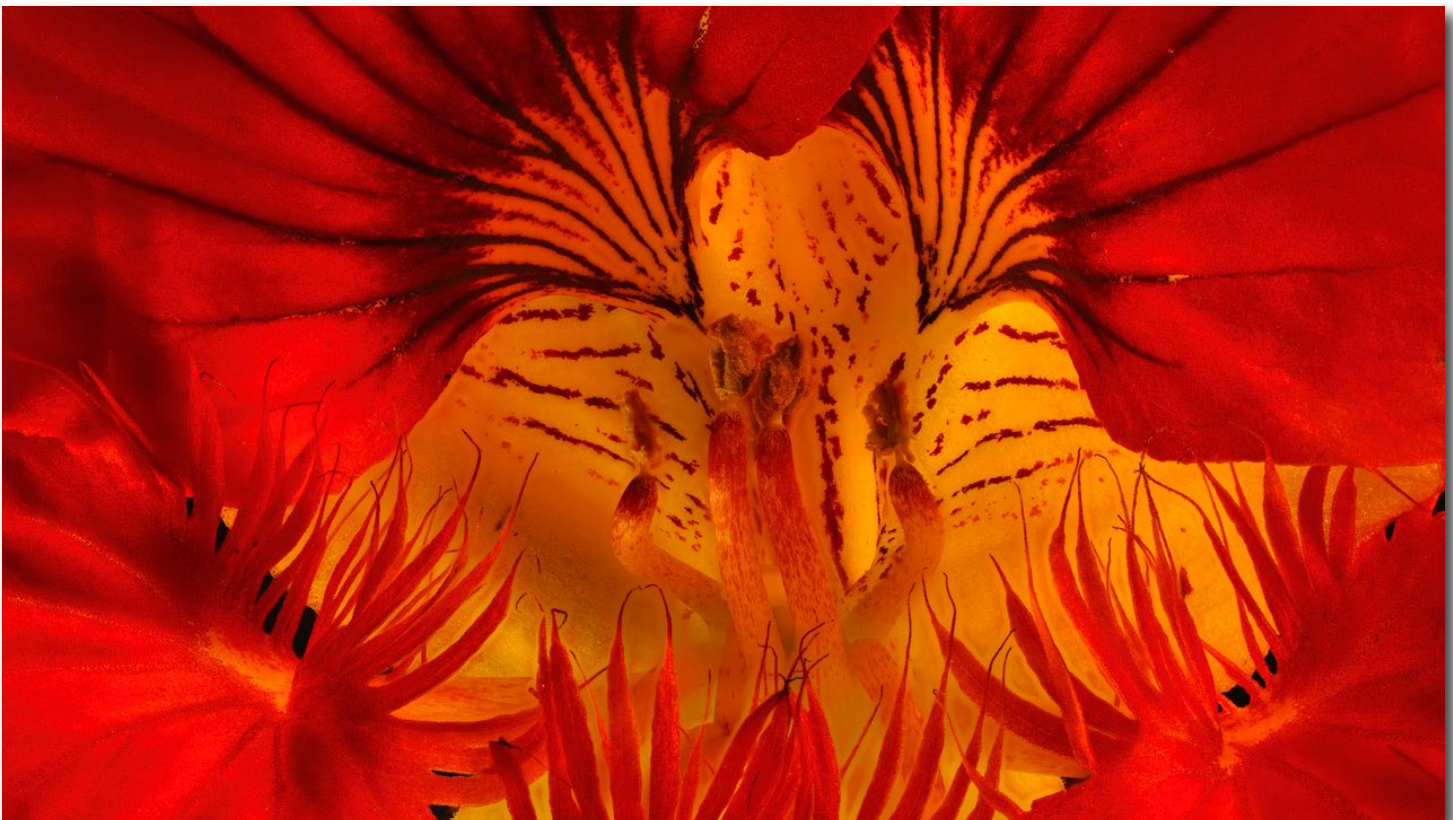
Asked how she defines happiness, Rita emphasizes that while it’s important to do things that bring pleasure — whether it’s cooking, walking, reading or travel — it is even more important to look at things in the larger context. “The world around you needs to be in a place where your happiness can live,” she stresses. “There is personal happiness, and then there is the overall happiness that is not dependent on you, but your happiness could be dependent on it.”

To help improve life in the larger context, Rita volunteers on the KPOA Elections Committee and serves as consultant with two California nonprofits; Steve is on the board of their condo association and, as the pandemic clears up, he hopes to add the Film Festival to his list of volunteer activities. ♦

Through the Lens



Magical Moonrise • Dick Nockleby



Nasturium Macro • Ron Gentry

Through the Lens



Nifty Fiftys • Bob Segui

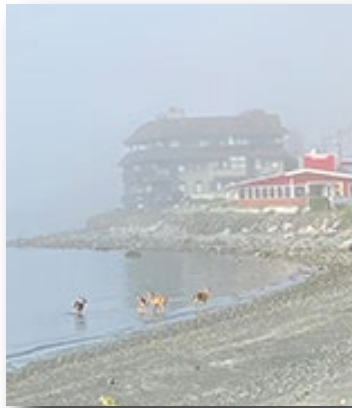


Point Hudson Off Keel • Dave Pitts



Smoke Gets in Your Eyes • Kevin Smith

Through the Lens



(Left) *Downtown Deer on a Foggy Morning*
• Alison Ebbott



(Below) *Gone to Seed* • Dave Pitts

(Left) *Great Horned Owl: Nap Time on Pinecrest*
• Bob Eggleston



Kala Point's Corgi contingent at the Rhody Festival parade. People from left: Mark and Karen Michaud, Bruce Weertman, Michael Machette, Debbie Burk, Claire Farringer. Corgis from left: Billie Jean (Burk), Gus (Michaud), Toad (Weertman), Darby Jean (Burk), in front of Darby is Allie (Burk), Chloe Anne (Burk), Radar and Jack (Machette) • Mike Burk

Kala Lily's

September Garden Tips

Diane Solvik

Aside from a couple of spells of unusually hot weather, this has been a delightful summer. Now fall is on our doorstep, and the arrival of September brings cooler nights, morning dew and even a chance of rain showers after our long, dry season.

This is the time to shop, plan and plant. Garden centers will be having sales of trees and shrubs. Review the placement of existing shrubs in your garden and move those that are not thriving in their present position. Shrubs will still have plenty of time to become established before the ground freezes. Check your new plant additions to make sure they are not rootbound in the pot before you purchase them. The roots will girdle and strangle the plant, which might lead to the its death.

Any spring bulbs you mail-ordered will start arriving at the end of the month, and the nurseries will be stocked up with a broad selection. Choose nice fat bulbs; generally, the larger the bulb, the bigger the flower. Wait to plant your selection until the end of October.

Our mild climate allows us to grow many plants that bloom between December and March. Look for *Euphorbia myrsinites* (myrtle spurge), with blue-grey leaves and greenish yellow flowers; *Helleborus foetidus* has light green flowers with purple margins; *Helleborus niger* (Christmas rose) will bloom from December until April. The flowers are white or greenish, turning purple as they

age. *Helleborus orientalis* (Lenten rose) will bloom from February through May. The flowers are purple or rose colored, often spotted with deep purple; *Epimedium grandiflorum* (rose queen,) as known as the bishop's hat, is an asset



to any garden. It's a very drought-tolerant ground cover and does well under trees. Rose queen has beautiful deep, rose-pink flowers and long white spurs with orange-purple new leaves.

Many grasses will have a flush of growth at this time. Do not cut back ornamental grasses in the fall. Leave the stalks on the plant to protect the inner core from a freeze. Prune them back in the spring after the risk of frost has passed.

Keep deadheading your dahlias and any annuals to keep them blooming well into the fall. Refresh your containers with pansies, mums, sedums and flowering kale. Some late-blooming perennials such as Autumn Joy, Black-eyed Susan, coneflowers and grasses can still be planted this late in the season. If you have mulch pathways in your garden, lay down a fresh layer to prevent them becoming muddy over the winter.

In our moist coastal air, it's possible for some plants to develop a powdery mildew. Asters, clematis, roses and mums are particularly susceptible. Spray them weekly with a mixture of four tablespoons of baking soda to one gallon of water, adding a few drops of dish soap to help it stick to the plant.

It's tempting to clean up fallen leaves, twigs and seed pods to keep your garden neat and tidy. Resist the temptation as this natural mulch will provide a perfect environment for beneficial overwintering insects and fungi. Nutrients and organic matter recycle back into the soil as the debris decomposes.

Enjoy the golden, warm days of September and keep on gardening. ♦



A note from Diane: I have a very vigorous and prolific "Desert King" fig tree on the right of my side yard. Anyone with a tall ladder is welcome to come by my house and pick!

Around the Neighborhood



The KPOA office is doing their due diligence to resolve the issue of this abandoned boat on our beach, and reports that it is a work in progress • Kevin Smith



Mom leads the way • Game cam shot from Alison Ebbott



The ever-changing residents of a tiny Fairbreeze house • Mike Burk



Orca pod off KP beach on 8/15 • Alison Ebbott



Baby swallow demands to be fed • Dick Nockleby

Little Lending Libraries Roundup



LLL #1: Pinecrest mail station
 Builder: M. Machette, Librarian:
 M. Knighton, Artist: S. Stanton



LLL #2: 44 Trafalgar
 Builder: M. Machette, Librarian:
 M. Brunner, Artist: S. Stanton



LLL #3: Sailview Mail Station
 Builders: E. & C. Svoboda,
 Librarian: J. Winfrey, Artist: E. Svoboda

Mission Accomplished: LLLs Project Completed

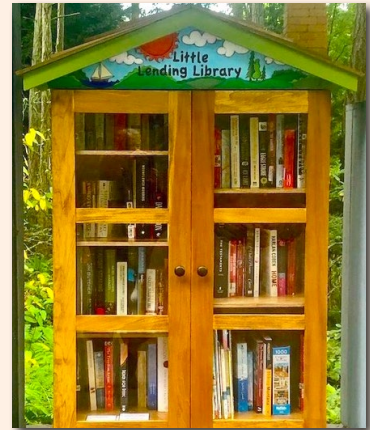
The Little Lending Library project was conceived by Michael Machette in November 2020. “I noticed several LLLs in Port Townsend (there are 20+), and thought this community service was a good way to share books in Kala Point,” says Michael.

He brought the idea to the Grounds Committee (which regulates use of our common space, such as mail stations) and worked with the late Stan Cummings and other GC members on an application and approval process. After the KPOA Board approved the concept for a collection of LLLs in early 2021, building began.

For the project, Michael recruited several neighborhood woodworkers and contemporary artist Sue Stanton, who works in a variety of media and has been featured in galleries and arts shows across the Pacific Northwest (check out her art at the Port Townsend Gallery).

To maintain the libraries, several generous past teachers and book club members volunteered to help monitor book inventory and rotation. Katharine Donnelly is the head librarian, and Mary Brunner is the keeper of extra books. The books rotate regularly through the lend-and-borrow concept, and are moved from LLL to LLL by the librarians.

The LLLs have had a lot of use, and are starting to become a beloved aspect of the community. Note: the children’s collection is pretty small. If your family, kids or grandkids have unused children’s books, please put some in the LLLs or give them to Katherine Donnelly for distribution. ♦



LLL #4: Main entrance mail station
 Builder: S. Donnelly, Librarian:
 K. Donnelly, Artist: S. Stanton



LLL #5: Foxfield mail station
 Builder: P. Loubere, Librarian:
 L. Godfrey, Artist: S. Stanton



LLL #6: Kala Heights mail station
 Builders: M. Machette & B. Eggleston,
 Librarian: R. Carroll, Artist: S. Stanton

Kala Natives Update

KPOA Board Walks Transformed Lagoon Trail; Native Plants Needed

Leslie Weertman

During our usual volunteer work hour on Friday, August 13, we met with KPOA Board members to walk the Lagoon Trail between the pickleball and tennis courts and the beach parking lot. This area has been the primary focus for the Grounds Committee’s volunteer work group, the Kala Natives. We have removed literally piles of non-native species, in particular the blackberry cane canopy that was shading and crowding out native plants. Because nature does not like a void, we will add native plants to these newly exposed areas.

Board members were impressed with the transformation along the Lagoon Trail. Below is an old photo from last fall taken looking from the bridge to the beach compared to a recent photo. But a photo does not do it justice; take a hike on the trail sometime this fall.

We want to thank Keith Larson and his crew for hauling away the invasive weed debris every week. We are also in debt to our volunteers, especially Bruce Weertman and Steve Donnelly for hefting the tools for the blackberry cane battles, all with a smile.

We are asking for native plant donations during the months of September and October. See the list to the right, but we also welcome suggestions. Please drop off your donations on the front porch at 742 Kala Point Drive; contact Janet Polley at 360.616.1164 or polleywog@msn.com if you need help or have

questions. We plan to plant the first week of November when the rains are reliable. As always, we will continue to meet every Friday from 9 to 10 a.m. depending on the weather. If you would like to be added to our volunteer email list, send a note to drlesliemiller@mac.com.



Kala Natives’ brawn factor: Bruce Weertman (left) and Steve Donnelly

Plant Donations Needed

- Red Flowering Currant
- Ocean Spray
- Evergreen and Red Huckleberry
- Sword Ferns (a lot of these)
- Twinberry honeysuckle
- Wax Myrtle ♦

Lagoon Trail: before



Lagoon Trail: after



Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting August 17

Overview:

(27) active projects; (3) new applications received in August

Announcement:

The Chair announced that Mike Blankenship has resigned, effective August 1, after serving on the AC for two years.

Old Business:

- Lot #41: Lexar Homes has conditional approval to build; County performed an environmental review for sensitive area on July 15, 2021
- Lot #79: County issued a building permit on June 30, 2021; excavation started on August 12, but no construction has occurred
- Lot #101: Anderson Homes is the general contractor and has a permit to build; excavation began around July 30 with site graded and septic system installed
- Lot #247: Anderson Homes is the general contractor; final structural analysis is complete
- Lot #429: The new owner — who will take possession in October — has questions regarding the landscaping plan, and asked that a dog fence be part of the plan to be submitted at next AC meeting
- Lot #451: House construction is progressing. Contractor is still allowing subs and delivery trucks to park on Kala Point Drive without adequate safety cones or signage; Shane Ryan will speak to contractor



- Lot #235: owner requested to construct a new 120-square-foot deck with landscaping steps, demolishing an existing pathway and wire fence. Current pathway intrudes into setback. P. Miles suggested a variance could be approved for the pathway intruding into the setback because of topography and egress required from rear of house. Project approved by the AC.
- Lot #43: Owner wants to restrain house with new color scheme; approved by the AC

Discussion Points:

- AC will be working with the Website Advisory Committee on its landing page. M. Machette is hoping that the forms feature will allow for interactive PDF fields.
- AC's subcommittee (see second bullet under "New Business") will update APPs to:
 - » to include terminology recommendations regarding outdoor structures (hot tubs, shed, gazebos, pavilions, arbors, pergolas); firewood storage (limits and location); signage; and setbacks
 - » refine certain terms (temporary, permanent, structure), and include language on septic system repairs or replacement
 - » address permanent emergency generator installations. (Though this is considered a "mechanical upgrade," issues include proper location, shielding, safety distance from house, hook-up to propane tanks.)

New Business:

- M. Machette is looking for two prospective members to join the AC
- M. Machette has asked Caroline McNulty to assist with updating the APPs, along with Pat Miles, Dan Adams, and himself. Caroline would have to be re-appointed to the AC
- Lot #251: owner requested to construct a dog fence in backyard with steel t-posts and 2"x3" woven wire mesh at a height of four feet, with additional two feet buried. Conditional approval by the AC when site conditions verified by CM (completed on 8/17/2021)

Emergency Preparedness

Meeting August 5

Dept of Emergency Management Report: Mark Miller

- Alaska experienced an 8.2 earthquake earlier this week on a subduction zone that last had a quake 100 years ago. No tsunami occurred because the epicenter was 25 miles deep.
- If the Cascadia subduction fault has an epic seismic event, the damage to the Hood Canal Bridge will take 2.5 years to repair and only if there are major general contractors available. The Shelton and Port Angeles airports will survive and become the main distribution points

Committee Reports *Continued*

for airlifted supplies. Most bridges on the Olympic Peninsula will suffer some damage. The Jamestown S'Klallam tribe is building a fire road from Blyn to Chicken Coop Road to bypass a critical bridge on US 101.

- The current COVID statistics are discouraging with positive cases increasing from 437 (May 5) to 525 (August 2) in Jefferson County. Ninety percent of these cases are from non-vaccinated individuals. Jefferson County is currently at 147 cases/100,000 and the Jefferson Healthcare intensive care unit is 50 percent full, with only three ventilator beds available.
- Pfizer COVID vaccine is expecting Formal Approval on 9/5/21, and children 3 or older can receive the vaccine later this year.
- Jefferson County has vaccinated 75 percent of its population (second highest in Washington), but this still leaves 5,000 unvaccinated.
- Travelers wishing to be tested for COVID will have to use the Northstar Clinic at a cost of \$185; Jefferson Healthcare is not providing the COVID test for travelers at this time
- It should be noted that previously infected individuals are not protected from future infection, especially with the Delta variant. Only a COVID vaccination will guarantee an individual that they will not suffer serious illness if contracting COVID-19.

Back to Basics: Scott Rovanpera

- First Aid Training

- Communications (email, radio, Telegram)
- NOC activation (practice drill, roles, ham radio)
- Block Captains (zone knowledge, resident readiness, EIS forms, search and rescue response)

Where to Focus — Committee suggestions:

- Earthquake preparedness (60-day supply of water and food)
- FireWise promotion (brochures, EJFR inspections)
- Power outage response (emergency generators)
- Chain of communication (residents, Block Captains, NOC)
- Teaching articles in the *Kala Pointer*
- Educating residents on risks versus awareness

2021 Goals:

- Raise awareness of EPC and recruit more members
- Practice communications during an emergency using the NOC
- Recruit Block Captains and renew Map Your Neighborhood
- Update EIS forms among willing residents
- Schedule an NOC practice drill during the Great American Shakeout (October 21, 2021)
- Restart CERT training this fall
- Plan for a 2022 EXPO
- Plan for a 2022 East Jefferson Fire-Rescue fundraiser
- Investigate group discounts for LifeFlight and Northwest AirLift



He is your friend, your partner, your defender, your dog. You are his life, his love, his leader.

He will be yours, faithful and true, to the last beat of his heart.

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Author unknown; submitted by Cheri Muller

Committees, *Continued*

Grounds

No meeting

- The Grounds Committee did not meet in August for a combination of reasons:
 - » uncertainty about Stan Cumming's condition after the bicycle accident that had occurred just the day before
 - » the fact that two committee members would be on vacation
 - » the pending approval of Grounds Committee policies and procedures ([Article VIII](#)) by the Board (affecting the handling several rule violation complaints)
 - » preparations being made by the Kala Natives Work Group to host a tour of their work on the Lagoon Trail for the KPOA Board of Directors to showcase their accomplishments removing invasive plant species along the trail from the tennis and pickleball courts to the beach (see the Kala Natives article on [Page 21](#))



Publications

Meeting August 9

- Reviewed challenges with advertising (one ad was almost left out as it didn't appear on the office's spreadsheet)
- Talked about possible articles to showcase more aspects of the neighborhood
- Touched on oversight of the KPOA website; members agreed that we can help provide content, but maintenance and ultimate oversight should lie with the Administration office
- Discussed possibility of starting up a page of PT community activities for the month; one member volunteered to take on a rudimentary calendar for the October issue
- Reviewed lineup of expected and possible articles for September issue
- Deadline for the October issue is Sunday, September 19
- Next meeting: September 6. Time and location to be decided; please email suzanne.eggleston@me.com if you are interested in attending. ♦

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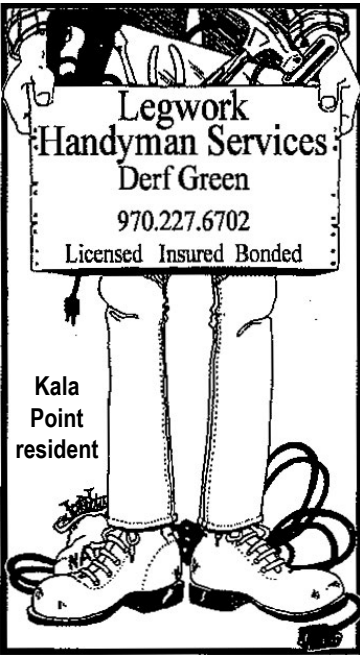
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There is a *Kala Point Member Directory* available on the KPOA website. Login to your account on the KPOA website to review your information to ensure it's correct.

If your entry needs updating, contact the KPOA office at **360.385.0814**.

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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.

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