

### **President's Message**

Joe Englander

Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14, just before 8 a.m.: good morning — no water! What? No shower? No coffee? Everywhere in Kala Point? What happened? What's wrong? How did you respond that morning? Many checked with their neighbors. Many called the KPOA Office or tried to call Keith directly. Those who had signed up for Kala Point Emergency Alert Texts were notified by 9 a.m. that the problem was a failure of a valve on the storage tanks at Pinecrest and that it would take a couple of hours to repair and refill the tank.

I was in the office for some of the incoming calls and heard the frustration and anxiety. The calls could have been a "wake up call" for all of Kala Point. We all need water, but the only water supply we can be assured of is whatever supply we have in our own private possession.

The assumption that anyone in Kala Point had anything to do with the water system, had any influence over it, or could fix it was absolutely wrong. The water and the water system belong to the JeffCo PUD. Ever since the sale of the system to the PUD, water from the wells in Kala Point is distributed all over the county, and we are dependent on the PUD for service and answers. If there is a problem with the water or electrical supply, instead of calling the KPOA offices, please call the PUD at 360.385.5800 — really, please call them because they use the location of the call to narrow down the location of problems and to determine if any problem is isolated or widespread.

The PUD has warned us that if those storage tanks on Pinecrest are damaged in any kind of catastrophe, the PUD will probably just shut them

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Spring is nature's way of saying "Let's party!"

~ Robin Williams

#### **April Newsletter Deadline**

Deadline for the April 2020 issue of the *Kala Pointer* is March 20.

#### Submit your articles to:

#### YourKalaPointer@kalapoint.org

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# What Happened at the February 2020 Board Meeting?

Dale Moses, KPOA Board Secretary

Your KPOA Board of Directors met at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 11, 2020, in our KPOA clubhouse. All nine Board members were eventually present (the final member arrived about 1:30 p.m.). There were 33 people in the audience when we started. Board meeting documents were available prior to the meeting on the KPOA website (under the Members pull-down menu, then selecting Board Meeting Files). Items from this Board meeting include:

- There was a half-dozen inputs from the audience at the beginning of this meeting. Several were about elections processing and the difficulty of doing this internally, others were about payroll and one was about a previous tree-cutting case.
- There were nine correspondence items that came to the Board since the last meeting. Several were on spending restrictions, two were on drone flying and one on was on pedestrian safety. A list of all inputs is available by clicking here.
- The General Manager reviewed recent activities including a vehicle break-in at storage lot B and the front gate's arm getting damaged by an unknown vehicle (now repaired).
- We spent over an hour reviewing possible spending reductions on the member-approved 2020 KPOA budget. Reductions were thoroughly researched by CFO John Oliveira and the Finance Committee. See article on Page 5 for the full details. We agreed to reducing several minor items totaling about \$36,000 approximately \$60 less for each owner (other than timeshare owners). We had considerable discussion on five major items: paying for elections online (\$6,000), postponing the printing of parking hang tags (\$1,500), delaying the annual audit (\$4,500) and IT monthly services (about \$1,900/month). We decided all of these were needed even though we postponed the website update (about \$11,500). We went to executive session at the end of the afternoon to discuss possible reductions in funds available for merit increases in 2020, but we weren't comfortable with reducing these either.
- The Board voted to create a resolution for a membership vote this summer to update our CC&Rs to get in synch with

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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; By-Laws; and detailed Administrative Policies and Procedures (APPs). APPs are Board-enacted rules. The protective umbrella of these governing documents works in the best interest of all homeowners ensuring higher standards of neighborhood appearance and enhancing the collective value of the homes.

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the State RCWs on approving annual budgets. We reviewed the wording of a possible resolution but wanted more changes, so we'll look at it again next month.

- We discussed a drone overflight at Kala Point but agreed that the FAA rules cover this, so we didn't want to create any new KPOA rules; see article on Page 4.
- Committee reports were presented, including the ad hoc committee on pets (no recommendations yet).
- A new ad hoc committee was created to address pedestrian safety issues. (see Page 13).
- The Board adjourned at 4:42 p.m. to go to executive session and returned at 5:08 p.m. with no further motions. We adjourned several minutes later.

If you would like to learn more about this Board meeting, feel free to listen to the recording of the meeting (available from the office) or send an **email to the Board** on a specific topic.

# Notice of Compliance Hearing by KPOA Board of Directors

When: March 10, 2020 at 12 p.m. in the Clubhouse

**Regarding:** unauthorized limbing of trees at 1600 Kala Point Drive, Lot 326

**Note:** members with an interest in the issue may make a statement during the hearing ◆

# **Volunteer on the Pubs Committee**

The Publications Committee needs new members! Why join?

- It's a great way to get to know your neighbors and what's happening with the Board
- ★ You often find out things happening in the community before your neighbors
- ★ You get to collaborate with a small but mighty group of people committed to communication, entertainment and producing a quality newsletter each and every month
- \* It's satisfying to create something tangible

If you have questions, email yourkalapointer@ kalapoint.org. ♦

#### President's Message, Continued from page 1

off because they do not have the personnel to both service them and to deal with the rest of the PUD's responsibilities.

Our source of water in that situation would be the PUD wells near Circle and Square Auto Repair. The PUD has suggested that KPOA should obtain some kind of water tanker to ferry from the Quimper wells to strategic locations in Kala Point. Such a tanker was previously in the Cassandra budget that was defeated

So, it looks like the only solutions are for each of us to either drive over to Circle and Square and get in line for our five gallons or to have our own emergency water supply properly stored at our residences. The typical recommendation is one gallon per person per day.

It doesn't take a Cascadia event to have a disaster. The level of disruption will be directly proportional to the level of your preparation. If you were worried about your coffee and showers when we had a two-hour shutdown, think about how it will be if we have a two-day or two-week shutdown. Remember Valentine's Day.

For more information about how to sign up for Kala Point Emergency Text Alerts or how much water you should be storing, go to epc.kalapoint.org.

The supercarrier USS *Nimitz* is one of the largest warships in the world and the lead ship of her class.



Farewell to the USS Nimitz• Angela George

## **Drones Operating in Kala Point**

John Oliveira, KPOA Chief Financial Officer

The Board of Directors recently received a letter from a homeowner concerned about the presence of a drone hovering off his deck. They attempted to contact the pilot, but that person was nowhere to be found. The homeowner suggested that drones should not be flown in Kala Point because of our proximity to the Jefferson County International Airport.

This raised a couple of questions that the Board thought our members might be interested in. What are the regulations governing the operation of drones, and how do they apply at Kala Point? There is also interest in the regulations regarding privacy since many drones enable the operator to see a drone's eye view from the aircraft on a remote screen.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has extensive regulations covering the registration and operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems (drones). They can be found at faa.gov/uas/. The key points to remember are:

- Drone must be registered before its first flight.
- Drone must be under visual (line of sight) control of the drone's operator.
- In uncontrolled airspace, drones are limited to an altitude of not greater than 400 feet above ground level.
- Drones cannot fly in controlled airspace without prior authorization by air traffic control
- Drones cannot be flown in other areas deemed to be "critical infrastructure" such as around military installations.
- Do not fly over crowds or groups of people.

Jefferson County Airport is in uncontrolled airspace. That means that it is okay to fly drones in most of Kala Point. How do you know where drones are legal to fly? The FAA has a free app available for iOS and Android devices called **B4UFLY**. It lets you pick your current location or a location where the operator is going to launch a drone and quickly tells you if it is okay to fly and what if any restrictions are in place. It functions in real time, so you get updated information that includes all current restrictions.

I downloaded the app and checked out where it was okay to fly a drone. All of Kala Point is okay except our beach and the first street on the bluff from Windship Drive south. Those locations are restricted because of their proximity to Indian Island, which is identified as "critical infrastructure."



Jonathan Lampel • Unsplash.com (free photo website)

The FAA also allows state and local governments to restrict where drones can be flown and the ability to pass their own privacy laws. Currently there are no laws in Washington State that address privacy concerns, although there are some statutes limiting government use of drones. There is a site available called **statedronelaw.com** that has all the current and proposed laws affecting drone use in Washington State. At this site you can also sign up for email alerts, notifying you of changes in the laws.

The question that I have not addressed is privacy. Drones are being operated for a variety of reasons. Realtors regularly employ professional photographers who use drones to take wonderful videos and photos for the marketing of homes and other properties. Wedding photographers also use them to get that great shot of the wedding party or venue. Power companies use them to patrol and inspect power lines. The list is almost endless and is growing every day.

Drone operators should be sensitive to people's privacy whether the law dictates it or not. It is easy for someone to imagine that a drone may be spying on them. It is polite to let your neighbors know when and why you will be flying your drone. Don't fly your drone where it would be improper for you to go personally. We really don't want to deal with any "peeping Tom" incidents via drone.

If you are curious about those drones buzzing around, I hope you now have a little better understanding. If you are a drone operator, continue to fly safely and courteously. •

# **Board Acts to Reduce 2020 Spending**

John Oliveira, KPOA Chief Financial Officer

At the Board of Directors meeting on February 11, the Directors agreed to changes in targeted spending and revenue for 2020 that total \$35,100. When achieved, this should have an impact of reducing 2022 assessments for lots, homes and condos (LHC) by approximately \$60. The reduction for the timeshares would be approximately \$6 per unit.

The Finance Committee presented the Board with a revenue increase, 38 potential reductions in spending, and two potential changes in the reserve plan. The Spending Reduction Worksheet that the Finance Committee brought forward can be viewed on the **KPOA** website.

A subjective risk factor was assigned to each item. They were considered in order of risk starting with the low-risk items — factor 0 — and progressing up through risk factor 5. The lower-risk items were agreed to with some discussion, but little controversy. When we got to the higher-risk factors, the decisions became much more difficult.

The Board decided not to cut the funds for the purchase of the parking hang tags for 2021. Considerable time and energy were invested in the parking solution that includes the tags. We felt that to abandon the process before we have really determined its effectiveness was not wise. The impact of that cut would have been \$1,500.

Several members have come forward volunteering their services to count ballots manually. This could have resulted in a savings of \$6,000. Elections Committee Chairman Mike Burk spoke to retain the services of the outside company that we use to conduct our elections. He, along with several other members, pointed out the complexity of the task and the number of volunteers that would be required.

After considerable discussion, the Board agreed to continue the electronic process. It offers control over the process by an outside party,

eliminating the possible accusations of bias by those counting the votes when there is a controversial issue.

One of the items the Board considered was cancelation of the independent audit scheduled for 2020. This would have saved \$4,500. State law requires an independent audit annually, unless the membership votes to defer. Because the results of independent audits have been very positive, we have to defer this year's audit; that item was left in our spending plan. Information Technology has been the subject of a great deal of discussion. We did take money out of the spending plan (\$11,500) that was earmarked for the development of an improved website. That does not save the full amount of the development cost, as the current site will continue to incur more support costs than was projected for the replacement site. We will use the remainder of this year to firm

up the requirements for the website, administrative systems and network. We will then use a competitive process to select an IT services provider for next year. Meanwhile, we will continue contracted services with our current provider. Our network and systems support is vital to our continued operations. The Board adjourned to executive session to

chosen to conduct audits every three years with the

schedule an audit. Our last audit was in 2017 of the

2016 books. Our administrative procedures require

an audit every three years or when we change CFOs.

The Board does not believe that it would be prudent

approval of the membership each year that we do not

discuss a proposed reduction in funds available for 2020 employee merit increases. After careful consideration, the Board decided to leave that spending at the levels that are in the 2020 budget.

One revenue increase was included in the spending plan. Storage lot fees were raised from the 2019 rate of \$0.32 per foot to a 2020 rate of \$0.33 per foot. Because of the change we made from prices based on a range of lengths to one based on actual length of the rented space, 99 out of the 133 spaces rented will actually see a reduction in their bill.

Our spending reductions also include two purchases related to Cassandra that have been removed from the reserve plan going forward.

Those are the Click to view the
Spending Reduction Worksheet.

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> while continuing to deliver quality amenities to the membership. We did so without taking significant steps backward on some of the progress that has been made in recent years.

I would like to thank the members of the Finance Committee and our guests who attended and contributed to our work sessions over the last two months. They put in many hours analyzing the possible reductions that were brought forward. •

# March Calendar of Events Suzanne Eggleston

#### March 5

Civic discussion: India and Pakistan. Held each Thursday through April 23 (except April 2), the Great Decisions program features a topic of great importance, a short video and a facilitated discussion of American policy. Attend the entire series of lectures (Red Sea Security on March 12; Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking on March 19; U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle on March 26) or one lecture; no previous registration is required. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. TIME: 6–7:30 p.m. COST: Free. LOCATION: Jefferson County Library, 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock. CONTACT: 360.685.6544, jclibrary.info/

#### March 7

Home Show 2020 Jefferson County. This year's show focuses on current trends in remodeling for cabinetry, flooring, insulation, universal design, solar power and



heating technology. Builders, design professionals, inspectors and horticultural professionals will be on hand to answer maintenance and updating questions regarding your home. **TIME:** 9 a.m.—4 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Blue Heron Commons, 3939 San Juan Ave. **CONTACT: JCHBA@live.com**, 360.821.9688, jeffcohomebuilders.com/

Salish Sea Early Music Festival: Burney's Travels. Enjoy period chamber music from six centuries. Featuring Baroque delights with gambist Susie Napper, harpsichordist Hans-Jürgen Schnoor and baroque flutist Jeffrey Cohan. TIME: 2–4 p.m. COST: Suggested donation of \$15–\$25. LOCATION: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1020 Jefferson St. CONTACT: 360.385.0770, livemusicproject.org/

Wine on the Water. This benefit for Bayside Housing & Services features local wineries stationed around the hotel. It's a day to mingle, listen to live music, learn and enjoy. TIME: 1–7 p.m. COST: \$30; ticket (available online and at event) includes four tasting tokens and appetizers. LOCATION: Old Alcohol Plant, 310 Hadlock Bay Rd., Port Hadlock. CONTACT: bsmith@oldalcoholplant.com, 360.390.4017, oldalcoholplant.com/

#### March 8

Seafood Boil. A Northwest-style culinary happening where "everything" goes into the pot in classic Low Country style and tossed with butter and Old Bay seasoning. The clambake includes Gulf shrimp, corn, red bliss potatoes, andouille sausages, snow crab, clams and fresh-baked bread. TIME: 3–6 p.m. COST: \$45 for two. LOCATION: Taps at the Guardhouse, Fort Worden, 300 Eisenhower Ave. CONTACT: mfrederiksen@fortworden.org, 360.344.4400 ext. 127, fortworden.org/

#### March 10

Knitting the Community Together. Come knit or crochet with your community at a gathering that meets the second Tuesday of every month at Finnriver and is co-sponsored by Bazaar Girls. Bring your work-in-progress, cast-on a new one, chat, enjoy some cider and/or dinner, share your skills with or learn some new ones from your neighbors. TIME: 6–8 p.m. COST: \$5+ donation to join will benefit Jumping Mouse Children's Center. LOCATION: Finnriver Orchard & Cider Garden, 124 Center Road, Chimacum. CONTACT: info@finnriverfarm.com, 360.339.8478, finnriver.com/

#### March 14

Celtic & Cajun Music, Food and Fun. Join the Friends of Fort Flagler for live music from The Alternators. Peter Evasick on the fiddle and George Radebaugh on the accordion have been playing together for 30 years. Their repertoire ranges from Cajun/Zydeco to Duke Ellington ballads with a healthy dose of Gypsy Swing and Celtic music. Cajun and Irish dishes will be available for \$12 a dish; wine, beer and soft drinks are also available for purchase. TIME: 3–6 p.m. COST: Free. LOCATION: Fort Flagler State Park, 10541 Flagler Rd., Nordland. CONTACT: tibbals.alice@gmail.com, 360.382.7006, friendsoffortflagler.org/

Marine Science Center Dinner & Auction. The proceeds from this fundraiser allow the Marine Science Center to connect face-to-face with more than 24,000 people each year, educating visitors about marine health and how to take local action. This year's theme is "You, Me & The Salish Sea" and

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will feature an evening of wonderful camaraderie, great food and spirited bidding. **TIME:** 5–9 p.m. **COST:** \$80 members; \$85 non-members; \$90 at the door. **LOCATION:** The Commons at Fort Worden. **CONTACT:** info@ptmsc.org, 360.385.5582, ptmsc.salsalabs.org/

#### March 14, 21

Master the Instant Pot — Soups, Stews, Broths and Stocks. Learn to use the Instant Pot to cook up sensational soups, stews, broths and stocks. Besides teaching techniques on how to use an electric pressure cooker, this foundational, hands-on class will feature cooking with others and eating a full sit-down meal. Take home a recipe packet. TIME: 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. COST: \$35, members; \$45, non-members. LOCATION: Market Kitchen, 1433 W Sims Way. CONTACT: andreas@foodcoop.coop, 360.385.2883, foodcoop.coop/

#### March 17



# March 19 Spring equinox

#### **March 20–22**

Victorian Heritage Festival 2020. The focus of this year's festival is "Great Expectations" to reflect the time when building was booming in Port Townsend, sailing ships were king and citizens were sure the town would be "The Key City" gateway to Puget Sound and beyond. Features a grand ball, a fashion show, open houses, music, presentations from PT residents Gabriel and Sarah Chrisman and more. Cochaired by Kala Point's Scott Rovanpera and Tracy Wirta. TIME: Visit vicfest.org for schedule. COST: Varies; three-day pass: \$60. LOCATION: Cotton Building, 607 Water St. CONTACT: contact@PortTownsendVictorianFestival.org, vicfest.org/

#### March 21

#### JeffCo Community Garage Sale & Flea Market.

More than 40 different garage sales in one location. The event is open to all vendors: commercial, direct sales and crafters. Rent your own space, shop or donate to the fair's own garage sale. **TIME:** 9 a.m.−4 p.m. for the public; 8:15 a.m. start for VIP shoppers; drop-off items M−F, 9:30 a.m.−2 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** JC Fairgrounds Erickson Building, 4907 Landes St. **CONTACT:** jeffcofairgrounds@olypen.com, Sue McIntire at 360.385.1013, jeffcofairgrounds.com/ ◆



# **Recurring Kala Point Clubhouse Events**

**Board Meeting:** Second Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

**Bridge:** Mondays at 11 a.m.

Exercise Class: Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. Bring hand weights. If interested in attending, call AJ Laverty, 360.379.6386

**Tai Chat:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9–10 a.m. 24-form Tai Chi with breaks for chatting. All are welcome. Libby Nordlund, 425.273.4933, eanordlund@aol.com. ◆



# Potato Bake and Chili Fundraiser for EJFR on March 28

Anne Englander

It's that time again! Mark your calendars and make your reservation to attend our benefit dinner for East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) on Saturday, March 28, from 5–7:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

#### Why you should attend?

It's important. This is Kala Point's annual fundraiser for EJFR, hosted by the Emergency Preparedness Committee. All proceeds, including liberal donations from our Kala Point members,

donations from our Kala Point members, go directly to this dedicated team of first responders — firefighters and EMTs — who serve our community so professionally and so well. EJFR uses these contributions toward medical supplies, equipment and training. Over the last couple of years, for example, EJFR has spent Kala Point funds on a stair chair and an AED defibrillator. Our friends at EJFR are an important resource; please help make their jobs a little easier.

It's fun! Not only do you get to meet the good folks from EJFR and catch up with friends, but you also get to eat great chili, baked potatoes, salads and desserts made by your Kala Point neighbors. Good food, good conversation, for a good cause!

#### What do you need to do?

Make a reservation. Reservations will be accepted, first come-first served, from March 2 until we're full. Make your reservation by contacting Vivian McFarling at 707.472.8358 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Space is limited and this event fills up fast, so be sure to reserve early!

Bring either a pot of chili, a salad or a dessert

(Vivian will work with you on which), along with your table setting, your preferred beverage and a minimum suggested donation of \$10 per person (more, please, if you can!) payable at the door by cash or check made out to EJFR.

This year there will not be any competitive bidding by table for early access to the food line, so no one will

feel pressured. However, we still welcome and encourage additional donations.

Donation buckets will be on each table; please consider depositing a check or extra cash there.

#### If you can't attend...

Please support our friends at EJFR with a contribution anyway!

Before the Potato Bake (anytime from March 15 through March 27), you can drop off your check (made out to EJFR) at one of three places.

Envelopes for your donation will be provided at:

- Jean Reed's front porch at 353 Fairbreeze Dr.
- Pat Wrobel's front porch at 53 Terrace Dr.
- Inside the door of the administration building

After the Potato Bake (through April 15), send or drop off your check (made out to EJFR) to Anne Englander, 330 Baycliff Drive. Anne will be sure your contribution is delivered to EJFR.

See you on March 28, and thanks for supporting our friends at EJFR! ◆



### A Special Thank You

Thank you to all of the KPOA members for your donations to the Kala Point Employee Appreciation Fund. The caring and generosity of our community never ceases to amaze us and we all realize this comes from the heart.

We all wish you a happy and healthy New Year!

Keith Larson, Felice Thompson, Phil White, Connie

Morgenson, Shane Ryan, Daniella Brockmeier, Dion

White and Tim Wardleigh ◆

Note: this message was intended for the February issue, but was accidentally left out.

# Fund Raiser for East Jefferson Fire Rescue Kala Point's Annual Potato Bake

Saturday, March 28, 5 – 7:30 p.m. Kala Point Clubhouse

Doors will open at 5 p.m.

Reservations are First-Come, First-Served starting March 2, until all spaces are filled.

Make your reservations with Vivian McFarling (707) 472-8358 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

All proceeds benefit our East Jefferson Fire Rescue Firefighters and EMTs.

Donations are a minimum of \$10 per person (more is good too).

Bring chili, a salad, or a dessert, your own beverage, and place settings!



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Potato Bake Fundraiser
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EJFR with a contribution anyway!

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March 15th through March 27th, drop
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Jean Reed's front porch
53 Terrace Drive
Pat Wrobel's front porch
Administration building
right inside the door

After the Potato Bake
Through April 15th, send or drop off
your check (made out to EJFR) to
Anne Englander, 330 Baycliff Drive







(Left) Joan Fisher; (middle) Darlene Krause, Linda Godfrey, Sharon Ross; (right) Angela George.

# Kala Point Knitting Group

Angela George

Knitting, quilting, tailoring, crochet and embroidery are some of the skills demonstrated by our members. We meet weekly, mostly in each other's homes and occasionally at the clubhouse here in Kala Point.

When a local Port Hadlock knitting club dissolved a few years ago, KP resident and avid knitter Lynda Pollard wanted to continue the weekly meetings, so she and I formed a (mostly) Kala Point group. We have welcomed beginners, who have blossomed into accomplished knitters, and have branched out to include other crafts.

We are very lucky to include longtime resident Joan Fisher among our members. Joan is the most patient knitting teacher I have ever seen and is largely responsible for the achievements of our new knitters. She attributes her skill as a teacher to her early knitting years when she was dropping stitches herself and needed lots of help.

Our meetings take place at 1 p.m. on Thursdays and are a convivial mixture of socializing and crafting with plenty of tea and treats on hand. If you are interested in joining us, contact Angela George (angela@lakecomm.com). We can accommodate a couple of new members or you could consider forming your own group of happy crafters.



Joan Fisher and Lynda Pollard

(Left) Alyce Hansen; (middle) Sharon Ross; (right) Linda Godfrey.









## **March Gardening Tips**

Diane Solvik and Marilyn Berry

March is the month that gardeners get anxious for spring to arrive and want to jump-start planting flowers and annuals. But, have patience and wait for the danger of frost to pass and the temperature of the soil to rise. We can, however, plant bare root trees, shrubs and roses without danger.

Both National and Washington State Arbor Day will be next month. Why not begin looking for a spot that could be improved with a nice shade tree, flowering or fruit tree, or a colorful conifer?

Migratory hummingbirds will be arriving this month. Fill hummingbird feeders with a solution of sugar water: four cups of boiling water to one cup of sugar — no coloring. In addition to putting out your feeders, why not plant a red flowering currant? Flowering currant bushes are favorites of the hummingbirds and are very drought tolerant. They are also listed as a plant that is deer resistant.

Fertilize rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias with an acid-based fertilizer just before the buds open and fertilize all perennials with a slow-release fertilizer, but do not over-apply. Peonies need lime or lime chips. Feed roses right after pruning.



Resident female Anna • Angela George



Ribes sanguineum (red currant) • nativeplantspnw.com/

If you want blue blooms on hydrangeas, water thoroughly with a solution of aluminum sulfate. If you want pink blooms, water thoroughly with a solution of garden or agricultural lime. Apply the solution three or four times throughout the season.

Cut all old fronds of sword ferns near the ground before new fronds start to appear. You will have beautiful, fresh ferns soon.

Watch for new growth on perennials and bait for slugs, as necessary, if you haven't done so already.

A fun project to start now on your deck is to fill a few pots that are at least 10" in diameter with a good potting soil. Get a seed pack of mixed salad greens and sow the seeds one-quarter inch apart. Keep the soil moist and thin the plants when they emerge if the seeds were sown too closely. Every two or three weeks, add a few more seeds to ensure a continuous supply of fresh greens for your table.

Clean birdhouses for the upcoming new occupants.

Tune up lawn mowers before the rush. Enjoy being outside in your garden! ◆

"The ghostly winter silence had given way to the great spring murmur of awakening life. This murmur arose from all the land, fraught with the joy of living."

Jack London, Call of the Wild

# Port Townsend Victorian Heritage Festival March 20, 21 & 22, 2020

Port Townsend, Washington



Friday: Tintype photos, English Parlor, music, tea, Sarah Chrisman Saturday: Presentations, Fashion Show, Grand Ball, Uptown tours Sunday: Presentations, High Teas, Rothchild House, Schooner Martha

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# Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc Committee Outreach

Kim Titus, Vice President, KPOA Board

Kala Point developers envisioned creating a unique, private wooded and waterfront community of custom homes and condominiums within a magnificent natural setting. Today we live in a peaceful, forested community with ready access to Fort Townsend State Park and the Kala Point beach. Many of our residents enjoy a healthy and active lifestyle, and every day you will encounter walkers, cyclists and dog lovers on our roads — along with cars. As the number of pedestrians and vehicles has increased, so have the "near misses" between cars and people.

A request came to the Board during the February 11, 2020, Board meeting to address the growing conflicts. The request is the result of an informal survey from 42 respondents who feel like there is a need to act on an increasing concern over speeding and pedestrian safety/road use within Kala Point. The Board established an ad hoc committee to identify specific issues, brainstorm possible solutions and deliver recommendations to the Board.

We will have constraints. Kala Point was designed to have 24-feet-wide roads in many places, 21 to 22 feet in others. At the island on Sailview Drive near the beach, there is only 10 feet per lane. Many residents are concerned over increased maintenance costs overall, and the current rules and regulations highlight the absence of streetlights and sidewalks as the significant feature of the "park-like environment" in Kala Point. Yet we can find some solutions that will minimize the risk to our residents, both on foot and in cars.

I will chair the ad hoc committee, and I hope we can develop recommendations for the Board in about three meetings. My goal is to present our findings to the Board on May 12. If you have an interest in participating on the pedestrian safety committee, please let me know at **kpoaboard\_titus@kalapoint.org** by close of business March 8, 2020.

I will then set up the first meeting to be held during March at the clubhouse. We could use your help, ideas and collaborative efforts to find some solutions to offer to the Board. Please join us!

#### **Observations of a Street Walker**

Jean Erreca

For many years I traveled for a living and my favorite exercise was walking. I would leave the hotel and head out in one direction for an hour, then turn around and walk back — usually on busy urban streets and often at night. It was a great way to explore an area and get a little workout, too. This was my routine in cities all over the US and western Europe for 30 years.

#### Observations:

Be aware of what is going on around you.

Hardly anyone anywhere carefully adheres to the posted speed limit, and that car half a block away may be traveling 50 miles per hour. This may not matter much walking on sidewalks in the city, but on narrow streets like ours, it's critical. Plus, getting hit or sideswiped by a vehicle traveling just 15 mph will hurt like heck.

Stay focused. In traffic, do not walk

distracted by conversation or music; save that for quiet side streets or the beach.

Listen for traffic approaching from behind you. If traffic is approaching from behind and there is a car ahead coming the other way, be ready to step off the pavement to allow them to pass. They may stop for a walker but often they do not.

Some drivers refuse to swing wide and cross the imaginary "centerline" to make room; again, be

Never turn your back to traffic. See and be seen. People have told me they see my white hat a couple blocks away.

Watch where you step. There are long stretches of Kala Point Drive where one may walk off the pavement on soil and grass. It's not too bad, just watch for on't turn an ankle. My physical therapist

rocks and don't turn an ankle. My physical therapist suggests walking on grass is easier on my spine, too. •

ready to step off the pavement.

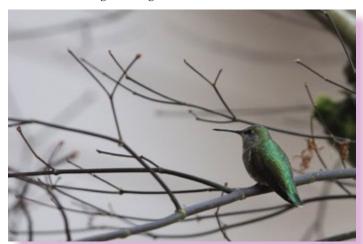
# Kala Cares In Memoriam

J. Fredric Way

# Through The Lens



Wave Master • Angela George



Tiny Sentinel (above), Point Wilson (below) • Angela George





Snapdragons (above), Poppies (below) • Bob Segui



# **Through The Lens**



Mount Baker and the USS Nimitz at Indian Island on February 18 • Mike McDade



Corgi Mayhem • Mike Burk

Many thanks to everyone who sent in photos of the USS *Nimitz*! Since we couldn't run every photo, we adhered to a first-submitted policy. Please keep taking and sending in your photos for inclusion in "Through the Lens."



Who or what is on your game cam? Send your images to

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# **Committee Reports**

#### **Architecture**

Meeting: January 16

14 Projects: 1 Completed, 11 Ongoing and 2 New

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. Refund: Lot 116C landscape completed
- 2. KPCA Lot 3054: tabled for lack of information and approval from KPCA
- 3. Lot 384: existing temporary electrical pole; AC needs to revise APPs concerning electrical service meter locations allowed
- 4. Lot 390: approved garage door changed to wood grain texture
- 5. Lot 362: approved change in propane tank location

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Lot 277: approved building materials and colors; deposit and permits needed
- 2. Lot 132: Approved new home construction after site visit

# **Emergency Preparedness**

Meeting: February 6

#### Meeting highlights:

- Advanced First Aid Training will be held for the First Aid Team March 18–20.
- A gathering of all Block Captains will be held February 24, with the purpose of sharing information between Block Captains and discussing feedback from zone neighbors.
- In a presentation at the Clubhouse arranged by Pattie Horvath, Sara Penhallegon from Center Valley Animal Rescue will discuss emergency pet management, with interesting anecdotes sprinkled throughout.
- Community Emergency Response Training
  (CERT) starts Wednesday, February 12. Sixteen
  Kala Point residents are taking this nine-week
  course and will report back to the EPC as part
  of its continuing education program. Jefferson
  County is working on offering advanced CERT
  training classes focusing on pet rescue, traffic
  control and advanced first aid. Classes will be
  open to those who have completed basic CERT
  training.
- The EFJR fundraising Potato Bake will be held March 28 from 5–7:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. Attendees must register by phone with Vivian McFarling beginning March 2. Register early as

this event fills up quickly.

The EPC approved changes to its APPs recommended by the Grounds Committee (GC) that proposed safety issues should be under the jurisdiction of the General Manager.

#### **Grounds**

Meeting: February 4

#### Meeting highlights:

- The Committee gave final approval to revisions to its APPs. The revisions:
  - included a matrix showing revised responsibilities of the Grounds, Tree and Architectural Committees and the General Manager
  - reflect EPC's
     responsibility shift for
     safety issues to the
     General Manager
  - « included a sign policy
  - « were later approved by EPC on February 6
  - « were presented to the Board on February 11 and approved.
  - « posted on the website
- The Committee approved changes to the Rules and Regulations and the CC&Rs that would make them compatible with the revised Grounds Committee APPs. The revisions were submitted to the Board on February 11; the Board approved changes to the Rules and Regulations. Additional edits were submitted to the original language in the CC&Rs; the Committee agreed to provide revisions at the next Board meeting.
- The Committee discussed pedestrian issues raised by Kevin Gale and recommended that an ad hoc committee be formed to address this issue. The Board approved the ad hoc committee on February 11 and appointed Kim Titus as its Chair.
- Two new members have been added: Leslie Weertman and Stan Cummins. Thank you!

#### **Internal Control**

Meeting: January 14

#### **Old Business:**

- 1. Expense reviews/coding checks completed
- 2. External Audit Negotiating with the audit firm

# **Committees**

#### **New Business:**

- 1. Discussed Annual Review with GM: Annual Assets, Expense and Income Review
- 2. Discussed the need for an outside audit this year; an audit is required by Washington state law and, according to our governing documents, must be completed every third year or with the change of the CFO. Recommend to Financial Committee to not cut expense from KPOA Budget
- 3. Voted to add new member: Richard Croston (Motion to approve new member)

#### **Publications**

Meeting: February 3

#### Meeting highlights:

- Placement of vendor ads was discussed
- Links to vendors' websites may be added
- Former and potential vendors are being solicited for advertising
- Grounds Committee will include a standing education column in *Kala Pointer*
- KPOA office will receive the final draft of the newsletter for distribution

#### Tree

Meeting: February 13

#### Meeting highlights:

- Residents are asked to tag trees before committee visits to allow quick identification of trees with the requested action.
- The forest assessment has been deferred until at least 2021 as a part of the Board's effort to reduce 2020 spending. Given this recent decision, how best to use the draft report will be discussed at the March 12 meeting.
- Dan Field (Field's Tree Care) purchased a
  tool for diagnosing red root rot a drill that
  measures density as it enters a tree and prints out
  a graph that was used at a Buckhorn home;
  results will be available next month.
- Two pin oaks near the tennis courts were taken out by KPOA because of declining health. The trees were planted; the TC was notified last year.
- Of the 11 open cases, 10 are still pending (tree action has not been completed). One case was closed (completed).
- The Board will hold a compliance hearing on March 10, at noon, for unauthorized trimming of several firs at 1600 Kala Point Drive.

# Still Searching for New Exercise Equipment for the Clubhouse

Mike Harte

If this article looks familiar, it's because it ran in last month's issue. I didn't receive any responses the first time, so I thought I'd try again. A few weeks ago several members discovered that the weight machine many folks use and rely on for upper-body fitness exercising was missing from Clubhouse fitness room.

Inquiry with KP management indicated the machine had been removed because it was broken. No suggestions of replacement of this piece of equipment were made at this inquiry. And, as signs in the fitness room clearly indicate, all equipment available in that room has been donated.

The loss of this piece of equipment is a great disappointment to several members in the community; it was the only piece of equipment that allowed users to focus on exercising upper-body muscle groups only (lateral pull-downs, curls, pectoral exercises, etc.).

Since this equipment was donated by a KP member at some point in time and not purchased by KPOA, KP Management has no plans for replacement. This means it is up to us to locate another piece of fitness equipment with a comparable upper-body focus.

This is where you come in. Do any of you have, or know someone who has, serviceable upper-body fitness equipment (multi-functional) that is no longer being used or could perhaps be put to wider use in the KP Clubhouse Fitness Room? Would you, or that someone you know, consider donating such a piece of equipment?

If so, let's talk! Contact Mike Harte at: 970.224.0651 or mike@coyotecamp.com. I will make arrangements for the selected equipment/machine to be removed from your home and installed in the KP Clubhouse Fitness Room. Thanks so much! ◆



### **New Monthly Column From Your Grounds Committee**

**Scott Rovanpera** 

The Grounds Committee has been resurrected and its mission is to monitor the Common Areas and its amenities to ensure that beauty, safety and serenity are maintained for the benefit of all residents. The Grounds Committee will also monitor individually owned properties for upkeep and regulation compliance.

To fully understand the committee's enforcement responsibilities, we reviewed the documents that define our mission: Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions of Record (CC&R); Rules & Regulations (R&R); and the Grounds Committee Administrative Policy & Procedures (APP).



A resident maintains the park-like grounds surrounding her Kala Point home.

The Committee decided that Kala Point residents should also know what these rules are and how it affects their properties.

To provide this education, the Committee will publish a standing column in the *Kala Pointer* to explain our objectives to:

- Monitor the maintenance of vegetation and improvements on developed lots
- Monitor maintenance of landscaping and amenities on common property
- Comply with those enforcement actions defined in the CC&Rs and R&Rs
- Review and approve Common Area sign design and message
- Maintain an active and sustaining membership within the committee

The table below is an overview of the three Grounds Committee responsibilities as outlined in the CC&Rs. From these CC&Rs, the Grounds Committee is responsible for enforcing the care and appearance of individual lots, their improvements, and the Common Areas.

If you have any questions about your property, the Common Areas or any of the information listed here, please email **Steve Reed** who is the acting chairman of the Grounds Committee.

Watch for articles from the Grounds Committee in upcoming issues of the *Kala Pointer*. ◆

CC&R Article	Area of Responsibility or Enforcement
Property Rights Article IV, Chapter B, Section 7	Care and Appearance Premises: As to Lots, the Lot owners, and as to Condominiums and Time Share Condominiums, their respective Owner Associations, shall maintain the improvements located on their premises and the grounds of such premises in a neat and attractive manner, and in particular, shall keep the grass and weeds cut, shall control the growth and spread of alder trees, shall keep the shrubbery pruned, and shall promptly remove dead trees, shrubbery and plants. Such Owners and Owner Associations shall maintain the exterior of improvements on their premises in a good state of repair and condition.
Property Rights Article IV, Chapter B, Section 15	Common Area Vegetation: View paths and shrubbery growth in the Common Areas shall be maintained by the Association. The Grounds Committee shall review and approve all requests for clearing, tree removal, or limbing in the Common Area.
Repair and Maintenance Article IX, Section 2.(b)	Standards for Maintenance and Installation: All portions of a Lot which are unimproved with a dwelling or structure shall be maintained by the Owner thereof, at all times in a neat, clean, and non-hazardous condition in accordance with Rules and Regulations promulgated by the Board.

### **How Does One Say Goodbye?**

Nancy Leeds

How does one say goodbye to 20 years in a neighborhood? To a home that has protected them all that time? To a home that has made them feel secure and warm and loved?

How does one say goodbye to the yard they are connected to and to the ferns and bushes of their guardianship? The trees that have tethered them and gave moments of flight when they danced and sang in the wind...how can they leave them? Juncos and hummingbirds, crescents of sunlight falling across the ground, the sound of rain during the night...too sweet to even think about not having again.

Twenty years of closeness with neighbors. Laughs and embarrassments. Parties, dares, chats around the night fires. Borrowing a tool or some food needed for a recipe; maybe soliciting some advice. Afternoon walks, sharing pictures, enduring deaths, enjoying congratulations. How does one say goodbye to all of *that*?

And how much sadness will be suffered when they close the door to their home for the last time and see it in the rearview mirror on their way to a new life? •



Doug and Nancy Leeds with Sanintita Wudanuphan, an exchange student from Thailand who is staying with them.

# THE KALA POINTER WANTS YOU FOR PRODUCTION HELP

If you have Adobe InDesign experience (Photoshop and Illustrator a plus!), please consider volunteering some time to help produce our neighborhood's monthly newsletter. Duties would entail:

- ★ Placing submitted content into a template
- ★ Selecting a color palette and art for each issue
- ★ Making editorial corrections
- ★ Creating a PDF for the KPOA website

Please contact:

**Suzanne Eggleston or Mike Burk** 



# Get To Know Your Neighbors Marilyn Berry

### **Chip and Eileen Svoboda**

Windship Drive

Eileen and Chip are not just new residents to Kala Point, they are also newlyweds. Each lived in Phoenix and met through an online dating service several years ago (before Tinder). As their relationship developed, where they wanted to live and how they



wanted to define "them" began to take shape. Housing requirements were easy — Eileen wanted to live near trees and Chip wanted to live near water. Through a series of soul-searching questions — no horses — it was decided that they wanted to retire somewhere near the Washington ferry system. This led them to Port Townsend and eventually to Kala Point where living in the Olympic rain shadow is a plus.

Their house was purchased in late 2017, but it needed quite a few renovations. This process took some time, but the house was in good enough condition that they moved in during the summer of 2019. Even though Eileen and Chip have made Kala Point their home, they plan to keep their house in Phoenix for visiting family and winters.

Eileen has continued to work as a supply-chain consultant, while Chip retired last April after working for Honeywell Aerospace. Between them they have five children, two of whom are married.

Recently, they adopted their dog Dundee from the Murphys who moved from Kala Point into an assisted-living facility.

On any given day you will find Chip working on any one of his many projects. He enjoys "fixing" things and is currently in the middle of remodeling the master bath. When Eileen isn't working, she enjoys reading, baking and golfing and has joined the KP Woodworking Club. Both enjoy hiking and are looking forward to exploring in their recently purchased RV.

Let me circle back to my mention of Eileen and Chip being newlyweds. They had a beautiful summer wedding in their backyard here in Kala Point in 2018. With a view of the water and surrounded by trees, the setting couldn't have been more perfect for such an event!

### **Damaris Eustice and Parley Wells**

Foxfield Drive

Working residents are a minority in our neighborhood, yet they provide important diversification to our community. Damaris and Parley fit that description. Damaris works two jobs; during the day she manages a team doing customer support and at night she consults for a Hawaiian nonprofit company working with homelessness. She finds the latter to be most fulfilling. After leaving the Army,



Parley became a truck driver for Schneider National Carriers as well as other companies/industries. He is currently employed by WAVE where he installs internet and cable for TVs but enjoys the added bonus of meeting the customers and their dogs. When asked if he's ever had a problem with any of the dogs, he said, "I haven't met a dog I've not liked yet!"

They met in high school in Omak, Washington, but like many, lost touch with each other after graduation. Twelve years ago, Parley reconnected with Damaris via Facebook. In their early life together, Damaris joined Parley trucking around

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# **Your Neighbors**

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the country for his job. Damaris says it was fun for awhile, but she wanted to settle down. They ended up in Richardson, Texas. Five years ago, they moved back to Washington after a cousin offered them her property on Jacob Miller. While it was nice being back in Washington near the trees and the water, they wished for a larger home to fit their expanded family.

They were fortunate to find a large home, in a pretty community, with a beach right here in Kala Point. Living with them are their eight-year-old daughter Xoie (who is active in Girl Scouts and Jujitsu), their 18-year-old son Ryker (who takes Driver's Ed and works at Safeway), and Damaris' father Larry (who enjoys board games, chauffeuring and watching the children, and is active in Port Townsend's Gay Seniors group). Let's not forget their two rescue dogs Jasper (a black lab mix) and Lady (a Chiweenie).

Finding time for hobbies or interests is challenging for working parents, but there is always time for family board games and cards. Additionally, Damaris enjoys kayaking and furniture refinishing while Parley enjoys cooking, drawing, painting and woodworking. He also enjoys making models and building computers; he currently owns more than 10 computers he's using for parts.

## William and Susan Boughter

Alderwood Place

Bill and Susan's move into Kala Point occurred in segments. Their property was purchased in 2018 but Sue didn't move here until 2019. Bill, who stayed behind in Tacoma in their fifth wheel to complete the sale of their house, didn't arrive here until last month. They knew about our community from different family members who either owned property or a timeshare. They enjoy their home on the cul-de-sac where Sue states, "the neighbors are great!"

Sue grew up in nearby Tacoma and retired at an early age from Safeway after 30 years, where she worked every position from cashier to office to stocking shelves. Who could pass up retiring with full benefits at 55? She volunteered at the local YMCA and taught Pilates classes.

Bill grew up in Decatur, Illinois, and was drafted after high school and served as a medic in Vietnam. Music has always been in his blood; he was in bands



in high school and in Vietnam. He is currently a singer and bass player performing at open mic nights at The Keg and I.

Additionally, Bill composes music. I had the privilege of hearing him perform two of his songs during our interview. One song was named "Lady Redbird," based on *Nan of the Gypsies*, a book belonging to Sue's grandfather. The other was named "Susan's Song," a song written for Sue. Bill retired from Pierce County Public Works in Puyallup after 20 years. He also is a single-engine flight instructor.

Together, Bill and Sue have two gelding paint horses (Tonka and Nitro) that are kept in Lyman where they bought into a horse camp. As you can see in the family picture, they also have a four-year-old Shih Tzu named Zoey. They own a 25-foot sloop sailboat, a 12-foot aluminum boat and a Cessna 150.

The saying, "it's a small world" applies to Sue and Bill; they both lived in Puyallup (but didn't know each other) at the time they were introduced in Seattle by a friend. They married on Valentine's Day in 1998 after having lived together for 17 years. Between them, they have two daughters and two grandchildren. •

"Yes, I deserve a spring — I owe nobody nothing."

Virginia Woolf, A Writer's Diary

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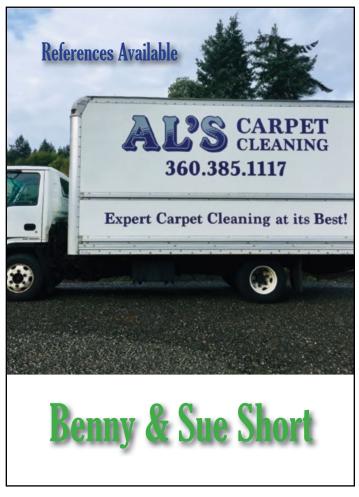
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Friday: 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### Clubhouse

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m. Saturday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–8 p.m.

#### Pool

Closed

#### Jacuzzi and Sauna

Monday–Friday: 9 a.m.–7:45 p.m. Saturday–Sunday: 10 a.m.–7:45 p.m.

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