

Kala Pointer

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From the Desk of KPOA President

[Mark Lannon](#), Board President



Oh Deer! photo by Donna Abear

The Kala Point 2023 Survey has just been completed and compiled. There were 365 respondents. If you did not receive the survey, please contact the Kala Point Office at 360.385.0814, ext. 503 and give them your contact information.

The survey covered five subjects:

1. Demographics
2. Communication
3. Pickleball
4. Community Activities
5. Volunteer Opportunities

A summary of the survey results can be found on the [Kala Point website](#). If you don't have access to the Kala Point website, call the Kala Point office and they will help you out.

Enjoy the nice weather! ♦

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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

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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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May Board Meeting Summary

[Dan Nordlund](#), Board Secretary

The May KPOA Board Meeting was held May 9 at 3 p.m. It was a hybrid meeting held in person at the clubhouse and over Zoom. Directors in attendance in the clubhouse: J. Reeves, vice president; D. Nordlund, secretary; K. Skolrud, CFO; and Directors P. Miles, S. Stanton, D. Moses, and K. Titus. Also attending were Keith Larson, general manager; and Felice Thompson, administrative assistant II. There were also five residents attending by Zoom and eight residents attending in the Clubhouse.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. The May 2023 agenda and the minutes of the April 2023 Board meeting were approved. It was announced that the deadline for articles for the June *Kala Pointer* was May 19.

From the Consent Calendar, LeeAnn McMillen was approved as a new member to the Tree Committee.

General Manager's report

- Problems with posting information on the [Board landing page](#) on the website have been resolved
- The Jacuzzi was closed temporarily for resurfacing/painting
- We have a new Clubhouse attendant, Ophelia Basham
- Repair/replacement of the pier at the beach is out for bids. The pier and dock/floats will not be available for use this year; the Board will keep the community informed of progress on this project
- The Board approved overlaying of asphalt on Pinewood Court and Hemlock Court by Lakeside Industries, not to exceed a cost of \$90,000 from the reserve fund, and also approved the replacement of our old tractor with a 2023 New Holland WM 75, not to exceed a cost of \$55,000

Old business

- The minor changes to [APP XI](#) proposed by the Social Plus Committee were approved by the Board
- The proposed changes to [CC&R's Article IV](#), Chapter B, Uniform General Requirements were not approved for presentation to the membership based on advice from KPOA's attorney

New business

- 2024 Committee budgets are due by June 30
- The Board approved a motion from the Architectural Committee which would effectively move some synthetic roofing materials (which currently require a variance) to the "pre-approved" list of roofing materials in Appendix A
- [2023 survey results](#) were briefly discussed, and have been posted to the home page of the website along with a narrative summary of the results and of the free-form comments
- The Board voted to allow for member comments on any topic at the beginning of a Board of Directors meeting prior to the approval of the agenda

There being no further business, the Board voted to recess until the June 13 meeting time.

Note: For more details about the meeting, supporting documents, and a recording of the Board meeting, visit the [Board of Directors landing page](#). ♦

A Five-Year Study of Kala Point's Retreating Bluffs

For the past five years, Paul Loubere, a Kala Point resident and retired professor of Geology and Environmental Geosciences, has been taking regular photos of set locations from Kala Point's bluff

line to the Fort Townsend State Park landing. The results are maps, photos and videos showing geological dynamics at work. For Paul, it is part of an effort to predict how the bluffs will respond to the likely three-plus-foot rise in sea level that will happen in this century due to global warming.

Paul mapped the bluffs and recorded bluff changes using the maps and GPS locating. Along with the data he collected, Paul compiled a continuous five-plus-year record of the local tide and winds (strength and direction). The results have shown him how bluff retreat proceeds, and that the extent of active erosion on the bluff line has increased significantly over the past half decade.

A non-technical article on his conclusions can be found on the Kala Point website. [Click to read the full article.](#) ♦



Where There's Smoke, There's Bad Air

Emergency Preparedness Committee

A wildfire doesn't need to be burning nearby for it to be deadly in Kala Point. Carcinogenic smoke has already come from as far away as Canada, California, and China. According to the Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA), we are very likely to have more smoke in our region this year than in the past. Smoke kills — not just through immediate suffocation, but also by the invasion of small smoke-laden particulates. Current outdoor air quality can be viewed at airnow.gov and map.purpleair.com.

While the best thing is to have *clean* air, the next best thing is to have *cleaned* air from a commercial or homemade air purifier. The indoor air in your home can be checked with an air quality monitor, which can cost as little as \$30, that will alert you if air pollutants exceed hazardous levels.

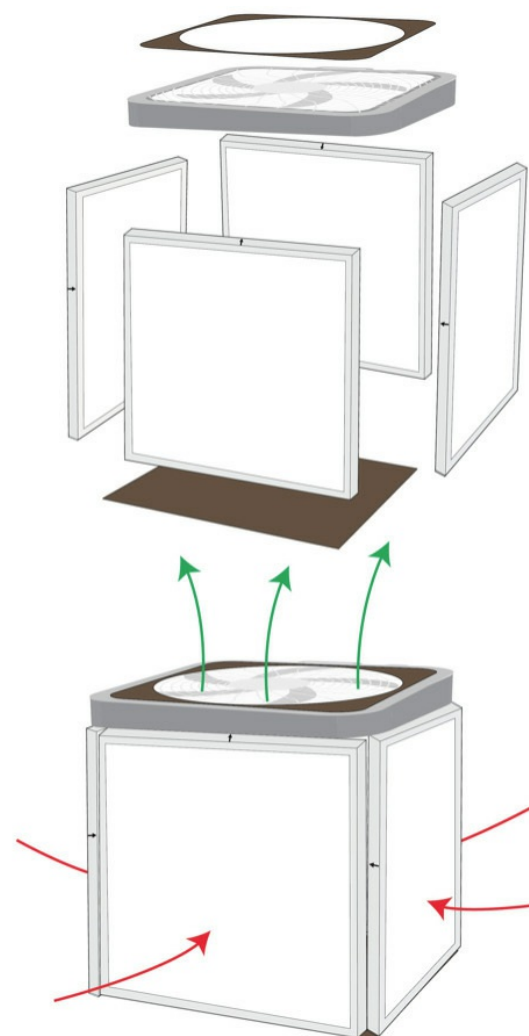
If you are fortunate enough to have a central air system, you can effectively filter smoke particles out of your home by simply regularly replacing the unit's filter with a MERV 13 or higher, and making certain that any fresh air intake is closed. You may wish to supplement such a system with a dedicated, appropriately sized air purifier or with a do-it-yourself (DIY) air filtration system.

Most homes on the peninsula don't have central air, so purchasing an appropriately sized dedicated air purifier or constructing a (DIY) air cleaner is the best preparation for fire-season smoke. Note that ozone generators are not air purifiers; in fact, they add pollutants to the air.

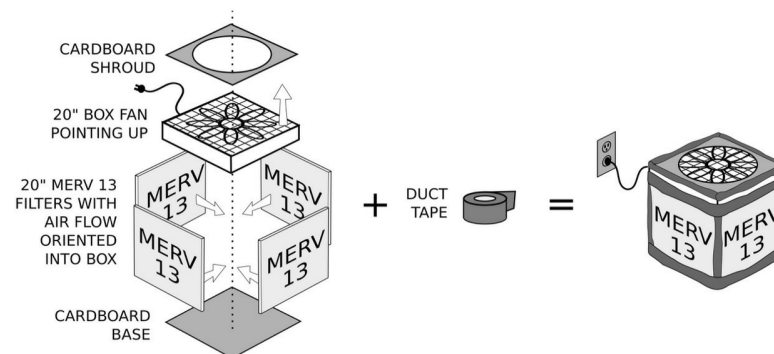
Inexpensive DIY air cleaners can be constructed from a simple 20" box fan and several MERV 13 or higher 20" air filters that are duct-taped together creating a Corsi-Rosenthal Box (cleanaircrew.org/box-fan-filters/). As always, duct tape is your friend. Just a note about choosing a fan: it's best not to use that ancient one in the garage; instead, choose a newer fan (2012 or more recent) with UL or ETL safety markings to reduce the risk of accidental fire.

The finished unit can have the fan blowing upward or forward. Upward is the usually the better choice. Use the filters to form the sides of a box on which the fan will sit. The filters are held in position by duct tape; the fan is held to the filters by duct tape. The arrows on the filters are aligned with the direction of the airflow through the fan so the fan draws air through the filters and blows cleansed air into the room.

DIY air cleaners are probably most effective in a small room where you spend a significant

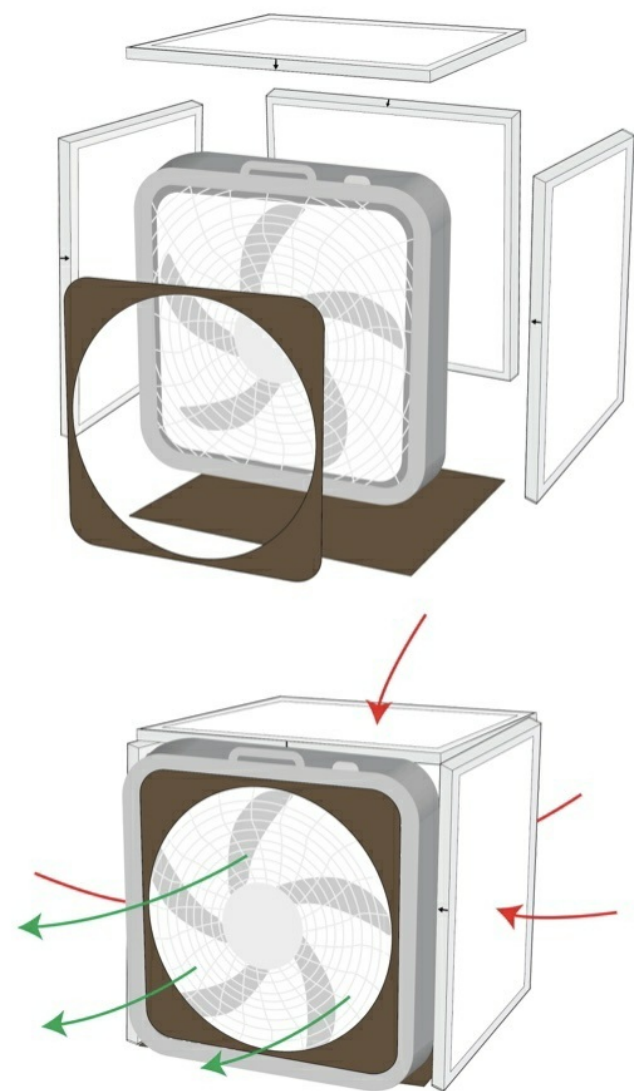


Best arrangement: upward facing



MERV box

amount of time such as a bedroom or TV room. Creating a cardboard shroud for the front of the fan will increase its efficiency. If you decide to have the fan blowing forward instead of upward, move the filter that would have ended up on the bottom when you rotate a completed upward fan to the back so that all exposed sides are filters. ♦



Forward facing air cleaner



As I've gotten older, people think I've become lazy. The truth is I'm just being more energy efficient.



Ground Nesting Bees

Kris Ethington

Working behind the scenes of our beautiful spring meadows, there are many species of industrious native bee pollinators. Some of them are host-plant specialists, others are generalists. A good majority of them make nests in the ground, in plant stems, or in cavities created by other animals. The symbiotic relationship between plants and bees is a form of mutualism where both organisms benefit from their interactions.



Nesting bee



Cooled bumble bee

Solitary bee species represent greater than 75% of the bee species on earth. To illustrate, solitary females can produce offspring, build and maintain their own nest, and forage for floral resources (pollen and nectar) to provision their brood cells, all on their own.

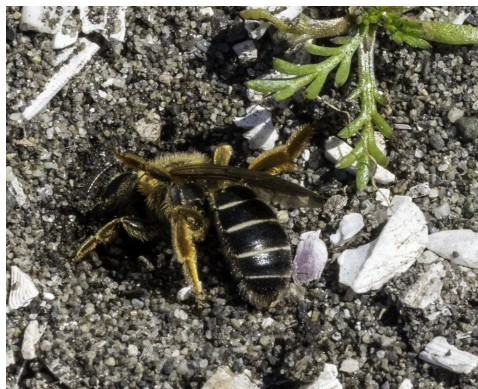
Timing is everything for bee pollinators. I knew that early bee season, a consistent warming of early spring, was *the* time to get to the beach and observe nesting behaviors. Having joined a new subgroup of the Washington Native Bee Society for the North Olympic Peninsula area, I was enjoying the mentorship of the group leader, Ingrid Carmean, from Port Angeles. She is also a board director and a retired entomologist.

I invited Ingrid to visit Kala Point with me and to my delight, she came equipped with her net and bee-cooling supplies. I watched her collect bees for temporary evaluation while I photographed them and made video clips upon their release. I am so grateful to have had this unique opportunity, up-close with some of the species at Kala Point.

Almost as soon as we walked past the playground area of the beach, we found ground nesting females making brood cells in the sandy path we all walk. A female was about to exit her cell. After seeing us, she decided she could wait us out, so we moved along and found many others making nests along the sandy path. Once I knew what to look for, I found many locations of nesting female bees. Some were in small groups in the same area.

The adult life cycle of solitary bee species is rather short, generally a few weeks to a month. These bees spend most of their life developing underground. Nest cells are a minimum of six inches deep and may have multiple chambers.

If you happen to see holes or mounds in the path in early spring, take care not to crush them. There will be new species emerging in summer, probably nesting in low traffic areas, into early autumn. ♦



Female bee making a nest



Cooled bee on sea blush

Bee and bumble photos by Kris Ethington

Sharing the Good Life

Megan Knighton

Sweet, juicy peaches and rich cream are a classic combination for a reason. This pie is the perfect summer indulgence that comes together easily and can be made up to 24 hours ahead of time. Don't worry if you can't get your hands on fresh peaches yet. The filling uses peach jam, and the topping can be made with frozen peaches, giving you a little taste of summer whenever you're craving it.

Peaches-and-Cream Pie

Ingredients

Filling

313 g / 1⅓ cups heavy cream
226 g / 8 ounces mascarpone cheese
113 g / ⅓ cup peach jam
56 g / ½ cup powdered sugar
5 g / 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 g / ¼ teaspoon almond extract
1 g / ¼ teaspoon fine sea salt
Pinch of ground cinnamon

One 23-cm / nine-inch pie crust fully baked, brushed with egg wash, and completely cooled, or a crumb crust, either frozen or baked and completely cooled.



Photo by Megan Knighton

Topping

340 g / 12 ounces peaches (about two medium) pitted and thickly sliced (or substitute thawed, frozen peaches)
15 g / 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
43 g / 2 tablespoons honey

Method

Make the filling. In the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the whisk attachment (or a large mixing bowl and hand mixer), whip the cream to soft peaks. Add the mascarpone and whip to medium peaks. Add the jam, powdered sugar, vanilla extract, almond extract, salt, and cinnamon, and whip until well combined and the mixture is very thick.

Pour the filling into the cooled pie crust and spread into an even layer. Cover with plastic wrap placed directly against the surface of the filling and refrigerate for at least eight hours (or up to 24 hours).

When you're ready to serve, make the topping: toss the peaches, lemon juice, and honey together in a medium bowl until well combined. Arrange the peaches in a pile on top of the pie, then slice and serve.

I'll be featuring Strawberry Rhubarb Pie as the June flavor of the month for my new pie business, Me Oh My Pie. Be sure to check out the month's offerings at any time, by clicking the link to my [online order form](#). ♦

Do you have a food or cocktail recipe you'd like to share?
[Email us!](#)

What's It's Like: My Years On The KPOA Board

Dale Moses

I am now on my third tour on the KPOA Board of Directors, including two years as its president. The first time, I volunteered myself because I thought it sounded interesting and I wanted to keep abreast of what was going on — that is still true.

The second time, I was asked to volunteer by other Board members, perhaps in their thinking to balance experienced members against new ones. The third time, the Board asked me to step up because it had three people leave early, and it needed more volunteers than the three who had already been voted in.

So, with six and a half years under my belt, here is what I have found. Yes, it is a great chance to learn what is going on and perhaps even influence things a bit. The Board essentially approves all expenditures and much of what the professional staff accomplishes.

Our general manager is very good at giving the Board a heads-up on unexpected issues — both those with and without costs — and with forecasts of work to be done, and how things will get done. These updates happen both at the monthly Board meetings as well as by emails and even occasional phone calls.

After a while, you really feel you have a good handle on things. As you might expect, there are the occasional frictions with an owner who doesn't like a committee decision (note: all committees are appointed by the Board and committee appeals go to the Board). But, most of the time, you settle into routine matters. Budgets get built, you attend several committees as the representative of the Board, you keep an eye out for issues that might come up, and you try your best to make decisions that reflect what a majority of our owners would think the best option.

We nine Board members (three new ones each year) spend a number of hours each month (perhaps six to 10 hours) reading emails, reviewing documents and attending meetings. Most of our votes show us voting the same way with only a member or two abstaining or voting against something, so we usually agree on priorities.

Over the years, there seem to be several people each year who show an interest in joining the Board, and it makes a nice change to see the freshmen join us. Some folks have had a lot of experience on such a board, while others are doing it for the first time; there is room for all these variants.

Once in a long while, a prospective person has a particular issue they want to push, but most candidates just want to make KPOA a better community overall.

If you would like to learn more about what it's like being on the Board, we encourage you to attend Board meetings. Feel free to chat with a current or past Board member who would be happy to talk with you and answer questions.

If you are ready to put your hat in the ring as a Board member candidate or have questions about the election process, please contact someone on the [Elections Committee](#) or email ElectionsCommitteeK@gmail.com.

I have certainly enjoyed my years as a director — you might, too. Please consider it. ♦

Kala Point Pier Update

Keith Larson General Manager, KPOA

In February of this year, KPOA had the pier at the Kala Point beach inspected per the Reserve Study requirements done in 2019. The results of that inspection revealed that five 12x12x10 crossbeams have mild to extreme rot. Two of those beams are located at the end of the pier; one supports the gangway ramp. The pier was originally constructed in 1976 and is approximately 47 years old. For the safety of every member and their guests, we must unfortunately close the Pier until further notice.

The KPOA Board of Directors and management are looking at several options to mitigate this unfortunate situation that includes repair or replacement of the pier. Some may not be aware of the many steps involved with taking on such a project. Permitting is the most important first step; it's complicated and the most time-consuming part of this project. Depending on the scope of work, the permitting can take up to three years to complete. Why so long? There are numerous agencies involved with the oversight for this type of project. The following agencies will require diverse permitting documentation, and their approvals will be ongoing over the next several years prior to the project plan implementation. During the permitting process, KPOA will work with the chosen project contractors to draft and design an engineering plan for the pier that would best meet the vision of Kala Point.

Jefferson County – Shoreline Substantial Development Exemption Permit
Jefferson County – SEPA Exemption
Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife – Hydraulic Project Approval
Washington State – Department of Natural Resources Lease Approval
S. Army Corps of Engineers – Permit Approval
Jefferson County – Building Permit Approval
Endangered Species Act and Marine Mammal Monitoring Plan
The Bureau of Indian Affairs

As we evaluate the proposals for this project, we will keep all of you up to date with costs, funding for the project and our timeline for commencement and completion of the pier in its entirety. The four dry dock floats will be removed from the beach area in the coming weeks to allow for additional parking. ♦



What Makes Great Kala Point Board Members?

Patsy Mathys, Elections Committee

What type of people do you want on the Board to best serve our community? Do you desire individuals with specific skills such as management, personnel, finance, or building maintenance? Do you seek folks who are delegators or who are already directly involved in serving the community (i.e., on committees)?

Lastly, how do these prospective Board members make decisions? Are they reflective or quick? Do they rely on personal judgment or do they engage the membership? Are they independent or conforming in a decision-making setting? Do they think outside of the box or are they quick pro/con evaluators?

You won't need to select three new Board members until December, but the Elections Committee is already having general discussions regarding the election. This is *your* election, and the Elections Committee is very interested in your thoughts.

Let us know what type of Board member traits you desire, and what type of information you'd like to know about the candidates. If you have any suggestions regarding the election process — voting documents provided, ballot process, annual meeting format and timing — we would love to hear from you. Any and all views will greatly be appreciated so we can serve you.

Please send your thoughts to ElectionsCommitteeK@gmail.com or talk to one of our Elections Committee members (Paul Fleischman, Charla Jean, Patsy Mathys, Jani Weller) or Board Reps (Dale Moses, Pat Miles). ♦

EPC Drill Gets Rave Reviews

Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management

On Thursday, May 11, the Kala Point Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) conducted a demonstration and exercise of how they would assist KP residents in an earthquake. The EPC set up its Neighborhood Operations Center (NOC) command post in the Clubhouse in front of a standing-room-only crowd. Present were EPC's Block Captains, First Aid, Search and Rescue and Pet Rescue teams, and a good turnout of KP residents. In addition, observers from the Jefferson

County Department of Emergency Management (DEM) and from the national FEMA Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) organization were in attendance.

The DEM's Emergency Operations Center Supervisor, Dave Codier, said, "In Kala Point, you have one of the best organized neighborhoods in the County... The exercise showed how well prepared [EPC is] to help in a disaster. And we are really glad you are teaching residents that they need to be prepared to be on their own for up to 30 days."

In the exercise, a simulated earthquake struck on the fault that lies between Kala Point and Whidbey Island. The Block Captains, pretending to "walk their blocks," were surprised with numerous collapsed buildings, injured people, injured pets, and hazards such as leaking propane tanks and trees blocking roads. As these situations were reported to the Operations Center team, Kala Point's First Aid teams, Search and Rescue team, and Pet Rescue teams were "dispatched" to the scenes to help resolve the issues. Over the course of the one-hour exercise, teams responded to 20 different events, extricating survivors from fallen-down homes, providing advanced first aid to the injured, checking on medically fragile neighbors, and even splinting a broken leg on an injured puppy.

EPC Chair Mark Miller observed that as good as the exercise was at demonstrating the capabilities of the EPC, it also demonstrated the need for additional EPC team members. Mark pointed out that there are a number of areas in Kala Point where EPC does not have sufficient team members to identify or respond to the likely problems that will arise from an earthquake, a wildfire, a severe weather event, an extended power outage or any type of emergency. "We have a pressing need for Block Captains, Assistant Block Captains and First Aid responders," Mark said.

Block captains are needed in zones 4 (condos) 8, 16, and 18. Mark says first aid members are "at large" — i.e., no specific zones — but the number of First Aid teams available in an emergency is insufficient.

"This is an opportunity to do something that is really important. It's a minimal time commitment," says Mark. "We will teach what you need to know, and in a disaster not only will you be able to help your neighbors and your community, but *you* will be more prepared as well. Please consider volunteering."

For more information or to volunteer, contact Mark Miller at mark@jamminc.com or 360.774.5005. ♦

Learn How to Search and Rescue in Kala Point

Emergency Preparedness Committee

In and immediately following a disaster, Kala Point will most likely have damaged buildings, and dangerous and precarious situations. We will most likely *not* have professionals able to assist us.

Statistics show that after major disasters over 80% of the searches and rescues are accomplished by family and neighbors, at great risk to themselves and those they are attempting to rescue. The more we are trained to safely search and rescue, the better the outcome will be for both the rescuer and the survivor.

Guiding principles of search and rescue:

1. Maintain rescuer safety at all times
2. Rescue the greatest number of people in the shortest amount of time
3. Rescue the lightly trapped victims first

Basic steps and procedures for which rescuers are trained:

- 1) **Size up** – Assess the situation and determine what can safely be done
- 2) **Search** – Locate survivors and document their location
- 3) **Rescue** – Use established procedures and methods for extricating and moving survivors to safety

We currently have only two Search and Rescue volunteers for all of Kala Point. To be effective and save lives, we need more volunteers. We do not need superheroes. We need committed volunteers who want to help their neighbors. We need you!

We will conduct periodic training and practice sessions customized to the group's schedule. If you are interested in joining the EPC Search and Rescue Team, please contact Bill Hasan at williamrhasan@gmail.com. ♦

Tips from the Architectural Committee

Pat Miles, Architectural Committee Chair

Kala Point (KP) is a planned, common-interest community operated under Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCRs). Under KP's CCRs, the Architectural Committee (AC) is required to review and approve specifications for all new structures and modifications to existing structures to ensure compliance with the Kala Point Owners Association (KPOA) Board-approved standards/guidelines.

The definition of "structure" is not limited to the principal dwelling; rather it includes *any* structure or item that alters the profile or footprint of the home or landscape in general, such as sheds, greenhouses, decorative embellishments to home or yard, pet or garden enclosures, trellises, fencing, arbors, and decks.

KP is a unique and highly desirable residential community in the Port Townsend area. The AC's aesthetic standards/guidelines have been designed to preserve the look and feel of this parklike, wooded community. As such, they contribute directly to preserving KP's desirability and, ultimately, the collective value of the homes.

The AC encourages homeowners to review the AC standards and guidelines for modifications to existing homes ([Architectural Policies and Procedures/APP-III-2](#)), which is available on the KPOA website or from the Administration Office. Homeowners are encouraged to contact the AC committee for guidance *before* starting a project. The AC makes every attempt to accommodate homeowners' preferences and desires, but our first responsibility is to the KPOA community as a whole by adhering to the aesthetic standards and restrictions detailed in APP-III-2.

Occasionally, well-meaning homeowners fail to submit a request for approval before beginning a project. The following are some tips that may help to define what needs to be approved and what does not; the examples are not inclusive. If you are uncertain whether your project requires approval, please [contact any AC member](#) for guidance.

Items Needing Approval:

- New home construction or additions or modifications to existing homes, including decorative embellishments such as arbors, trellises, or the like
- Pet or garden enclosures; i.e, fencing
- Sheds, greenhouses, permanent generators, wood storage structures, permanent yard structures
- Installation of new propane tanks, permanent generators, heat pumps
- Repainting of exterior of homes, including trim or accent colors, even if color remains the same
- Reroofing of homes, even if homeowner is going to reroof with approved roofing outlined in APPs
- Installation of new decks, porches, driveways, stairs; and replacement of decks, stairs, porches, fences
- Any change to the exterior of the home; e.g., color, siding, roof, footprint, profile
- Fencing of any nature (See Appendix C of [APP III-3](#), KPOA Architectural Standards, Fence Guidelines)

Items Not Needing Approval:

- Replacement of front or garage doors, as long as original approved color remains the same
- Replacement of gutters, as long as original approved color remains the same
- Repairs to roofs and driveways
- Minor repairs to home exterior; e.g., replace rotted siding, touch up painting of railings, etc.
- Minor repairs to replace rotten planks on decks, porches, stairs or railings
- General maintenance of exterior; e.g., window repair or replacement if size of opening remains the same
- Replacement of heat pumps, propane tanks, or permanent generators as long as location remains the same and is shielded from the street and neighboring properties (see the APPs for types of screening) ♦

Summary of PUD's May 9 Meeting at Kala Point

Bill Kaune

On May 9, four representatives from the Jefferson County Public Utility District (PUD) presented their plans for Kala Point's electrical system, and also touched on their broadband efforts. Present were Kevin Streett, the PUD's general manager; Scott Bancroft, PUD operations director; Josh Garlock, PUD electrical superintendent; and Ken Collins, PUD commissioner for District 2.

Electrical System: Kala Point's electrical system was initially installed starting in the 1970s by Puget Sound Electric (PSE). Electrical cable was directly buried in the ground and was expected to last around 30 years or so. While directly burying cable minimized costs, it made repairing faults more difficult. During the last 10 years or so, cable failures have become more frequent on some streets, especially Fairbreeze Drive.

As a result, the PUD has installed conduit along many of our streets, and started to pull in new cabling. Placing cables in conduit reduces the likelihood of failure and simplifies repairing faults that might occur. Much of the conduit that has been installed was done in conjunction with scheduled maintenance of our roads, thereby saving costs for both the PUD and us. The PUD expects to continue installing conduit in the future on roads undergoing planned maintenance.

In some cases (Pinecrest Drive, Fairbreeze Drive, and Kala Point Drive from the front gate to Nantucket Place), the PUD has installed new cables in conduit and abandoned the old PSE system. In other cases (e.g., most of Baycliff Drive), conduit has been installed but cables have not yet been pulled in. Their plan is to install cable here soon, and install both conduit and cable between Nantucket/Kala Point Drive and the intersection of Baycliff and Pinecrest Drives.

In summary, it appears to me that the PUD is working steadily toward a simpler and more sustainable electric system at Kala Point that should be more reliable for us in the near future.

Broadband: Recently the Washington Legislature passed a bill that enabled PUDs to offer retail broadband service, and our PUD has gotten into broadband in a big way. They have obtained grants and loans totaling almost \$50 million to develop the infrastructure and offer broadband access to those areas of East Jefferson County that are now poorly served.

Kala Point is served by Astound Broadband (previously named Wave Broadband) and CenturyLink with sufficiently high speeds that we are not considered to be "poorly served." Therefore, the PUD does not expect to offer broadband services here in the near and, perhaps even the more distant future. ♦

Upcoming Events in and Around Port Townsend



4th of July Social Plus Beach Potluck



Join your friends and neighbors at the
Kala Point beach to celebrate the
4th of July!

Please bring:

- Your own beverage
- A potluck dish to share
 - A lawn chair
 - Plates & utensils

Tuesday, July 4th
4:30-7:30 p.m.
KP Beach Gazebo



Questions? Call Vicky Miller at
360.385.3132.

Another great event from the KP Social Plus Committee



Port Townsend Summer Band



2023 Concert Season

Our 31st year of free concerts! Marge Rosen, Music Director

May 29 – 11:30 am

Memorial Day Concert
American Legion Hall

June 25 – 1:00

Chetzemoka Park
Southeast Lawn area

July 4 – 6:00

Pope Marine Park - Tentative

July 30 – 1:00 pm

Chetzemoka Park
Southeast Lawn area

August 12 – 2:00 pm

Jefferson County Fair
Tentative

August 27 – 1:00 pm

Pope Marine Park

November 11 – 10:30 am

Veterans Day Concert
American Legion Hall

See You There!

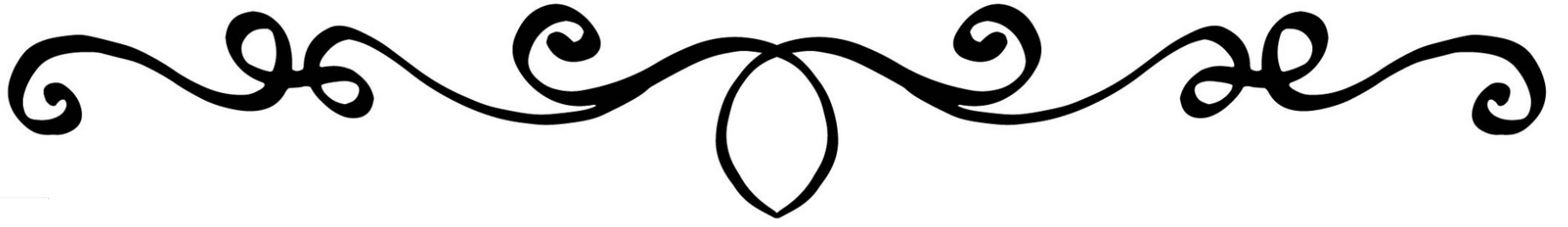


www.ptsummerband.org

Email:

contact@ptsummerband.org





**Just a reminder that our community-wide yard sale will be Saturday,
June 3 from 9-3.**

**On behalf of Social Plus, thank you for driving carefully and for your
participation.**

“THE MIDNIGHT TRAIN BLUES AND DANCE BAND”

PRESENTS:

STREET DANCE!!!



FOLLOWING KALA POINT GARAGE SALE – JUNE 3RD

263 KALA HEIGHTS DR

5 TO 7 P.M.

BYOB, LAWN CHAIRS AND DISH TO SHARE

TIPS FOR BAND APPRECIATED

RAIN WILL CANCEL THIS EVENT

THE ELDER BERRIES



Port Townsend



**5:00-8:00
PM**

Web: TheElderberriesBand.com

**Friday
June 9**

Follow us on 

Looking for Things to Do in Port Townsend?

Message From a Doe: Please Don't Kidnap my Baby

Donna Abear

Hello, humans. Please know, first of all, that I appreciate your willingness to share the lovely wooded property around here with us. Thank you. In that light, I hope you won't mind if I ask you a special favor: *Please don't kidnap my baby!*

As you may or may not know, we blacktail deer give birth in May and June each year. We're a wild bunch, so we have our babies without help, without doctors, and hopefully without any of you gawking at us, though sometimes that can't be helped. When the urge to birth your baby hits, nature is just going to do its thang, and sometimes that's right in your yard.

You need to know that fawns are not like foals that basically get up and get going. Yes, fawns are born with their eyes open, fully furred, and these little cuties can stand in 10 minutes and can walk in seven hours. But they can't just trot off after us right at the start. And if you've ever been a mom, you will understand my dilemma: I gotta eat in order to feed my babies.

Why You Should Leave Unattended Fawns Alone

- I leave during the day for two primary reasons: to feed, and to keep my scent at a distance from my fawn
- My babies will lay perfectly still wherever I leave them. They will barely move even if you touch them (please don't)
- Fawns have white spots for camouflage and are scentless, so predators can't detect them
- I will — I repeat — I *will* come back (unless something tragic happens to me), but don't expect me until dusk and certainly don't expect me if you humans and your wolf-wannabes are hovering around
- Sometimes, I'll move them to different spots each time I feed them (it's a bit like hide and seek)

When it Makes Sense to Help

- If a fawn is obviously ill or injured
- If a fawn is wandering aimlessly and crying, that might be an indication that momma has been killed or hurt
- If you find a fawn lying in the road (not injured) and you are afraid cars will hit it, please move it, but then:
 - Come back with rubber gloves and a towel (or do this before moving the fawn, preferably — then the next two points are moot)
 - Rub the towel in the grass then wipe the fawn's body with that towel to remove human scent
 - Now the fawn is once again scent-free and waiting for mom to return

If you are at all unsure what to do, call **Center Valley Animal Rescue** at 360.765.0598. They will be able to help you figure out whether that fawn needs help.

Thank you for reading this, humans. No one likes to come back from dinner only to find their baby has been kidnapped!



Deer photos by Donna Abear



One more thing: if my fawn munches those flowers you just planted, know this: *it's not my fault.* Darn kids will eat anything! ♦

Get to Know Your Neighbor

Felice Thompson, Administrative Assistant II, Kala Point Owners' Association

Felice, KPOA's administrative assistant for nearly four years, shared her story with the *Kala Pointer*.

For the majority of my working career — 40+ years — I worked as a food server and bartender. Upon arriving in Port Townsend with my family in 1988, I worked at the Sea Galley (a restaurant at the foot of Taylor Street that went bankrupt in 1994; the building was demolished in 2017).



For years I had the pleasure to wait tables on many different occasions over a 20-year span at the Landfall Restaurant (located at Water and Jackson streets) until its closing in 2014 when the building was demolished to make way for a parking lot.

I attended Rockland District High in Rockland, Maine. My college years came later in life; I returned to school when I was in my 40s. I graduated from Peninsula College in Port Angeles with associates degrees in web and graphic design, and a bachelor's degree in business management.

After college, I worked for six years at the *Port Townsend Leader* in classified advertising and graphic design. I also worked at Jefferson Healthcare as a café employee, a unit secretary on the patient floor, and an administrative assistant prior to my employment at Kala Point.

I love the people in the Kala Point community, and I truly appreciate and enjoy working with Keith, our general manager, and my co-workers. It is one of the few jobs in my lifetime where I can put my education and talents to their best use.

I was blessed to receive a Habitat for Humanity home 17 years ago next month. My roommates are my three black cats Night, 17; Saffire, 14; and Izzy, 11.

My parents are deceased, but I do have two grown adult children: a son who lives in Quilcene, and a daughter Ally. My daughter is studying anthropology and archeology at the University of British Columbia.

I see myself as a happy, positive individual. My friends would most likely say I'm a trustworthy, loyal friend who is always ready to help someone in need. I read the Bible each day.

I am an artist at heart and enjoy several hobbies. I have been making soap and natural home-care products for more than 15 years. I started making glass window art (aka suncatchers) approximately two years ago.

Recently I began an endeavor that incorporates my love for beaded glass art into a new medium of wind chimes. It's a satisfying way to present sound and color to a common element. I offer them for sale as unique, one-of-a-kind yard and garden art.

I have many favorite places in Port Townsend, particularly North Beach and Point Hudson. I feel most at peace watching the surf, smelling the salt air and hearing the waves surge and fall. I enjoy going to Sirens, Pourhouse, Doc's Restaurant, Silverwater, and Batch Brothers.

I love to travel, and did so extensively when I was young. I went to Sacramento recently and plan to do a big trip back east next year. If I could go anywhere, I would travel to Greece with my daughter. She had the privilege to visit five years ago on a high school class trip and I have been yearning to go ever since. Someday... ♦

If you would like to be featured in a neighbor profile, please email yourkalapointer@kalapoint.org. One of our staff will be in touch to do an interview or send you questions you can answer yourself. You do not need to be a new resident to be featured. All are welcome to participate.

Through the Lens



May Sunrise, photo by Tai Sheridan



Bleeding Hearts, photo by Janine Cortell



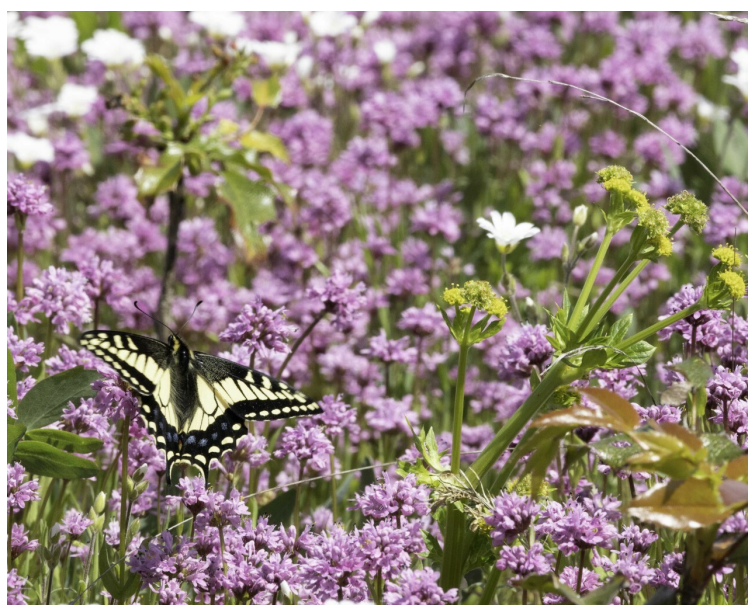
Daisy in the Salal, photo by Tim Twiford



Gull, photo by Tim Twiford



Raccoon Raider, photo by Charlene Resen-Vollmer



Anise Swallowtail, photo by Kris Ethington



Salmon in the Street, photo by Hilary Newell

Brunnera photo by Hilary Newell

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* or on KPOA website. Please submit your full-resolution jpegs, one at a time, to photos@kalapoint.org. Thank you! ♦

Clubhouse Yoga

Charla Jean



Enjoy better balance, flexibility, and increased strength with the practice of gentle yoga. Licensed instructor Charla has taught yoga to seniors for 15 years. Novice or experienced, you will enjoy our practice. Come and see — it's free!

Join us on:

- Wednesday at 1–2:30 p.m. for instruction by certified instructor Charla Jean
- Friday at 1–2:30 p.m. using yoga videos on the big screen

Questions? Call Charla 510.677.0820. ♦

Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting on May 18, 2023

- It was noted that during the May Board meeting, the Board approved deleting the existing requirements for a variance to install synthetic roofing materials
- An approved list of synthetic roofing materials is now part of Architectural Committee's (AC) governing documents
- The AC is working with members on two noncompliance issues.
- The AC has 20 active projects

Next meeting: June 15, 9:30 a.m., the Fireplace Room in the Clubhouse

Elections

Meeting on May 15, 2023

- The committee continues to prepare for the 2023 association elections in the Fall
- Determined schedule for events leading to this year's election cycle
- Established topics for each month's *Kala Pointer* elections article
- Coordinated potential candidate information database
- Reviewed lists of Board member characteristics and expectations
- Brainstormed about sending a letter to new owners discussing volunteering
- Brainstormed how to ask prospective candidates, including asking other committees

Next meeting: June 1, 1 p.m., the Clubhouse

Emergency Preparedness

Meeting on May 4, 2023

April 6, 2023, minutes were approved

Discussed:

Fire Extinguisher Training

On June 1, there will be a brief Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) meeting at 9:30 at the Administration Building that will be followed by the fire extinguisher training outside in the lot.

May 11 Neighborhood Operations Center (NOC) Exercise

- NOC portfolio updates have been completed
- Summaries for NOC and EPC structure
- Reviewed the structure and expectations of the exercise to include handouts, responsibilities and refreshments
- NOC practice will be on May 5 at 1:30 p.m. to get ready for the May 11 event

Incident Management Team (IMT) for Jefferson County

- Mark shared information from the IMT meeting indicating the anticipation of above-normal temperatures with below-normal rainfall for the summer ahead
- Two wildfires have already occurred in Jefferson County
- Washington State Department of Health discussed smoke issues

Next meeting: June 1

Publications

Meeting on May 9, 2023

- For the May issue of the *Kala Pointer*, 69.4 percent (353) emails were opened with the initial distribution of 548 emails; 35 more were opened with the email reminder
- Paper copies also were made by the KPOA office
- Discussed the goal of the Board and the Publications Committee for expanding *Kala Pointer* readership
- There are still a number (60+) of emails known by KPOA that are not part of the *Kala Pointer* contact list
- Committee would like to have more owners volunteer to be featured in the “Neighborhood” feature of the *Kala Pointer*
- We get virtually no letters to the editor and would welcome some inputs
- The committee [landing page](#) on the KPOA website has been updated
- A survey on *Kala Pointer* readership will be released this summer or early fall

Next meeting: June 13, 1:30 p.m., the Administration Building conference room

Social Plus

Meeting on May 2, 2023

Patti Biazzo was acting Chair

Rationale for changing meetings from monthly to quarterly was discussed, and the change was included in the revised APP XI approved by the Board at the May KPOA Board meeting

- The minutes of the April meeting were approved
- Diana Zinn was approved as treasurer by the KPOA Board
- Kala Cares: Phyllis Wurscher sent condolence cards to families of Howard Hendrickson and Jane Kurata who passed away
- Newcomers: Katharine Donnelly and Vicky Miller worked with Char Quandt on the newcomers’ social on May 24 and have now taken over as co-chairs of Newcomers
- KPOA Board Liaison: Dan Nordlund noted the need to have the revised [APP XI](#) approved by the Board (which occurred at the May Board of directors meeting)

Previous Business: New Business

- There are a number of social events scheduled for spring and summer.
- The Kala Point annual garage sale is June 3, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Following the garage sale is the Annual Street Dance Social featuring Midnight Train from 5-7 p.m.
- Watch the Kala Calendar for other upcoming events

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned

Next meeting: September 5, 1 p.m.

Strategic Planning

Meeting on May 2, 2023

2023 Survey

- 365 surveys were received
- A second request revealed a flaw in the Survey Monkey application which would have resulted in possible duplicates; the survey was closed following this discovery
- The committee reviewed a draft narrative of the survey results and forwarded it to the Board
- Survey results are available on the [Kala Point website](#)
- Each of the survey’s five sections — Demographics, Communication, Pickleball, Social Plus, and Governance — provide information that will be of interest to the Board and community

SPC Administrative Policies and Procedures

The committee discussed a proposed revision to [APP XVI](#), and especially its composition and activities as directed by the Board

New Director Orientation Document

- The committee discussed the format, content and development of an orientation document for prospective and new Board members.
- The document would be located on the [Board landing page](#) of KPOA’s website with links to

pertinent documents and websites

- Content would include links to KPOA governing documents and procedures, outside resources for boards, and background documents such as previous meeting minutes

Next meeting: June 6, 3 p.m., Fireplace Room in the Clubhouse

Tree

Meeting on May 11, 2023

A presentation related to PNW vegetation was presented by Richard Hefely to Kala Point members prior to the monthly Tree Committee meeting.

April minutes approved as written

General Manager's Report

None

Committee Business

- Motion made and passed to request \$2,500 from the BOD for committee's annual budget
- Committee's APP discussion to continue
- Barb Dawson submitted her resignation as committee member/secretary
- Motion passed to accept Mike Harte as new committee chair beginning June 2023
- Motion passed to accept Lee Ann McMillan as new committee secretary for three months beginning June 2023
- Meeting adjourned to conduct site visits

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 8, in Kala Point Administration Building ♦

Neighborhood Ads



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