

# Kala Pointer



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## President's Message

*Joe Englander*

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## Let My People Know

Who ya gonna call when ya fall? What about when the phones and electricity are out, who and how are you gonna make that call? Indeed, you're gonna need a friend in deed. In Kala Point there is a ready-made, specially trained network willing to help you. It is the Emergency Preparedness Committee. But they can't help if they don't know you're there. People always help those they know about before they go looking around to see if there's anyone out there who by chance might need help. And don't think just because you're one of the younger ones in Kala Point that you won't need help in a fire, or earthquake, or major windstorm or some other unpredictable event. Everyone can use a hand, sometimes.

In order for the EPC to be successful in helping, it needs to know some information about you that it will not share, that it will keep secret and secure. If you happen to be medically fragile or have special needs, if you don't tell the EPC then they won't know that you are probably among those who will need help first. They won't tell anyone who isn't going to be directly involved in helping you that you have shared confidential information with the EPC. But you have to share your name and phone number and the name of a family contact, stuff like that. It is simple and fast to do at [KalaPointEIS](#). The only beneficiary will be you.

If you have a pet, who is going to take care of it if the bridge goes

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## What Happened at the April 2019 Board Meeting?

*Dale Moses, KPOA Board Secretary*

Your KPOA Board met at 1:00 p.m. for about 3.5 hours on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, in our KPOA clubhouse. Eight Board members were present with Tom Gillespie gone. When we started there were 16 folks in the audience although some departed as the meeting proceeded. New starting for this meeting was the availability of meeting materials on the KPOA website (titled “Board Meeting Files” under the “Members” pull-down menu). The Board is evaluating this efficient method of distribution so every member ahead of time can see what the Board will be discussing.

- There were half-dozen comments from members at the beginning of the meeting. (Thanks for having meeting materials available, several people with concerns on the possibility of only members allowed to be on the Board, and on parking hang-tags.)
- Our monthly correspondence secretary prepared a report totaling ten inputs which you can read by click [here](#). President Joe also received several other inputs.
- Keith announced that the pool work has taken longer than expected but we plan to open the first of May.
- A motion was passed to limit tennis court reservations to one court for a two-hour period/day per member.
- Our staff has replaced many of our area lights with LEDs for reducing carbon footprint and thus energy savings.
- The new security-type front gates should be installed and working before Memorial Day.
- We are going to have to go with a new company for gate remote control devices because the old manufacturer is no longer in business.
- Keith reported only one grounds problem – a car improperly parked.
- The beach floats should be going back in the water this coming week.
- The Board reviewed a motion to forward a Board resolution for the summer vote that would require Board members to be

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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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KPOA members. After considerable discussion the Board did not approve such a resolution to go to a member vote (4-4 vote).

- The Board reviewed the parking hang-tag idea and decided to still allow decals for members but use hang-tags for guests/visitors which would be mailed out to members. A member could use these hang-tags instead of a decal for themselves if they so choose.
- The informal beach patrol has checked vehicles since mid-December and is averaging 11.8% violators that don't have parking identification.
- The Board passed a motion to have our Association cooperate with the fire department to allow them to use our properties as practice sites for their training.
- A motion was approved to set up an emergency texting system.
- Committee reports were presented. A motion to require renovation county building permits to be filed at the KPOA office was not approved (2-6). A motion to require building materials be stored out of sight also failed (2-6).
- A comment from the audience was received saying the Board was trying to control too many things. There wasn't any follow-up discussion.

We adjourned around 3:35pm. If you would like to learn more about this Board meeting, feel free to listen to the recording of the meeting (check with the office) or send an [email](#) to the Board on a specific topic.



## A Note from Your Editors

We love doing the *Kala Pointer* newsletter for our residents. We have new up-to-date software to make it even more interesting and easier to read; we hope you are enjoying the results. To help us produce this publication in the most efficient way, (remember, we are volunteers) please use the following method(s)-when submitting content for your *Kala Pointer*:

- Send email to [Yourkalapointer@kalapoint.org](mailto:Yourkalapointer@kalapoint.org); this goes directly to the editors' mailbox
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- Pictures are always welcome
- If you are submitting a Letter to the Editor, please follow the format outline on the Kala Point website, limited to 300 words or less. Please review Section H of Publications APPs for additional requirements.
- Please give us your name, email and address in case we need to contact you.

Thank you for contributions to the *Kala Pointer*.

## Things My Mother Taught Me

*Nancy Leeds*

- My mother taught me to **appreciate a job well done**. "If you're going to kill each other, do it outside. I just finished cleaning."
- Religion. "You better pray that will come out of the carpet."
- Time Travel. "If you don't straighten up, I'm going to knock you into the middle of next week."
- Logic. "Because I said so, that's why."
- More Logic. "If you fall out of that swing and break your neck, you're not going to the store with me."
- Foresight. "Make sure you wear clean underwear in case you're in an accident."
- Irony. "Keep crying and I'll give you something to cry about."

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## Calendar of Events for May 2019

*Suzanne Eggleston*

### May 3–5

**Global Earth Repair Conference.** Workshops, round-table discussions, panels, indigenous voices, keynotes and more will be featured at this three-day event. The conference — the brainchild of Michael Pilarksi, naturalist, farmer, writer and educator — will address both the technical and social aspects of planetary regeneration. Time: Begins at 9 a.m. on May 3; concludes at 5 p.m. on May 5. Cost: Varies according to activities; for details, visit [www.eventbrite.com/e/global-earth-repair-conference-tickets](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/global-earth-repair-conference-tickets). Location: Fort Worden Conference Center, 200 Battery Way. Contact: [GlobalEarthRepair@gmail.com](mailto:GlobalEarthRepair@gmail.com), [www.friendsofthetrees.net](http://www.friendsofthetrees.net)

### May 3–18

**Cabaret.** Port Townsend High School drama performs the musical CABARET that delves into the dark, heady and tumultuous life of Berlin's natives and expatriates as Germany slowly yields to the emerging Third Reich. Time: 7 p.m. on May 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18; 2:30 p.m. on May 12. Cost: \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, \$3 for children under 12. Location: Port Townsend High School auditorium, 1500 Van Ness St. Contact: Jennifer Nielsen, [jnielsen@ptschools.org](mailto:jnielsen@ptschools.org), 360-643-3799.

### May 4 and 11

**Cook the Books class:** *Provence to Pondicherry recipes from France and Faraway.* Try out recipes from Tessa Kiros' cookbook to explore French cooking beyond the mainland and discover its influences in surprising destinations: Guadeloupe, Vietnam, Pondicherry, La Reunion, Normandy and Provence. Class is taught by Sidonie Maroon, a local chef, culinary educator, and writer. Time: 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m., May 4 and 11. Cost: \$25 for members; \$40 for non-members. Location: Market Kitchen, 1433 W. Sims Way. Contact: Andrea Stafford, [andreas@foodcoop.coop](mailto:andreas@foodcoop.coop), [www.foodcoop.coop/classes/france](http://www.foodcoop.coop/classes/france)

### May 7

**Meet Me at the Movies.** Designed for people with memory loss and their care partners, this program can be enjoyed by all. Theme-based clips from classic and contemporary films are shown, followed by audience discussion guided by a moderator. Registration is

not required. Doors open 30 minutes before program begins. First-come, first-seated. Time: 1–2:30 p.m. Cost: Free. Location: Rose Theatre, 235 Taylor St. Contact: 360-385-1039, [rosetheatre.com/](http://rosetheatre.com/)

### May 10

**Newcomers' Welcome Social.** This annual event sponsored by the Social Plus Committee is a wonderful opportunity to welcome new neighbors who moved to Kala Point over the past year and to mingle with old friends. Bring your own beverage of choice and an appetizer to share. No reservation needed. Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m. Cost: Free. Location: Clubhouse. Contact: Patricia Wrobel at 360-344-8040.

### May 11

**Port Townsend Wearable Art Show.** This year's fundraiser for Jefferson Community Foundation's Fund for Women & Girls boasts entries from 34 cities, 17 states and three countries. Works for this juried show range from functional to fantastic, and include creations fashioned from silk and leather, woven radio wire and vinyl records, to copper, paint chips, vintage photo slides, and found objects like seashells, recycled water bottles and beach glass. Time: 2 and 7 p.m. Cost: Seats start at \$35: [www.brownpapertickets.com/](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/). Location: McCurdy Pavilion, Fort Worden State Park. Contact: [info@ptwearableart.com](mailto:info@ptwearableart.com), 360-385-1729, [www.ptwearableart.com/](http://www.ptwearableart.com/)

### May 12

**Blossoms & Wine Mother's Day Event at Eglemount.** Celebrate Mother's Day with painting, wine and chocolates. Includes all painting supplies, first glass of wine, apron and easy step-by-step instruction from Corks & Canvas Events. Each mom takes home a flower. Time: 2–4:30 p.m.; check-in starting at 2. Cost: Ticket with wine (first glass only) \$45 admission by advanced registration only: [www.eventbrite.com/](http://www.eventbrite.com/). Location: Eglemount Wine & Cider, 1893 S. Jacob Miller Rd. Contact: [info@corksandcannasevents.com](mailto:info@corksandcannasevents.com), 360-732-4084.

### May 15–19

**84th Annual Rhododendron Festival.** This year's festival celebrating the beauty of blooming rhododendrons bears the theme of "The Greatest

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Rhody.” Take in trike races, pet and kiddies’ parades, a grand parade, carnival, bed races, cake picnic, hair and beard contests, a golf tournament and more. Time: Begins at 8 a.m. on May 15; concludes at 5 p.m. on May 19. Cost: Varies. Location: Varies. Contact: [rhodyfest@gmail.com](mailto:rhodyfest@gmail.com), <http://www.rhodyfestival.org/>

### May 16

**Rainshadow Recording: Doug MacLeod.** Blues master Doug MacLeod writes and sings original songs based on his own life and experiences. Multiple Blues Music Award winner — most recently the 2018 Blues Music Award for Acoustic Album Of The Year *Break The Chain* and the 2017 Blues Music Award for Acoustic Artist Of The Year — Doug has recorded more than 20 albums and has toured internationally for 30-plus years. Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$20. Location: Rainshadow Recording Studio, Battery Way, Fort Worden State Park, Building 315 West. Contact: [centrumrecording@gmail.com](mailto:centrumrecording@gmail.com), 360-301-0291.

### May 17

**Skagit Valley Chorale American Journey Tour.** Enjoy a free concert from the Skagit Valley Chorale under artistic director and conductor Dr. Adam Burdick. Time: 7:30 p.m. Cost: Free. Location: Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 2333 San Juan Ave. Contact: Email the Skagit Chorale for any event questions at [pinkribbonus@yahoo.com](mailto:pinkribbonus@yahoo.com), (do not contact Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship), [www.skagitvalleychorale.org/](http://www.skagitvalleychorale.org/)

### May 18

**7th Annual Running of the Balls.** Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary Club sponsors the Running of the Balls, a golf ball “race” down a course on Monroe Street. Each ball has an assigned number that corresponds to a purchased ticket. The winning ball earns its “owner” \$2,000 for first place, \$500 for second place and \$250 for third place. Time: 12–2 p.m. Cost: Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Location: Monroe and Lawrence Streets. Contact: Jayne Neu at 360-385-0764, [www.rhodyfestival.org/events/](http://www.rhodyfestival.org/events/)

### May 19

**Annual Rhody Run. Jefferson Healthcare’s Rhody Run** (12-kilometer/~7.5 miles) run/walk is celebrating its 40th year. Approximately 2,000 people attend this community event, from the hundreds of volunteers who help out as race officials to the throngs of local residents who line the streets to cheer on runners. Time: 9 a.m.–3 p.m. Cost: Free to watch; varies according to age for runners. Location: 200 Battery Way. Contact: [ptrhodyrun@gmail.com](mailto:ptrhodyrun@gmail.com), [www.rhodyrun.com/](http://www.rhodyrun.com/)

### May 25

**Concert: 2019 Fort Worden Children’s Choir Festival.** Celebrating the festival’s 20th year, youth choristers from around Washington, Canada and Alaska will perform together with Guest Conductor Henry Leck. Choirs will perform individually and combined. Festival seating. Time: 3–5 p.m. Cost: \$15; tickets available at [2019fwfest.brownpapertickets.com/](http://2019fwfest.brownpapertickets.com/). Location: McCurdy Pavilion, Fort Worden State Park. Contact: [fortwordenfestival@gmail.com](mailto:fortwordenfestival@gmail.com), 360-271-8086, [www.exceptionalchoralevents.com/](http://www.exceptionalchoralevents.com/)

**Port Townsend Artisan Food Festival.** Chef demonstrations, cheese tasting with award-winning Mt. Townsend Creamery, and cider and wine tasting with Finnriver Cidery, Port Townsend Vineyards and Eaglemount Wine and Cider. Seventy-plus farm, artisan food, and art vendors as well as kids’ activities and more. Time: 8 a.m.–1 p.m. Cost: Varies by vendor. Location: Port Townsend Farmers Market, 650 Tyler St. Contact: Jefferson County Farmers’ Markets, [info@jcfmarkets.org](mailto:info@jcfmarkets.org), 360-379-9098, [jcfmarkets.org/ptaff](http://jcfmarkets.org/ptaff)

### May 31, June 2

**SEVENTY48 Race Start 2019 and R2AK Pre-Race Ruckus.** Cheer on SEVENTY48 racers in their human-powered craft as they depart Tacoma’s Thea Foss Waterway near the Museum of Glass and then 48 hours later as they ring the bell at City Dock in Port Townsend by 7 p.m. on June 2, 2019. The party will be in full swing for the end of SEVENTY48 race and to kick off R2AK the following day. Time: 3–8 p.m., June 2. Cost: Activities are free; food and drink costs vary by vendor. Location: Pope Marine Park. Contact: Northwest Maritime Center, [info@seventy48.com](mailto:info@seventy48.com), 360-385-3628, [seventy48.com/events](http://seventy48.com/events)

## Is Tai Chi for You?

*Libby Nordlund*

If you are looking for a way to reduce stress and improve flexibility, balance and agility, then Tai Chi might be for you. Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese tradition that, for today, is practiced as a graceful form of exercise. It involves a series of movements, or forms, performed in a slow, focused manner and accompanied by deep breathing. Each form flows into the next without pause, ensuring that your body is in constant motion. Our class was started by a wonderful Tai Chi master who, unfortunately, needed to return to work. The class decided to continue as best we could to follow the 24 forms she taught us. We practice with soothing music and occasional breaks for conversation, hence the renaming of the class to Tai Chat. All are welcome to join us on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-10 a.m. at the Clubhouse. If you have questions, contact Libby Nordlund at 425-273-4933. Or email [eanordlund@aol.com](mailto:eanordlund@aol.com)

## Welcome our new Mail Person!

*Kala Pointer Staff*

Please be on the lookout for our new mail person. Her name is Teresa and she has a big job. It sounds simple, but it's not. We have a lot of similarly named streets and many of us have more than one last name in our household. It'll take her some time to get a sense of who's who and what's what in Kala Point. When you see her, smile and give her a big Kala Point welcome.



## Kala Point Recurring Clubhouse Events

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

**Let's Have Lunch:** First Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m.

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

**Tai Chat:** Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10 a.m. in the Clubhouse. 24-form Tai Chi with breaks for chatting. All are welcome. Libby Nordlund, 425-273-4933, [eanordlund@aol.com](mailto:eanordlund@aol.com).

## KPOA Facility Hours

*Administration Office*

Monday–Thursday 8:30 a.m.–  
2:30 p.m.

Friday 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

April 1–October 15

*Clubhouse*

Monday–Friday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Saturday–Sunday 10 a.m.- 8 p.m.

**Pool Opening**

**Coming Soon**

Monday–Friday 9a.m. - 8:45 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday 9 a.m. - 8:45 p.m.

*Jacuzzi and Spa*

*Coming Soon*

Monday–Friday 9 a.m.–7:45 p.m.

Saturday–Sunday 10 a.m.–7:45 p.m.

**Have a story, photo, or Sniglet?**

**How about a poem**

**or an anecdote?**

**A riddle or trivia question?**

**Someone to thank?**

**Well... share it with us!**

**[YourKalaPointer@KalaPoint.org](mailto:YourKalaPointer@KalaPoint.org)**

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out while you're in Silverdale or the road washes out while you're in Sequim? The EPC can do it, but you have to let the EPC know ahead of time by filling out the form at [KalaPointEIS](#) and by giving a copy of your house key to the Admin Office to lock in a safe-box. Of course you can depend on your neighbors, unless they are out of town, too. Think of the EPC as a larger group of friends who are unlikely to all be out of town at the same time. Increase your chances. Complete the form and deposit a key with the office. Your pets will thank you.

Although it sounds like duplication of information, KPOA also needs for you to give us your mobile phone number so you can receive texts of extremely important and emergency information about Kala Point. The EIS form lets the EPC know information to help you; the KP-Text form lets you know important information about Kala Point. The reason for two different forms is to keep the EPC EIS totally secure and separate from the texting information; the KPOA texting information will be accessible to administration staff and communications team members who have no business knowing any of your private information. But they are exactly the people who will be able to let you know about unusual gate closures or house fires at the other end of Kala Point or which exit gate to use in an emergency. Please complete the form at [KalaPointTextInfo](#).

Finally, last month I mentioned a plan to distribute hanging tags for vehicle identification. That system works great for members who don't like to advertise where they live and it provides an easy system for guest identification. The hang-tags are flexible because they can be moved from vehicle to vehicle allowing both guests and members to use the same tag. Some members were concerned about forgetting to hang their tags when they go to the beach or to play tennis, so they preferred the old-style window stickers. The Board has decided to not split the baby. If you have a properly placed sticker, it will continue to serve as valid Kala Point vehicle identification. Each member will still receive up to three hang tags that can serve as identification for your own vehicles if you don't like stickers and can also be used by your guests when they go the beach, park at the sport courts or near the State Park access trails.

Either way—stickers or hang-tags—vehicles must have properly placed Kala Point identification or they will be towed from the beach, the sports courts, or the State Park trail access.

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- Science Of Osmosis. "Shut your mouth and eat your supper."
- Contortionism. "Will you look at that dirt on the back of your neck!"
- Stamina. "You'll sit there until all that spinach is gone."
- Weather. "This room of yours looks as if a tornado went through it."
- Hypocrisy. "If I told you once, I've told you a million times. Don't exaggerate."
- Circle Of Life. "I brought you into this world and I can take you out."
- Behavior Modification. "Stop acting like a baby."
- Envy. "There are millions of less fortunate children in this world who don't have wonderful parents like you do."
- Anticipation. "Just wait until we get home."
- Receiving. "You are going to get it when you get home."
- Medical Science. "If you don't stop crossing your eyes, they are going to freeze that way."
- ESP. "Put your sweater on. Don't you think I know when you are cold?"
- Humor. "When the lawn mower cuts off your toes, don't come running to me."
- How To Become An Adult. "If you don't eat your vegetables, you'll never grow up."
- Genetics. "You're just like your father."
- My Roots. "Shut that door behind you. Do you think you were born in a barn?"
- Wisdom. "When you get to be my age, you'll understand."
- And my favorite: my mother taught me about Justice. "One day you'll have kids, and I hope they turn out just like you."

**Happy Mother's Day.**





## EAST JEFFERSON FIRE RESCUE

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### **NEWS RELEASE** **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

April 10, 2019

#### **Kala Point Area Fire Protection Class Modification**

**East Jefferson Fire Rescue** (EJFR) is pleased to announce a Fire Protection Class (FPC) modification in and around the Kala Point geographic area. In March, EJFR proposed a FPC modification to the Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB) based on recent adjustments utilizing response volunteers and off-duty career firefighters that also reside within five road miles of Fire Station 1-3 (50 Airport Road). Approval and the subsequent FPC modification was effective April 1, 2019.

In March 2018, residents of the Kala Point geographic area may have experienced an increase in their fire insurance premiums as a result of the re-rating conducted by the WSRB. If previously impacted, the modification will likely result in having their FPC restored back to its pre-2018 rating. Other small areas within the 5-mile distance of Station 1-3 have been positively affected by this change as well.

Specifically, insured structures that are within 1,000' of a fire hydrant, the FPC will be restored to a 5. If they are further than 1,000' from a fire hydrant, the FPC will be restored to a 6.

Washington State is one of a handful of states which utilize the services of an independent rating service to evaluate communities for their fire protection and suppression capabilities. Using a schedule approved by the Washington State Office of the Insurance Commissioner, they assign each community a Protection Class of 1 (exemplary) through 10 (insufficient for insurance credit). This Rating may be utilized by an insurance company to assist in determining fire insurance premiums for properties. However, not all insurance companies use the WSRB rating to set insurance rates. Communities are evaluated on a five-year frequency and evaluations include four major areas, fire department, water supply, emergency communications systems and fire safety control.

**In order to obtain the new FPC, area residents must take the initiative to contact their insurance provider as this modification will not be initiated by the individual insurance providers unless contacted by the insured.**

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# *Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary*

## **7th Annual Running of the Balls**



*Saturday - May 18, 2019 @ 12:30*

*Monroe & Lawrence street  
Port Townsend, Washington*

*Ball drop just prior to the start of the annual  
Rhodendron Parade*

Sponsor a ball or "five" at one of our many  
sales events around Jefferson County in March - May

Come visit our booth at the Farmers Market

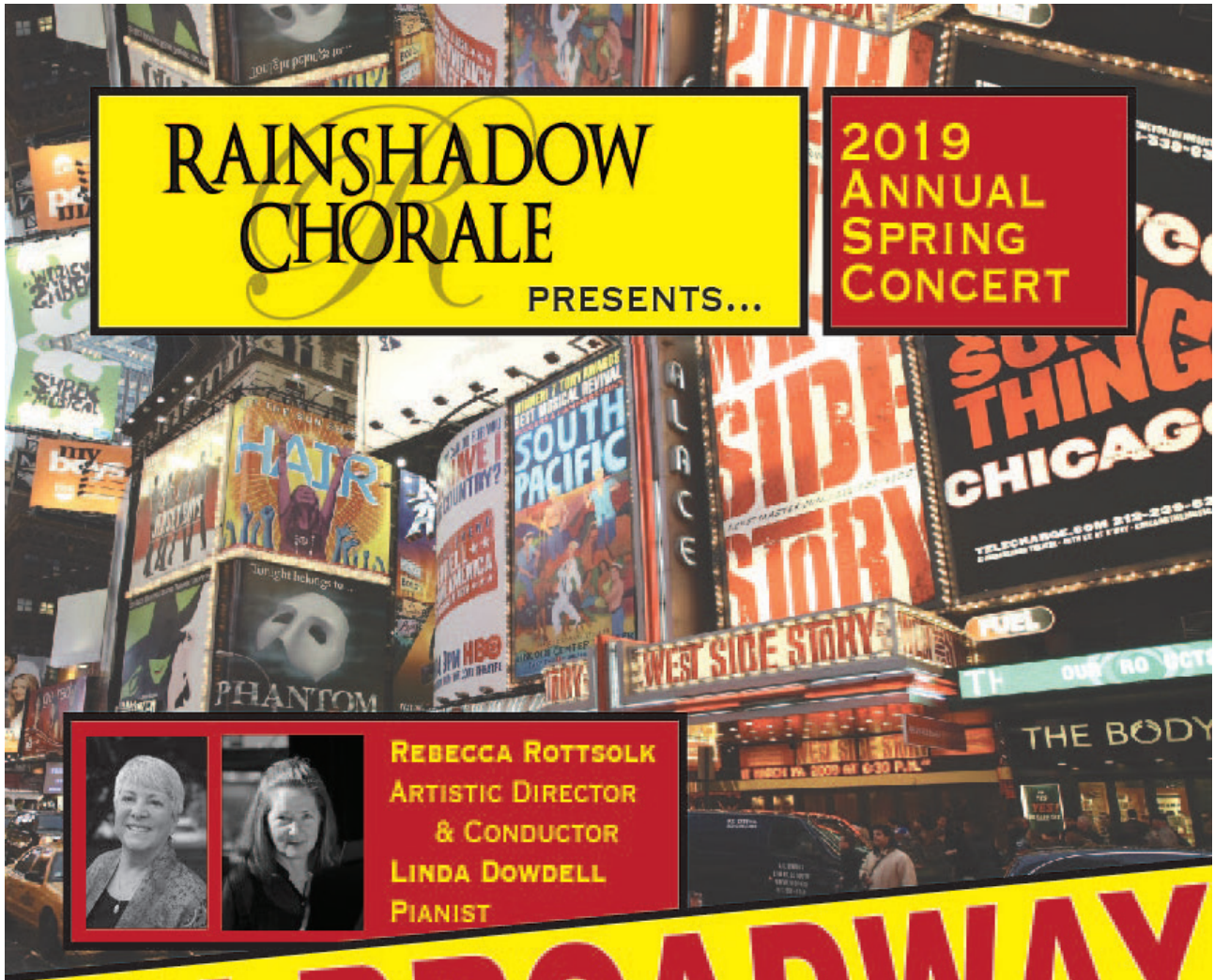
**GRAND PRIZE \$2000**

**2nd Place \$500 - 3rd Place \$250**

100% of our Profits go to Rotary Projects at home and around the world  
A portion goes to support the Port Townsend Rhododendron Festival

For More Information on Where to Purchase Your Tickets or Sponsorship Opportunities Contact Jayne Neu 360-385-0764

We would like to thank our Poster Sponsor: Edensaw Woods



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SPRING  
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**REBECCA ROTTSOLK**  
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& CONDUCTOR  
**LINDA DOWDELL**  
PIANIST

**ON BROADWAY**



**May 4th, 5th & 11th**  
**4pm at the Old Alcohol Plant, Port Hadlock**  
 Tickets: Crossroads Music, 2100 Lawrence St, PT or at the door.  
 Suggested Donation \$20/adult, \$10/student. Supported by PT Arts Commission  
[rainshadowchorale.org](http://rainshadowchorale.org)



## Firewise, Otherwise...

*Joe Englander*

Fire season is upon us. I know our surroundings look green. But fire season has changed. In previous years, the month of March would have seen less than ten fires in western Washington. This March we had 50 and a half-dozen of them were three days after Snowmageddon. Wildfires were burning between patches of snow! Ninety homes in Cowlitz had to be evacuated from near Longview and Kelso. This was just in March. Yes, we always need to be prepared to evacuate by having our go-kits ready, but we also need to make preparations to avoid the conditions that necessitate evacuation. We need to be “Firewise,” and, we need to make certain our neighbors are, too. Because fire is like a measles outbreak: One unprotected individual will put everyone else at risk. The risk is your home.

So, what does it mean to be Firewise? First of all, let’s be clear, even though we are a wooded community, there is nothing in the Kala Point rules—not the CC&Rs or the APPs—that prevents you from making certain that the critical 15 feet around your home are defensible against wildfires. In fact, most of the things that make that 15 feet indefensible are decisions homeowners make for themselves by not carefully thinking about their landscaping and properly maintaining their lot. So, to begin with, Firewise means properly maintaining your landscape. Plants should not be in contact with the side of your home and should be carefully spaced, low-growing and free of resins, oils and waxes that burn easily. That means keeping the salal away. In fact, you should create a “fire-free” zone within five feet of your home by using non-flammable landscape materials and/or high-moisture-content annuals and perennials. Don’t use highly flammable bark as a border around your home. Bare dirt flowerbeds are a much better choice. Water plants, trees and mulch regularly (of course, times of water restrictions are also times of high fire risk). If you have a lawn, keep it watered and mow it regularly. Remove dead vegetation from under your deck and stairs, and from within 15 feet of your home.

It should be absolutely obvious that storing firewood within ten feet of your home is asking for your home to be at risk. The reason you have firewood is because it is a flammable fuel, but so is your home; keep them separated by ten feet. Which is more inconvenient, going an extra ten feet in the rain for firewood, or not having a home? Another

fire hazard that everyone sees and almost everyone overlooks is your roof. With all roofs, but shake roofs in particular, residents must be particularly diligent in not only keeping it clear of fallen leaves, needles and branches, but also keeping overhanging branches cut back away from your roof. It might look cozy and rustic to have limbs overhanging your roof but whether it is shake or not, those limbs can become blow torches. Cut them back.

Gutters in Kala Point are a fire hazard. Not because they are a sluiceway for rain but because they are typically filled with rotting leaves, needles, and twigs. The rotting means they are essentially mulch; mulch can self-immolate. Why store fuel on your roof? Enclose eaves, the underside of overhangs, fascias and soffits so they don’t become fire-flues. Vent openings and the undersides of decks should be enclosed with 1/8” metal screens to prevent embers from collecting; such screening should be appropriately treated to meet the Architectural Committee’s standards. In fact, any visible changes to the exterior of your structure need to be cleared with the AC.

Here’s something that few people consider: Don’t store anything against the side of your home, especially plastic deck furniture. Plastic deck furniture is nothing more than solidified gasoline. If you store it under your eaves, you’re asking for a fire in your attic.

What about the trees? Remove leaf clutter and dead and overhanging branches. Prune trees 10 to 15 feet from the ground especially those within 15 feet of your home, and then keep the under story to a minimum height so that burning bushes won’t create a fire-ladder to tree branches.

If you have questions, the Tree Committee, the Architectural Committee, and the Emergency Preparedness Committee are all here to help you, just ask.



## Kala Point Emergency Information Sheet Fill Out Yours Now!

*Anne Englander,  
Co-Chair Emergency Preparedness Committee*

Kala Point's Emergency Preparedness Committee has created information forms that are simple to complete and will help us help you in the event of a disaster. These Emergency Information Sheets tell us who your local and out-of-area emergency contacts are, and what special needs, resources, skills and pets you may have.

Completion of these forms is voluntary, but they are for your benefit and will be used only to help you in an emergency. Take five minutes to go to [KalaPointEIS](#) fill out the form and submit it electronically. Your information will remain confidential and securely stored. It's easy, and it's important. Do it now!



**Sarah Lava**

Joe and Anne Englander's daughter finished the Boston Marathon with a personal best time, better than the previous nine marathons she's run — amazing for such a demanding course. We are thrilled for her.

## Running of the Balls Happens Just Prior to the Rhody Parade, May 18

*Nancy Leeds*

This is the Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary's annual Running of the Balls competition where a few thousand numbered golf balls are let loose at the top of Monroe Street to stampede toward the bottom of the street into a special channel to win one of three great prizes.

At 12:30 pm, one half hour before the start of the Rhododendron Parade on Saturday, May 18, the tail of the bull will be lifted by Ruba, the club's Polish exchange student. For about ten exciting minutes, the balls bounce back and forth between barriers on the road, some popping out and thrown back by the spectators, with three finally resting at the finish line. First prize is \$2,000, second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$250.

To get your number on a ball all you need to do is buy a ticket from one of the Sunrise Rotary members. Here in Kala Point you can call Nancy or Doug Leeds, 360-301-2851. Tickets are also selling at the Farmer's Market each Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at Safeway Market each Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. On the day of the event you can buy a ticket at the top of Monroe Street by Lawrence Street beginning at 11:30 a.m. on the day of the Parade. Tickets are \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. Proceeds go toward various youth projects in Jefferson County such as the Third Graders Dictionary Project, the Christmas For Children Project, Youth Mental Health Counseling, the Student Exchange Program, and two scholarships funds. Funds also go to the Rhododendron Festival, Olympic Neighbors, Farmers Market, Food Bank and various other international water and sanitary projects.

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## Annual Kala Point Yard Sale

*Social Plus*

Is your garage piled with boxes of stuff? Closets full? Now is your chance to purge. Social Plus is again sponsoring the 3rd Annual Community Wide Yard Sale. It will be held Saturday, June 1, 2019 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. You will hold your own sale at your home. We will advertise it in the local papers as well as Social Media and signage. The gate will be open during the sale (Thank You Keith).

We will TRY to create a list of address and a map of the area to help shoppers find you. If you want to be listed please send an email to [kalapointyardsale@yahoo.com](mailto:kalapointyardsale@yahoo.com) prior to May 25 with your name, address, phone and email address. Be sure you put something out at the street directing folks to your sale like balloons, signs, banners, etc. We won't be doing that; it is up to you.

### Tips for a successful sale:

Start assembling your items, clean and price them (important), and organize your tables ahead of time. Shoppers can be aggressive and show up early and be pesky. If you are ready the night before, it easier to open quickly. When you are sold out or done for the day, just close your sale. It is that easy.

Don't open prior to 9 a.m. please. This just encourages people to show up at 7 a.m.

If you have any questions you can call Diana Zinn at 360.385.5680. We have a nice sandwich board to put out at the highway a week prior to the sale. If you have an artistic touch, we would welcome anyone that can help us "pretty up" our sign.



## Kala Point Beach Watch Team Releases Report

The Kala Point Beach Watch team wants to share information and data results with the rest of the neighborhood. This all-volunteer group of nearly 20 people was formed in December 2018 after a survey revealed that 87 percent of Kala Point residents were concerned or very concerned about unauthorized use of the beach and its parking lot.

Tom McFarling (Buckhorn Place) launched Beach Watch via the Kala Point section of the NextDoor website. The group is made up of residents who say they are united in their love of the beach.

While Beach Watch members may not share a single opinion about a gate or the beach, they do agree that observational beach data is key for decisions being made about neighborhood access and the KPOA budget.

Since December, the group has conducted informal patrols of the Kala Point beach and parking lot to gather data such as the date, time, weather conditions, number of vehicles in the lot, and the presence or absence of a Kala Point windshield sticker or guest pass.

The resulting information from these patrols — nearly 500 observations to date — is compiled in a spreadsheet by Gary Obermeyer (also of Buckhorn Place). Weekly summaries show trends and seasonal comparisons in a read-only URL.

After new gates are installed at the entrance of Kala Point in May, the group plans to continue its monitoring of the beach as they feel their mission remains relevant.

The full report states who they are (and are not), what they've been doing, why they're doing it, and information about the data they've collected. The report was written by Frances Loubere, Paul Loubere, Tom McFarling, Gary Obermeyer and Angela George. You may view the [BeachReport](#) in its entirety on the Kala Point website.

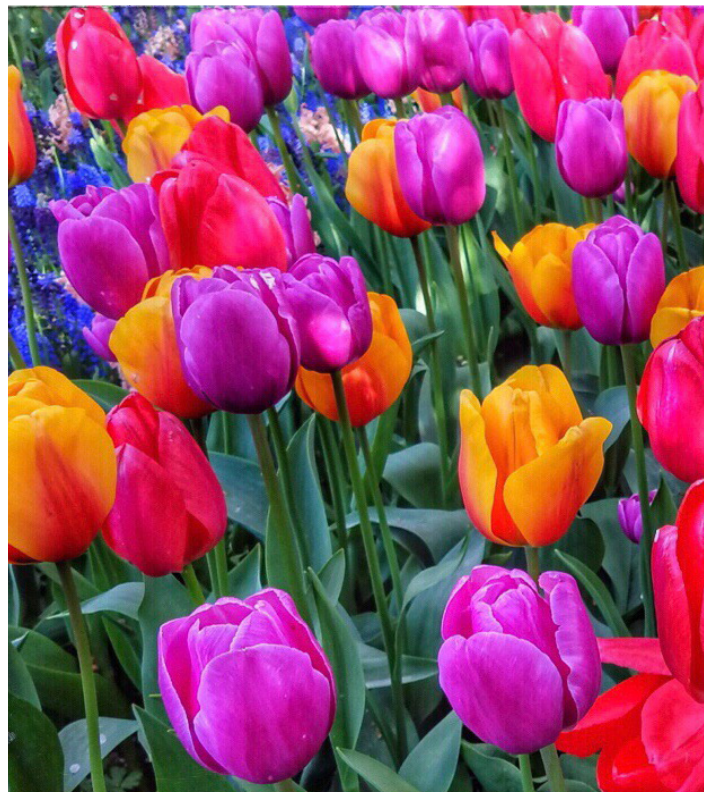
## History of Mother's Day

*From the Internet*

Celebrations of mothers and motherhood can be traced back to the ancient Greeks and Romans, who held festivals in honor of the mother goddesses Rhea and Cybele, but the clearest modern precedent for Mother's Day is the early Christian festival known as "Mothering Sunday."

Once a major tradition in the United Kingdom and parts of Europe, this celebration fell on the fourth Sunday in Lent and was originally seen as a time when the faithful would return to their "mother church"—the main church in the vicinity of their home—for a special service.

Over time the Mothering Sunday tradition shifted into a more secular holiday, and children would present their mothers with flowers and other tokens of appreciation. This custom eventually faded in popularity before merging with the American Mother's Day in the 1930s and 1940s.



## LETTERS to the EDITOR

I am responding to the letter that appeared in the April Kala Pointer. It was very disappointing to see a statement that members who have expressed concern over outsiders using our beach area made “claims that the beach is being overrun with outsiders and drug dealers”. The fact is, members who have had personal experience and observed activity have stated exactly what they observed or experienced. An attempt to negate these observations is in fact stating that many of us are not to be believed. These members have simply reported events; shown concern that it happened and have concern it could re-occur. They have not said we are “overrun”. It could be said we do not want to ignore undesirable activity AND do want the Board to consider ways to minimize the ease of entry in order to control it.

The Beach Patrol group needs to respect the wishes of the majority. There was a referendum in 2013 to establish a park district within Kala Point which could have resulted in opening the property to the public. It was defeated overwhelmingly. There was the recent 2019 Board survey that asked members to respond concerning the security of amenities including the beach and gate operation. the majority, approximately 70% of the respondents wanted, at a minimum, the ability to control access during gate closure times to one vehicle at a time. In other words, prevent tailgating in. The Board has responded by voting to install a newer gate system which will prevent tail-gating. They have adopted a new towing and vehicle ID policy. Personally I hope that is all that will be needed to minimize or remove unwanted use of a very unique amenity we can all enjoy.

Caroline McNulty, Lot 153

### Volunteer Opportunity

The Kala Point Social Plus committee is a fun group of residents that plan and host some great events in our community. We would love to have some new faces with new ideas join us for our next meeting on May 7. We meet in the Clubhouse on the first Tuesday of the month at 3pm. They are short, but very productive meetings. Thanks and we hope to see you there.

### Heads Up: Meet Up with Fire Chief in June

*Anne Englander, EPC Chair*

On June 13 the Emergency Preparedness team will host an evening presentation by EJFR Fire Chief Jim Walkowski, who will talk about preventing and suppressing fires in a wildland-urban interface environment like ours here in Kala Point.

Don't miss this! Chief Walkowski is a great speaker, with compelling stories to tell from over 30 years in firefighting, and sound advice about what residents can do to reduce risk. Watch for details on the bulletin boards and in next month's *Kala Pointer*.

### Do You Want to Be Informed Or Kept In The Dark?

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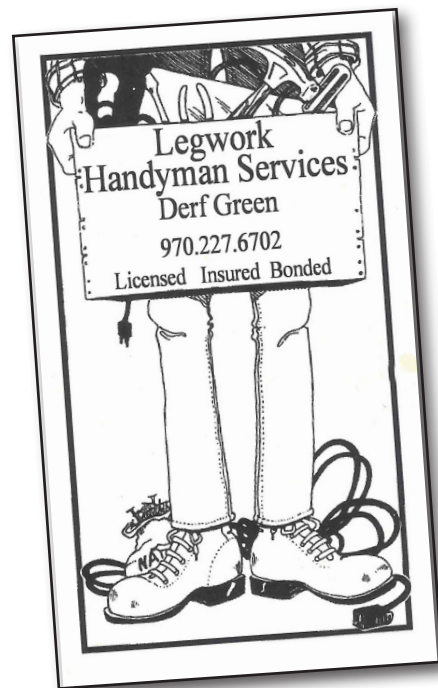
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