



The *Kala Pointer* is a Monthly Publication of the Kala Point Owners Association

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President's Message

Joe Englander

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In the past couple of years during my presidency, the KPOA Board and its committees have really done a great job of making Kala Point an even more outstanding place to live. During that time the Board took your pulse through a survey that had a higher response than any other plebiscite KPOA has ever had. And we responded to what we found out, too.

We have new hang tags that mean you don't have to use a sticker on your windshield and that you can give your guests' vehicles identification without going to the office. We have new parking policies that mean your guests don't have to have vehicle identification unless they are using the sport courts, the beach, or the trails. But remember, guests still must be accompanied by a member to use KPOA amenities.

We have established closer relations with various parts of the county government including the PUD to enhance their service of Kala Point. We are working with the PUD to solve water supply challenges during a disaster. We invited law enforcement to give a seminar on fraud and crime prevention. We have further tightened relations with East Jefferson Fire and Rescue. The Fire Chief has spoken to Kala Point twice to help us understand how to make Kala Point fire resistant and he will have EJFR practice at least annually at Kala Point so they will be better prepared to help us during an emergency. Members throughout Kala Point are volunteering to have EJFR triage and practice on their property. And, not inconsequentially, the Potato Bake Chili Cook-off has for each of the past two years raised more than \$3,000 to benefit EJFR. Our relations with the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management are very good.

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KPOA Annual Membership Meeting

July 14 at the Clubhouse

Sign-in 12 p.m.

Meeting 1 p.m.

Voting ends 1:30 p.m.

Vote online using the packet you received by mail.

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Deadline for the August 2019 issue of the *Kala Pointer* is July 19.

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Tree

Rotating**What Happened at the June 2019 Board Meeting?***Dale Moses, KPOA Board Secretary*

Your KPOA Board met at 1 p.m. for about 2.25 hours on Tuesday, June 11, 2019, in our KPOA clubhouse. Seven members were present while Dale Moses was a call-in. David Miller was absent. When we started there were 10 folks in the audience. Meeting documents were available prior to the meeting on the KPOA website (at “Board Meeting Files” under the “Members” pull-down menu).

- There was one input from the audience at the beginning of the meeting concerning changes to the APP for the Publications Committee.
- Our monthly correspondence secretary prepared a report totaling 10 inputs which you can see by clicking [here](#).
- In addition, President Joe read a response from our lawyer to further define guests at KPOA: “If someone is not in the company of a member, they are not a guest. Consequently, any person not in the company of a member while using KPOA facilities, amenities, or common areas would be trespassing.”
- Keith discussed some selected results of the new entrance/exit gates based on watching video. Over several selected periods, he counted 459 cars entering with only 13 tailgating (3%) and 15 cars turning away. With the old gate, in a period sampled on May 11, we had 68 vehicles entering with gate openings, but another 64 cars tailgated in! (94% tailgating!)
- Keith proposed amendments to APP II-19A and 19B concerning gate transmitters, but they were tabled until the next Board meeting.
- Keith listed some grounds maintenance violations that he has handled.
- A motion was passed to simplify the Board responding to communications inputs (APP II-27).
- A motion was passed to add some basic ethical standards for Board members (APP II-A)
- The summer election mailing will include three visitor parking passes to each owner.
- An Ad Hoc committee to deal with fire fuel suppression was authorized.

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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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- An update on PUD activity was given by Scott Rovanpera.
- Committee reports were presented.
- A motion to add the CFO to the personnel committee was approved.
- A report on the beach patrol was given. There were no other comments made from the audience.

We adjourned around 3:15 p.m. to attend executive session for personnel matters.

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. ♦



Guest Who's Coming?

Joe Englander

Summer is here and a lot of us will be hosting guests. It is natural and appropriate in a place as pleasant as Kala Point that they will want to make use of our amenities. So, encourage them to walk our streets and our beach, use our sports courts and clubhouse, exercise in our gym and pool, relax in the hot tub and sauna, but act as a good host by accompanying your guests, too. Really, it's required. The Board wants to remind you that according to the CC&Rs—to which all KPOA members and residents have agreed in writing—**guests must be accompanied by a KPOA member**. So, show your guests how to have fun—don't send them out alone. Make sure guests have a Kala Point hang tag showing in their vehicle too. ♦



Don't Miss This! The KPOA Annual Membership Meeting

Michael Machette

On July 14, the Annual Membership Meeting of the Kala Point Owners Association will be held in our Clubhouse. No need to go all the way into Port Townsend this year. The doors open at 12 p.m. to sign in, and the meeting starts at 1 p.m. Parking is limited so it is advisable to walk, bike or carpool with a neighbor and to arrive early.

A voting kiosk will be available for on-site voting until the cutoff time at 1:30 p.m. If you want to vote before the meeting, you must have the private PIN you received with your voting packet in mid-June. Please join us and have a chance to visit with the neighbors you might not have seen in a while. Also, be there to thank the many volunteers who chose to invest their time in our community.

There are three outstanding Board candidates and two Board resolutions. The candidates for the Board are Jean Erreca, Dan Kimball, and Scott Rovenpera. You have seen their pictures and comments in the *Kala Pointer*. Please show support for them by voting. The resolutions are simply procedural but have an impact on our HOA and your assessments. ♦

Board Committee Reports

Architectural

Nancy Machette

To our new neighbors and “old” friends: Before you undertake any projects that affect your home’s exterior or make permanent changes (other than foliage) to your landscape, please review the community’s governing documents, Administrative Policy and Procedures, APP Article III-2, Architectural Committee, Modifications to Existing Homes. The Architectural Committee reminds you that with few exceptions, any change, addition or alteration to the exterior of your home or your landscape (other than foliage) must be approved **in advance** by the Architectural Committee. APPs are available on the KPOA website under “Governing Documents” or you may obtain a copy from the Administration Office.

BMAC & Elections

Michael Machette

BMAC. Met June 6, 1:30 p.m. Main topics of discussion were 1) Status of tree cutting in the Southern sector (2018), 2) Review and distribution of the 2019 Geotech report; 3) The status of current requests from the Central sector, 4) Recalculate estimated cost of tree actions, 5) Review timeline for the remainder of the year, and 6) Make final changes in our 2019 tree requests prior to issuing RFPs for arborist and habitat management plans. Next meeting is Friday July 28, at 10 a.m. in the KPOA Administration Building.

Elections. Met June 6, noon. Main topics of discussion were 1) Planning for Candidates’ Night, 2) Timeline for activities through the election in July, and 3) Establishing the next Election Committee in terms of members and chairperson. The committee is small, so we could use two or three additional members starting in August. Next meeting is August 1.

Emergency Preparedness

Anne Englander

In June EPC hosted two presentations for Kala Point residents related to safety:

Chief Jim Walkowski from East Jefferson Fire Rescue discussed “Improving Neighborhood Resilience to Wildfire” on Thursday, June 13.

Jefferson County Sheriff’s Foundation and Kitsap Bank conducted a seminar on Crime and Fraud Prevention on Thursday, June 20.

Chief Walkowski visited Kala Point on June 5 to survey potential areas for EJFR wildfire training. EJFR would like to conduct several firefighter training

exercises this summer, practicing techniques such as hose deployment and home triage. EPC will help identify homeowners who would be willing to support these exercises. EJFR will meet with those homeowners to describe what is involved and secure their agreement.

EPC conducted a training session for Block Captains on how to lead their Map Your Neighborhood parties/zone meetings. Many zones held summer “block parties” on Friday, June 21 or later, to get neighbors together socially and refresh residents on where to meet and what to do in a disaster.

At its last meeting, EPC reviewed materials related to the proposed Cassandra cache of emergency supplies, including a rationale for the initiative. The proposal will be reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Board.

Personnel

Kim Titus

Do you have Personnel or Human Resources experience? Would you like to use your expertise to assist your community? The Personnel Committee is looking for residents who have experience in personnel to provide guidance and feedback to the Board President and General Manager during scheduled Personnel Committee meetings. We only have one or two a year, so it’s a great way to participate without a heavy time commitment. If you are interested, please contact Kim Titus, Board Vice President, and we can talk!

Tree

Kim Titus

We received a bid for a Forest Health Assessment from John Bornsworth. Kim Titus will communicate with John and invite him to the July 11 meeting to discuss scope.

- The committee has three open cases and one new case it reviewed on June 13.
- President Joe shared his desire to form an Ad Hoc Committee to advise Kala Pointers on making their homes firewise. The Tree Committee will be very interested in assisting.
- Please use the forms available at the office for your requests. You will be assigned a case manager who will walk you through the process, or let you know that the committee approval is not needed.
- Reminder! There are a number of scenarios where tree committee approval is not necessary. They can be found on the [Kala Point website](#) under Forms/ Documents. Committee APPs can be found there. ♦

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DEM managers have been here several times to encourage our Emergency Preparedness Committee with ideas for making Kala Point resilient in case of disaster. For the first time, last year more than 200 KPOA members participated in the statewide Great Shakeout emergency exercise. We're planning to do it again this fall. And we have more than doubled the number of KPOA members who are CERT qualified (Community Emergency Response Team trained through FEMA).

To help us help ourselves, the First Aid Committee is offering free first aid courses for everyone in Kala Point. More advanced free courses and first aid kits are provided for members of the First Aid Team which still needs more members; there should be at least two trained volunteers in every zone throughout Kala Point.

EPC has formulated a long-range plan specifically for Kala Point disaster preparedness called Cassandra and established its own website for important disaster information. We have instituted machinery training for an EPC team so that KPOA can function during a disaster when staff members won't be available. We have strengthened our emergency radio network that includes twice as many licensed ham radio operators as before so that we can communicate with state and local officials when phones and internet are not working. We have established an emergency preparedness communication and secure electronic document storage program that works even in situations without electricity or cell service. KPOA has provided hand-held ham-quality radios for every neighborhood and for every First Aid Team member for communication within Kala Point. Additionally, we have distributed hundreds of low-cost FRS short-range walkie-talkies for communication within neighborhoods when other services are unavailable. The EPC will move its Neighborhood Operations Command and Communications Center from the second floor of the earthquake-susceptible Administration Building to a new separate ground-level home.

We have brought Kala Point into the electronic twenty-first century. The Board Meeting agenda and supporting materials are now available online for all members to review prior the meeting; and incidentally, there are now two opportunities on the monthly agenda for members to speak to the Board. The *Kala Pointer* has improved substantially and is being produced using up-to-date software; its delivery is now electronic. We have become entirely electronic in voting.

We use electronic emails for important mass notification. We have established an SMS emergency

texting system for up-to-the-minute Kala Point-centric notifications.

Our streets have been maintained no matter what the season and no matter what the weather. The Clubhouse has been revitalized with new furnishings and flooring; the locker rooms have been freshened. The pool and jacuzzi have been redone. Lighting throughout KPOA is being replaced with LED to lessen our carbon footprint.

And most obviously, we have a shiny new fast-operating gate. ♦



Saturday Afternoon • Bob Segui

July Calendar of Events

July 4

Independence Day!

Old School 4th of July Celebration. Music from multiple performers, free root beer floats, competitions, an “acrobaticists” show, watermelon-eating contest, community portrait and a laser light show. Event parking on the Parade Grounds is available for a suggested donation of \$5 per vehicle. Discover passes will not be required to park in the Parade Grounds parking area but will be required in all parking areas managed by State Parks. **TIME:** 4–10:30 p.m. **COST:** Free with a suggested \$5 donation. **LOCATION:** Fort Worden, 200 Battery Way. **CONTACT:** daniel@thunderbullproductions.com, 360.385.0519, thunderbullproductions.com/

July 4, 6

Festival of American Fiddle Tunes. A week-long workshop culminates in performances that welcome thousands of audience members to experience the tapestry of fiddling from around the world. **TIME:** 1:30–7:30 p.m. on July 4, 1:30 p.m. on July 6. **COST:** \$32, \$26 and \$16. **LOCATION:** McCurdy Pavilion, Fort Worden. **CONTACT:** info@centrum.org, 360.385.3102 x117, www.centrum.org/

July 5–7, 13–14, 20–21

Concerts in the Barn. Carpe Diem, a boundary-breaking ensemble that has earned widespread critical acclaim, will perform for three weekends at a picturesque, turn-of-the-century dairy farm. Special guest artist Jeff Midkiff will perform on the mandolin on opening weekend. **TIME:** 2 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** 7360 Center Road, Quilcene. **CONTACT:** concertsinthebarn@gmail.com, 360.732.0732, www.concertsinthebarn.org/

July 6

Art Walk. Art galleries and venues in the downtown waterfront district show off the work of local artists. **TIME:** 5:30–8 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Downtown. **CONTACT:** info@olympicpeninsula.org, 360.452.8552, www.olympicpeninsula.org/

July 6, 13, 20, 27

Puffin Cruise. The Marine Science Center guides tours off Protection Island National Wildlife Refuge, home to breeding, nesting, and flyway populations of marine bird species. **TIME:** 6–9 p.m. **COST:** \$60 for members of PTMSC; \$80 for non-members. **LOCATION:** Marine Science Center, 532 Battery Way E. **CONTACT:** cruises@ptmsc.org, 360.385.5582 x120, www.ptmsc.org/cruises

July 8

Kala Point Beach Watch Volunteers Meetup. The beach watch volunteers are celebrating their diligence and persistence in six months of beach watching (so far). You are welcome to join the fun! Attend as many times as you’d like. **TIME:** 5–7:30 p.m., for eight consecutive Mondays (July 8 to August 26). **COST:** Bring a beverage for yourself, a dish/bowl/plate of finger food to share, and if possible, a beach chair. **LOCATION:** Kala Point Beach Gazebo. **CONTACT:** Gary Obermeyer at obe@mac.com. See Kala Kalendar and article on page 8.

July 11, 18, 25

Concerts on the Dock. Downtown Port Townsend rocks with all-ages free music. Local vendors and beer garden serving local beer and cider contribute to the festival atmosphere. Bring chairs or blankets. July 11: Jim Nyby and the F Street Band; July 18: Uncle Funk and the Dope Six; July 25: The Micaela Kingslight Band. **TIME:** Seating opens at 4:30 p.m.; music from 5–7:30 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Pope Marine Park, corner of Madison and Water. **CONTACT:** admin@ptmainstreet.org, 360.385.7911, ptmainstreet.org/

July 13

Pride in the Park 2019. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Riot in New York City, this second annual Pride in the Park will feature a family friendly variety show with music, dancing and more. **TIME:** 11 a.m.–5 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Pope Marine Park, corner of Madison and Water. **CONTACT:** www.facebook.com/jeffcoprider/

July Calendar of Events

July 13–14

Olympic Music Festival: Art of the Violin.

Superstar violinist Sarah Chang joins pianist and OMF Artistic Director Julio Elizalde in exploring music that has defined the dimension and power of the violin, including Brahms' turbulent third violin sonata, Bazzini's demonic "Round of the Goblins," and Ravel's dazzling gypsy fantasy "Tzigane."

TIME: 2–4 p.m. **COST:** \$100 general admission. **LOCATION:** Chapel at Fort Worden, Fort Worden Way. **CONTACT:** info@olympicmusicfestival.org, 360.385.9699, www.olympicmusicfestival.org/

July 14

KPOA Annual Membership Meeting. Three outstanding Board candidates and two Board resolutions. Please show support by voting. **TIME:** 12:00 p.m. sign-in, 1 p.m. meeting starts. Vote online until 1:30 p.m. **COST:** No cost. **LOCATION:** Kala Point Clubhouse. **CONTACT:** 360-385-0814. See page 3 for more information.

July 14–20

Writers' Conference Public Readings. A rich and diverse gathering of prose writers and poets read from their work throughout the conference. **TIME:** 7 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Joseph F. Wheeler Theater at Fort Worden State Park; on July 17, reading will be at Northwind Arts Center, 701 Water St. **CONTACT:** 360.531.1472, www.centrum.org/

July 19

Olympic Neighbors Community BBQ. Games, raffle prizes, free hot dogs, veggie burgers and buns are provided by this nonprofit serving people with developmental disabilities. Please bring anything else you want to grill and your favorite side dish or drink. All ages welcome. **TIME:** 6–8:30 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Northwest Maritime Center, 431 Water St. **CONTACT:** claudia@olympicneighbors.org, 360.385.3628 x 104, www.olympicneighbors.org/

July 19–21

Sequim Lavender Festival. Celebrating the lavender industry in the Sequim-Dungeness Valley, this venue will host more than 150 crafts and lavender booths, a diverse food court, live music and more. **TIME:**

Friday and Saturday: 9 a.m.–7 p.m.; Sunday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m. **COST:** Free; free parking at the entrance to Blake Ave. **LOCATION:** Carrie Blake Park, 202 N Blake Ave., Sequim. **CONTACT:** 360.681.3035, www.lavenderfestival.com/

July 21–28

Jazz Port Townsend. Artistic Director John Clayton inspires a true sense of family during this special week of events that showcases internationally known performers in new and unexpected pairings. **TIME:** Various. **COST:** Tickets start at \$25; package prices available. **LOCATION:** Multiple throughout Fort Worden. **CONTACT:** info@centrum.org, 360.385.3102 x117, www.centrum.org/

July 28

Port Townsend Summer Band concert. Bring a blanket and picnic while enjoying a free concert under the direction of Miles Vokurka. **TIME:** 3–4 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Pope Marine Park, 1000 Madison St. **CONTACT:** contact@ptsummerband.org, www.ptsummerband.org ♦

Kala Point Clubhouse Events

One-time

July 14: Kala Point Membership Meeting. Kala Point Clubhouse. Sign in 12 p.m., meeting starts 1 p.m., voting ends 1:30 p.m. See page 3 for more information.

Recurring

Board Meeting: Second Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

Bridge: Mondays at 11 a.m.

Exercise Class: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m. Bring a mat and hand weights. If interested in attending, call Doris Unruh, 360.385.3753.

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.

Beach Watch Volunteers Meetup: Eight Mondays starting July 8, 5:30–7 p.m. Kala Point Beach Gazebo. See page 8 for more information. ♦

Kala Point Beach Watch Volunteers

Gary Obermeyer

You may have noticed the listing of “Beach Watch Volunteers” in the online Kala Kalendar, scheduled for eight consecutive Mondays, beginning July 8, 2019. We’ll be at the Kala Point Beach Gazebo from 5:30 – 7 p.m., to reward and celebrate the diligent efforts of the volunteers who have been documenting the parking “problem” at the beach.

Since December 18 (when the beach observations began), we’ve made over 800 observations. Our data are more than just numbers. We’re providing a broad view of total usage, broken down by time of day and through the seasons. We intend to continue the observations at our beloved beach at least through the summer and are especially curious to see what happens during the crabbing season and the height of tourist season.

All Kala Pointers are welcome to join us once, twice, or as many Mondays as you wish. Bring a beverage for yourself, finger food to share, and if it’s not too much trouble... a beach chair.

For more information and a link to our beach watch reports, email obee@mac.com, or send a text to 503-539-6285. ♦

Help EJFR Help Us:

Wildfire Training Exercises in Kala Point

Anne Englander

More than 70 people attended Fire Chief Jim Walkowski’s recent presentation on improving neighborhood resilience to wildfire. Chief described western Washington’s increased level of risk (“something is changing”), how wildfires are impacted by wind, topography and fuel, how firefighters combat wildfires, and, most importantly, what Kala Point homeowners can do to protect their property and mitigate their risk. Chief’s presentation and supporting materials are posted on the EPC website at epc.kalapoint.org; be sure to check them out!

This summer we have an opportunity to put theory into practice, and our wildfire knowledge into action.

East Jefferson Fire Rescue is working with KPOA and EPC to stage several training exercises here in Kala Point this summer. During the exercises, each of which would last a couple of hours, EJFR and several other agencies will practice wildfire suppression techniques such as laying out hoses and conducting home triage (determining which homes are defensible). The training enables firefighters to earn their “red card” in combating wildland fires.

And here’s the asks: Would you allow EJFR to access your yard during the exercises to practice their techniques and also “triage” your home as to how defensible it would be in a wildfire situation?

In exchange for letting firefighters on your property, you’ll learn how EJFR perceives the risk to your home and how you might go about remedying that risk.

It’s a win-win. The more EJFR knows about our community, the better they will be in fighting fires here. And the more we know about the risks EJFR sees here in Kala Point, the better we will be at mitigating them.

We’re looking to recruit several clusters of homes to serve as the sites for these exercises. Interested property owners would meet with EJFR to review what is entailed and give EJFR permission for access of their personnel and equipment. EJFR is particularly interested in training in wooded and/or sloped areas. Needless to say, we have lots of those in Kala Point!

More than 30 people have signed up, but we need more volunteers. If you’re interested in supporting EJFR and Kala Point, contact EPC Chair Anne Englander at anne.english@gmail.com or 360-316-9339. We will be working with the Chief to set up these exercises and will reach out to willing residents with more information. Help EJFR help us! Sign up now. ♦

Things to Think About

Nancy Leeds

Which letter is silent in the word “scent,”
the S or the C?

Do twins ever realize that
one of them is unplanned?

Why is the letter W in English
called double U?
Shouldn’t it be called double V?

Every time you clean something,
you just make something else dirty.

The word “swims” upside down
is still “swims”.

If you replace “W” with “T” in What,
Where and When,
you get the answer to each of them.

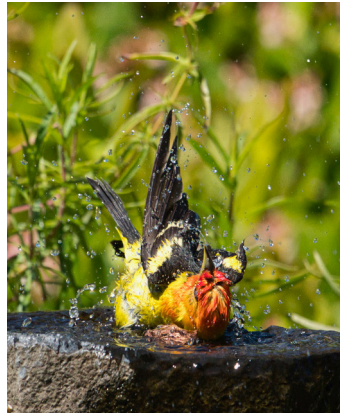
If you rip a hole in a net, there are actually
fewer holes in it than there were before.

For the Birds!

Ron Gentry

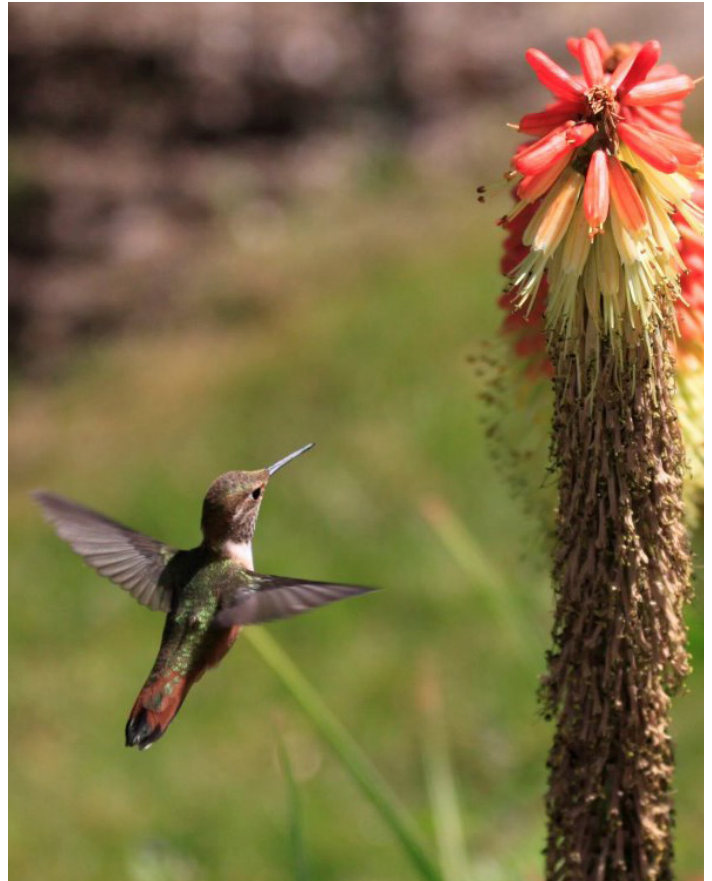
Here are some photos of the fountain in back of 10 Baycliff Place. The first two are a Western Tanager, before and during his bath.

The third is a Black-Headed Grosbeak unwilling to share his bath with a Pine Siskin who is doing his best to fly backward.



Angela George

We have a few “hummers” in our back yard.



KPOA Facility Hours

Administration Office

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

Friday 8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

March 31 – October 16, 2019

Clubhouse

Monday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Pool

Monday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Jacuzzi and Spa

Monday – Sunday 9 a.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Is it possible to be totally partial?
What's another word for thesaurus?

If a parsley farmer is sued,
can they garnish his wages?

Would a fly without wings be called a walk?

Letters to the Editor

Editor(s):

Thank you for such a great [June] issue of the *Kala Pointer*. I very much appreciate all of the work you do each month. Thank you, again.

Karl Bach, Lot 103

Editor:

We bought property in 2003 and enjoyed reading the *Kala Pointer* at our then-home in Illinois. Early on, we began receiving a second newsletter that challenged Board over-control.

Warring newsletters concerned me. I wanted openness and to get along with neighbors. I didn't want contentious nastiness. Had we made a mistake in choosing Kala Point? Newsletter tension subsided; we moved in 2011, and I get along well with wonderful neighbors.

I continue reading the *Kala Pointer* but am discouraged by decisions that squash/bury information that doesn't conform to Board perspective; is this a repeat of 15 years ago?

I have personal letter/article examples, but I'll focus on the proposed amendment to Publications Committee APP XIII.

"The *Kala Pointer* is the official conveyance to the community of Board (wording changed at the Board Meeting to KPOA) information...and articles that do not intrude upon Board business..." -- italics mine.

PC Board representative Pat Miles explained that this addition ensured conveyance, without confusion, of the Board's official view. Surely a disclaimer would suffice? Fortunately this egregious statement was removed before the vote – but why was it there to begin with?

And regarding Letters, they: "...will be limited to one letter and one response per subject." But, what if a decision/event triggers various perspectives? Isn't the *Kala Pointer* the place to communicate, especially as our online Forum is gone? Given that newsletters are no longer mailed, and printed copies are limited, the stated "space saving" rationale is weak.

Why control and curtail communication? This will create hostility much like it did in the past. Fortunately the Board amended the amendment before voting and "will" was changed to "may." The intent, though, concerns me. We need to encourage not discourage Member involvement.

Frances Loubere, 250 Saddletree Drive

Dear Frances:

Thank you for your letter and, more importantly, your attendance at Board meetings. Each year, Kala Point committees are tasked to review their governing documents. Having undergone significant changes in the past few months, the Publications Committee updated its procedures to realign the newsletter with its original mission, that of communicating information from KPOA governing bodies; i.e., the elected Board, its committees and the general manager, to the community as a whole. The final APP can be found at:

https://www.kalapoint.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/13_App-XIII-Publications_2019_6_11_19-1.pdf

Letters to the editor undergo a selection, editing and framing process, and are subject to space and time limitations. As is standard practice at many publications, *Kala Pointer* editors choose to run just one letter and one response on any given topic per issue. The *Kala Pointer* is but one avenue for the membership to voice their views; letters to the Board and attendance at Board meetings are two others. I hope this response allays your concerns about recent modifications to the APPs. We welcome and appreciate homeowner opinions, interests, and views.

Editorial staff and committee board representatives ♦

Kala Cares

Celebration of Life for

Mahlon Gane

August 10, 2019, at 2 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
1111 Franklin Street, Port Townsend

Get on Your Bike and Ride!

Suzanne Eggleston

If you are interested in riding with others or simply getting reacquainted with your bike, you may be happy to hear about a newly formed Kala Point cycling group.

The group was initiated by resident Jim Mantell. After the group first met in mid April, Jim started a private Google group where members can communicate via email about upcoming rides.

The group is made up of riders of different abilities, but all are supportive of others.

On hills, for example, those who ascend first

wait until everyone has reached the top before continuing to ensure no rider is left behind.

Cyclists using electric bikes are welcome as well.

Jim says future rides will include not only local routes, but regional rides in Port Ludlow, Sequim and Whidbey Island. He says there may even be a multi-day ride to Victoria in the early fall.

If you are interested in being added to the group or learning more about it, contact Jim at 425-443-1935 or

**“Nothing compares
to the simple
pleasure of a
bike ride.”**

*Former President
John F. Kennedy*

jmantell@hotmail.com. ♦



Kala Point bike group on a recent excursion to Whidbey Island. (Back row, left to right) Chris and Jim Mantell, Bob Eggleston, Kevin Gale, Alan Gerard, Pam Hicks, Ken Morris (Front row, left to right) Michael Hoskins, Suzanne Eggleston, Sue Gale (with bike)

What is Pickleball You Ask?

Char Quandt

Pickleball is a game for the whole family so, it's only fitting that it was invented by a family! The game got its start back in 1965, on Bainbridge Island by Congressman Joel Pritchard, William Bell and Barney McCallum. The three men invented the game one summer day when they came home from golfing only to find their kids bored and restless. They set out to create a game that would engage the kids through the lazy days of summer.

They wanted to create a game that would be challenging, but still accessible. They handed the kids table tennis paddles, a whiffle ball and lowered the net on their badminton court. In the coming days both kids and adults alike fell in love with the game, and as they played the rules evolved (to include the non-volley zone, for instance) and solidified to their present incarnation 54 years later. It is now the fastest growing sport in the world!

Pickleball has a very interesting name, especially since no pickles are used. Accounts of how the name originated differ. (1) According to Joel Pritchard's wife Joan, she started calling the game pickleball because "the combination of different sports reminded me of the pickle boat in crew where oarsmen were chosen from the leftovers of other boats." (2) However, according to Barney McCallum, the game was officially named after the Pritchard dog Pickles who would chase the ball and run off with it. According to McCallum, "The Pritchards had a dog named Pickles, and you're having fun at a party, right? So anyways, what the hell, let's just call it pickleball."

Others claim both accounts may actually be true. In the early years, no official name was assigned to the game. However, a year or two after the game was invented, the Pritchards purchased a cocker spaniel and named it Pickles. As the game progressed, an official name was needed and "pickleball" was it! ♦

References:

- (1) Pickle Ball featured on Morning show By Joan Pritchard, Local Columnist, July 27, 2008
 (2) "The Other Racket Sports" by Dick (Richard C.) Squires – published in 1978 by McGraw-Hill



Social Plus Upcoming and Past Events

Patti Biazzo

Come enjoy a potluck picnic at the beach while listening to live music paid for by Social Plus. Susie Gorski is the chair for this great event on Sunday, July 28, 5–7:30 p.m. BYOB, dish to share, something to grill and bring your beach chairs! Watch for signs.

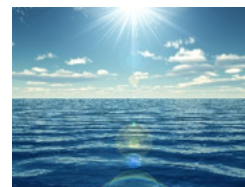
Our Annual Garage Sale was a hit again this year, thanks to organizer Diana Zinn; followed by the street dance from 5 – 7 p.m. We would like to thank Midnight Train Blues Band again for yet another fun event that they performed for our neighborhood... for free!

Social Plus is looking for a few more volunteers. If you feel like planning some fun events, have great ideas or want to chair a new event, please feel free to contact **Patti Biazzo, Diana Zinn or Char Quandt!** ♦



Advice from a Tree

Stand tall and proud.
 Sink your roots into the earth.
 Be content with your natural beauty.
 Drink plenty of water.
 Enjoy the view.



Advice from the Ocean

Be shore of yourself.
 Come out of your shell.
 Take time to relax and coast.
 Avoid pier pressure.
 Sea life's beauty.
 Don't get tide down.
 Make waves.

Let's Have Some *Fun*
**KALA POINT
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Join your friends and neighbors to enjoy the warm weather and celebrate summer during the Annual Kala Point Beach Party!

**Sunday, July 28, 2019 from 5:00–7:30 p.m. at
Kala Point Beach Gazebo area**

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YESANGO MARIMBA ENSEMBLE
Yesango will perform from 5-7 p.m.

BYOB, as well as an appetizer, or side dish or desert to share. Bring your own meat or fish for the grill. Bringing beach chairs and place settings including glasses are also a great idea.

And...don't forget your best Pacific Island shirts!

Because we are having food, we respectfully request that you leave your pet pals at home.

Questions: Susie Gorski at susiegorski@gmail.com

RSVP requested but not necessary ☺

Event by Social Plus Committee
Carpooling suggested

Honey, I'm Home!

Joe Englander

Obviously, the new gate is in place and operating. Like all tools, how effectively it operates is highly dependent on its users. We're more accustomed to hearing "operator error" associated with high tech than with hammers, but believe me operator error with a hammer can make you feel "all thumbs!" It's really easy to observe operator error at the gate, too. Using the gate properly will make it even more effective and, in truth, it is your responsibility as a member of KPOA.

Most of the problems at the new gate are caused by impatience. Impatience causes people to run a red light and, before the traffic light has turned green, rush through the gate before it is fully open. That means that the gate is still going up after your vehicle clears the gate; the gate does not come down until it has fully risen. Although the time to close is very quick, the addition of the time it takes to complete its rise means that such impatience creates a situation that allows time for tailgating. In other words, residents' impatience contributes to an increase in tailgating. Use the gate properly. Wait for the light to change to green. Take just a second or two to think about how much you'll enjoy being in Kala Point, look down our nicely maintained street surrounded by refreshing green and smile knowing that you live here. Take a deep breath, wait a second, and let the gate do its thing.

An associated act of impatience is pushing the button on your remote gate opener before you cross the speed bump at the gate house. It doesn't do anything for you except raise your anxiety. It won't raise the gate for you. A vehicle must cross the speed bump before the gate will open. If you push your button when a different vehicle is in position, that person becomes your registered guest and you are totally responsible for them. Purposely pushing your button because you are impatient so that you allow another vehicle at the gate to enter when it doesn't otherwise have the ability to enter, creates rather than solves a problem. The purpose of the gate is to limit access to Kala Point to those who have been specifically granted that access either through their membership, their residency, or by being a guest. The gate is the front door for all of Kala Point; don't take it upon yourself to unlock and open someone's front door.

Another aspect of impatience is wanting to have convenience. Some members have decided to purchase in-vehicle remote transmitters to use in place of KPOA-issued devices. Technically this requires a duplication of a device issued by KPOA and such duplication is prohibited by KPOA APPs and was generally not

possible with the new DoorKing® system. However, to accommodate those members who want to use such vehicle remotes, the Board decided to make available remotes which are known to program HomeLink® systems, the dominant system that did not interface with our new DoorKing® system. These are, indeed, available for your convenience to purchase at the Administration Office. As an alternative, you can use the older Elite® remote issued by KPOA which does work with the DoorKing® but which may not program your vehicle, or you can buy a newer less expensive DoorKing® remote that also may not program your vehicle entry system, or you can use the inexpensive white keycard. Since you have to pull your vehicle forward at the gate house so that the front tires cross the speed bump no matter what entry system you use — vehicle, remote or keycard — the keycard seems to offer as much utility as the more expensive vehicle programmable remote. Which of these four openers you use is your choice, none takes any longer than inserting your key and opening your front door, so relax—you're home. ♦

In a related incident...

Port Townsend Police Blotter

DATELINE: SATURDAY, JUNE 15, KALA POINT

A driver attempting to "tailgate" into the private, gated community of Kala Point misjudged the gate arm's timing and speed. The gate's arm descended quickly as the vehicle was attempting to pass through the gate. The arm came down on the vehicle's windshield. The vehicle sustained minor damage but the gate's arm was bent and its weather seal compromised. The arm had to be replaced.

The newly installed gate operates faster, with more sophisticated sensors to prevent more than one vehicle from entering the property at a time. When asked about the incident, Kala Point General Manager Keith Larson commented, "When we installed the new gate system we notified our Kala Point members and timeshare guests that they must avoid tailgating."

Damage to the gate is the responsibility of the driver. The damages to the gate arm are estimated to be approximately \$750 to \$1,000.

Fair warning, we have video!

Sign Up for Kala Point International Dinner

Marilyn Brenner

It is time to sign up for next season's Kala Point International Dinner Group. Couples and singles are both welcome. **Sign-up deadline is August 15.** Three dinners are planned over the year and include six to eight diners for each meal.

Dinner #1 takes place sometime during September, October and November 2019; Dinner #2 during January, February and March 2020, and Dinner #3 during April, May and June 2020.

For those new to the Kala Point International Dinner Group, here is how it works: A member

volunteer or a menu committee selects themes and plans menus. These include choices for appetizers, entrées, side dishes and desserts. Suggestions for themes are welcome as is help in menu and packet development.

From the list of participants, Don Brenner utilizes computer magic to select groups of approximately six to eight people for each of the three dinners and each household participating is designated as "host" for one of the three. Hosts receive the menus for their dinner group, make and prepare the entrée and maybe more, and assign their guests to bring appetizers, side dishes, desserts, etc. Enough menus are given to hosts so that each household receives one. The host also finds the best dinner date for all members of their group. (The dinner can take place anytime during the three-month period for that dinner. At the host's discretion can go

into later months if needed.)

Please sign up with Marilyn Brenner by August 15t. We ask that this year's members who wish to continue participating also re-sign by the deadline with Marilyn. Please note that while this program will make sure you dine with different people each of the three meals, it does not prevent repeats from previous years. If you have special requests for this schedule, please contact

the Brenners directly. If you are two singles who always want to dine together, please sign up together. Singles are also welcomed to sign up as a "single" or "single and guest" if you want to invite a friend to attend with you. It is also possible to be listed as a substitute to be called in case a particular dinner has room for more diners.



*At the recent East African International Dinner at the Brenner's
L to R: Nancy Machette, Gary Obermeyer, Kate Lore, and Don Brenner.
Thank you Pat Miles for the photo.*

To sign up, please email the following information to Marilyn Brenner at msbrenner@hotmail.com * OR mail to: Brenner, 22 Cedarview Lane, Port Townsend, WA 98368:

1. Your name(s)
2. Address
3. Preferred contact phone
4. Email
5. The total number of diners you can or prefer to accommodate at the dinners including yourselves i.e.: six, eight or even more.

** If you email this information you will receive a confirmation of your email. If you do not get a confirmation, please send your email again.*

I'm against studying civics in school.
I think we should also study other cars.

Are jellyfish sad that there are
no peanut butter fish?

Strawberry shampoo doesn't taste
as good as it smells.

I spent two hours watching *60 Minutes*.

I was wondering why the Frisbee was
getting bigger... then it hit me.

We should call for a complete shutdown of
Romania... until we know what is going on
with their lettuce.

Around the Point...

More than 70 people attended Fire Chief Jim Walkowski's recent presentation on improving neighborhood resilience to wildfire.

Anne Englander (top), EPC Co-Chair making announcements and introducing Chief Walkowski (bottom). The clubhouse was standing-room-only.

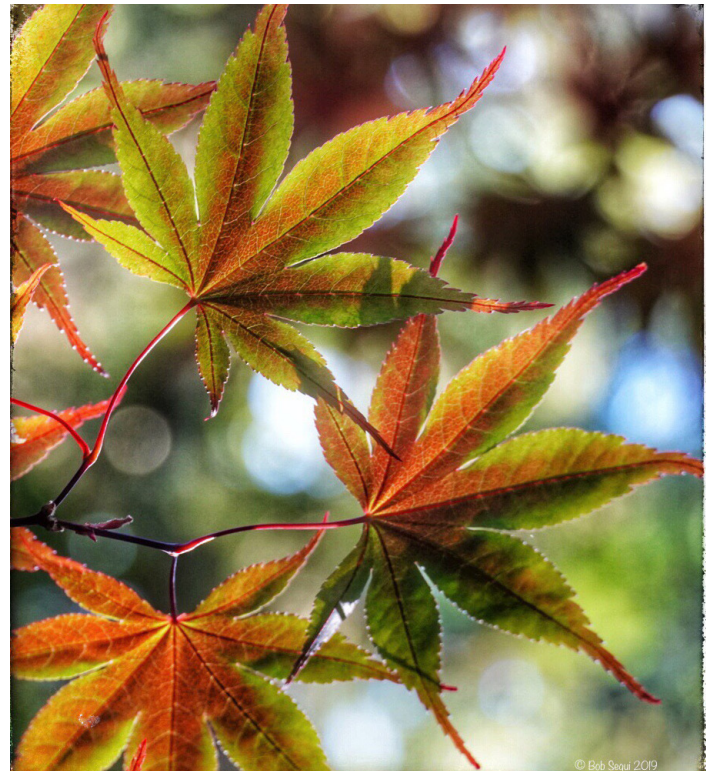


The annual Kala Point "Meet the Candidates" night gave our three candidates a change to answer questions from the audience and our Board moderators Pat Miles (at the podium) and Gary Obermeyer (seated L).

Our candidates: L to R: Scott Rovanpera, Dan Kimball, and Jean Erreca.



Happy Birthday America!



Maples • Bob Segui

If the cops arrest a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?
Why is the word abbreviation so long?
When companies ship Styrofoam, what do they pack it in?

Hypothermia: The Basics

Kala Point First Aid Team

Did you know that hypothermia can impact people of all ages? It can also be a concern year-round: winter, spring, summer and fall.

According to the Mayo Clinic, hypothermia occurs when your body loses heat faster than it can produce heat and your body temperature falls below 95 degrees F. Left untreated, it can be life-threatening.

Hypothermia is often caused by exposure to cold weather or immersion in a cold body of water. Older people are at risk of hypothermia not only in cold weather, but in mildly cool temperatures as well. Cold weather can be a problem for older adults because many take medications that can interfere with the body's ability to regulate its temperature. Medications that increase the risk of accidental hypothermia include drugs used to treat anxiety, depression or nausea, and some over-the-counter cold remedies. Ask your doctor how your medicines affect body heat.

Signs and symptoms of hypothermia usually develop slowly and may include:

- Shivering, (may stop as body temperature drops)
- Slurred speech or mumbling
- Slow, shallow breathing
- Weak pulse
- Clumsiness or lack of coordination
- Drowsiness or very low energy
- Confusion or memory loss
- Loss of consciousness

If you suspect someone has hypothermia, call 911. Then immediately take these steps:

- Gently move the person out of the cold. If going indoors isn't possible, protect the person from the wind, especially around the neck and head. Insulate them from the cold ground if possible.
- Gently remove any wet clothing. Replace wet things with warm, dry coats or blankets.
- If further warming is needed, do so gradually. For example, apply warm, dry compresses to the center of the body: neck, chest and groin.
- You can also use your own body heat to keep the person warm. Keep them in the horizontal position. Lie close to the victim but be gentle.
- Offer warm, sweet, nonalcoholic drinks. Do not give them alcohol or cigarettes.

(Rubbing the person's arms and legs, as many rescuers are tempted to do, can make the problem

worse as it may cause cool blood that had pooled in the extremities to return to the circulation and a further drop in core temperature.)

This article is not meant to be comprehensive. Find resources online or speak to your doctor. ♦

Help Wanted!

The Bluff Management Advisory Committee (BMAC) needs a graphics person, specifically someone that can use and make maps with a graphics program (Adobe Illustrator, Corel, etc.) as well as build inventory and cost-estimating sheets in Excel. Some basic knowledge of surveying (to locate trees) would be helpful, but that could be handled by someone else.

BMAC prepares and files yearly requests for tree actions on the bluff, which is a common area of KPOA (i.e., owned by all members). This is an important element of maintaining and protecting homeowners' marine views, so please take this help wanted request to heart, especially if you have a marine view. Contact General Manager Keith Larson at 360-385-0814 if you can help.

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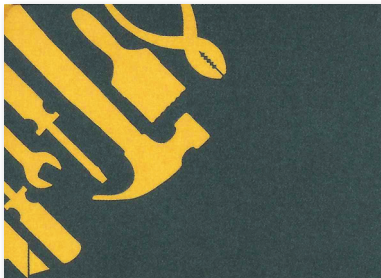
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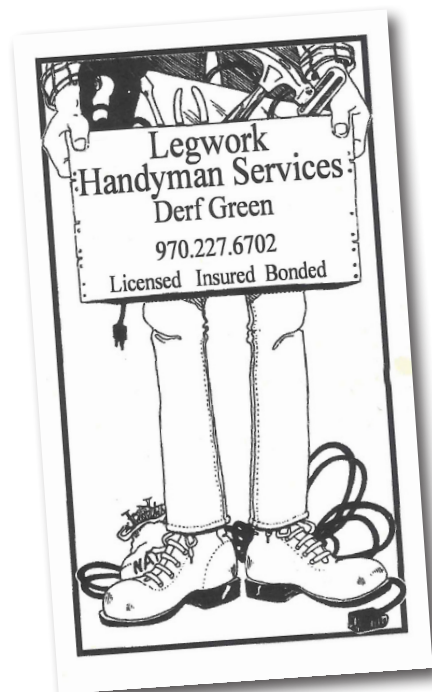
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