



# Kala Pointer

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## President's Message

*Joe Englander, President*

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The chance to exercise our right to vote is too often a missed opportunity. And it's a shame, particularly if the vote is missed and the results aren't what you might have preferred. I am bringing this up because the Board has voted to bring several issues before the membership for a vote. Those issues straddle the line between private rights and public responsibility. As usual that kind of straddle usually resolves itself into what is generally called the Golden Rule. What happens when you feel you should be able to do what you want and your neighbor would prefer you didn't; when you'd rather your neighbor didn't do something that affects you? How would you feel if a certain rule were applied to you? Are the actions evenhanded? Are the results fair? Should vehicles in Kala Point be allowed to park anywhere that an owner finds convenient? Should firewood be hidden out of sight? Should Kala Point allow short term rental of homes as in VRBO or airbnb with their rapid succession of tenants? Should there be controls over homes that have been destroyed or massively damaged to make certain they don't affect neighbors and their property value adversely? This summer, these questions will come before you along with a choice of some new Board members. That means there will be quite a few boxes to tick when it comes time to vote.

Which brings me to the question of what mechanism we'll use to vote. In Kala Point we have been trying to institute electronic voting; the rather recent introduction of mail-in ballots has been the standard here. And while that's pretty convenient, it is expensive. Before the advent of mail-in ballots, we all used to go the polls to vote. That definitely wasn't convenient. That took some effort, going out and waiting in line to vote. Electronic

voting is the most convenient and easiest of all. You only have to pull out your smart phone or other internet capable device—even a smart TV, for instance—go on-line, sign-in with your individual code, and vote. You don't even have to get dressed. If you don't have any internet capable device, we provide polling stations—just like in the old days—at the Clubhouse and at the Office—convenient, but you do have to get dressed. Each Kala Point Association member will be provided with a user-name and a code-number; no one else has them and they can be used only once so the system is secure. When you consider that we have more than six hundred voting members and at least six different items to vote on, that's 3600 different ticks to tally, especially if it is done with paper ballots that all have to be individually hand-counted for each separate item. Paper ballots are more costly in both time and money and more prone to error.

You'll be hearing more about this as the time to vote comes closer, but I wanted you to know that your opinion will be asked for and it will be most easily and efficiently heard if you vote electronically.

In the meantime, there are a couple of other ways you can vote that will be more fun. Sunday, February 4, there's the KPOA Superbowl Sunday at the Clubhouse with the big screen showing every detail. I think voting on the Superbowl is called betting. And get ready for the Potato Bake-Chili Cook Off. That's where you vote with your dollars and spoons. The winner is always East Jefferson County Fire-Rescue. Those people really do a great job for us and we want to keep them happy. They get their fire trucks or EMS ambulances in here within minutes of being called. You get to thank them by eating and voting for the best Kala-Chili. So put March 24 on your calendar now and don't forget. Lip smackin', finger lickin' good.

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The deadline for the March issue of the *Kala Pointer* is February 19th.

Submit your articles to:  
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## Secretary's Report

*By Kim Titus*

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**Tree**

*Rotating*

I hope that all Kala Pointers had warm and happy holidays. The snow on Christmas Eve was a surprise and our wonderful maintenance crew spent many hours both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day plowing the roads. Thank you for your commitment to our safety.

The January Board meeting started at 9:30 am with a field trip to review, in person, the recommendations made to the board by the Bluff Management Advisory Committee (BMAC). The committee, chaired by Rich Oiseth, had nine cases containing ninety-seven separate tree actions which were evaluated by the BMAC. The Kala Point bluff parcels, where the trees are located, are under the jurisdiction of the Jefferson County Critical Areas Ordinance and Jefferson County Shoreline Management Plan. As required by Jefferson Co. regulations, the BMAC engaged a licensed Arborist, Wildlife Biologist and a Geotechnical Engineer to aid in the evaluation process. During the course of the year, the number of tree actions was reduced to eighty-nine, of which five were required to have an evaluation by a geotechnical engineer, because they had not been previously topped and/or they were over 3" in diameter. The Geotechnical Engineer did not approve any of the five trees for topping or removal. The remaining requests were predominately for trimming and were all approved. The Board, after some discussion, adopted all of the BMAC recommendations during the afternoon meeting, and will forward the final documents to Jefferson Co. for their review and final approval. The 2018 request for tree actions (on the southern third of the bluff) will occur from February 1-28, 2018.

The clubhouse drainage project will begin the week of January 15 at the clubhouse entry. During construction the loop will be closed. In February Keith will make a proposal for the clubhouse parking lot lighting project, hopefully with multiple bids in hand.

Keith also shared the 2018 cost for insurance premiums within KPOA, which includes property, umbrella, disability and occupational, earthquake and auto. While auto insurance is up, the total is \$219 under budget.

The 2018 assessment collections are going well, with 48% in for lots, homes and condos, and 76% in for timeshares. A reminder! You can now use your credit card to pay for assessments, which seems to be preferred 2 to 1 by timeshare holders.

Both the wood chipping and trail project are estimated to be done by the end of the month, and the new gate slider mechanism on storage lot B is working great! No more squished toes!

Daniella Brockmeier is celebrating her 2-year anniversary with KPOA. We are very lucky to have both Daniella and Lynn Swartz assisting us in the office.

The largest portion of the meeting was the discussion of potential amendments to the CC&Rs. The board must pass a motion to modify a CC&R, then it goes to our counsel for review before being put on the July ballot for your vote. I will summarize

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here, but I urge you to read the motions in the official Board notes for January 9 for the actual wording of the motion.

The first proposal is a new subsection to be added which establishes a timeline in which a homeowner has to declare intent and ultimately follow through on work after significant damage happens to a home. Significant means that it requires major repair, replacement or demolishing of the home. The intent is to give KPOA some leverage when a catastrophic event happens to assure that the homeowner will either remove or replace the home, or portions of the home in a timely manner. This would protect home values for neighbors and hopefully keep the repair/replace/remove process moving forward.

The second proposal is to add a new sentence to Article IV which would read, "No Vehicles shall be stored or parked within any setbacks on any lot, except the driveway". The intent here is to assure that long term parking/storage of vehicles is in our storage lots instead of setbacks.

The last is a proposed preamble which describes Kala Point as a "unique, private wooded and waterfront community... (in a) wooded and park-like environment...(with) underground utilities, absence of streetlights and sidewalks...protecting trails, trees and native vegetation...and having homes and structures in harmony with the environs." This is a very general summary and again, I urge you to read the exact language in the meeting notes. The intent of this preamble is to set a tone, in the CC&Rs, that would guide the APPs for the Architectural and Tree Committees. It describes a vision that would ultimately guide the approval or denial of requests and it is important that residents have an opportunity to vote on the statement that sets the tone of what our community is about.

Committee Summary – President Joe has written a wonderful summary and thank you to the Ad hoc Committee on Fire Hydrants on the opening page of the Kala Point website. The committee has successfully completed their mission of getting our hydrants flushed and tested. Kala Point was highlighted as leading the County in fire preparedness in the "Leader" as a result of the Ad Hoc committee work.

Architectural Committee will move their meeting to the last Thursday of the month from 10am -12pm.

Emergency Preparedness Committee – We have a dozen trained emergency volunteers in Kala Point. There will be a disaster simulation this spring, probably a severe winter storm vignette. The EPC will sponsor an expo in September/October with demonstration and lectures, and there is another First

Aid course scheduled on 2/15 from 1-4:30pm.

Social Plus – The Potato Bake fundraiser for East Jefferson County Fire and Rescue will be a chili feed and will be on 3/24. There will be a composting lecture on 4/19; free shredding will be offered sometime near Tax Day (4/15); and the art show is scheduled for 4/28 and 29. I heard the New Year's party was a real hoot, with dancing and fun by all.

The next Board meeting is February 13, 2018 at 1pm and you can be my valentine if you come and join in our important discussions. We are engaged in conversations that affect all residents and the Board, while we don't agree with each other all the time, has excellent discussions that are respectful and timely.

I am off to Hawaii for a couple of weeks where I will be slathered in sunscreen and sipping drinks with little umbrellas while I try to think of ways to be funny while talking about APPs. Aloha!

## First Aid Class at Clubhouse

*By Terry Rose*

A basic First Aid class will be held on Thursday, February 15, from 1:00pm to 4:30pm at the Clubhouse, sponsored by KPOA and the Emergency Preparedness Committee. The free class is limited to 15 and is currently full, but if you are interested, contact Terry Rose (360 385-1940 or [rosenkatz@wavecable.com](mailto:rosenkatz@wavecable.com)) to get on the waiting list for the next offering.

## A Musical Gathering with a Harmonica Focus

*By Bob Longmire*

The Port Townsend Harmonica Union is performing at the Kala Point Clubhouse on Tuesday, February 6 from 6 pm to 8 pm and is open to all Kala Point residents and the local community. It's a musical gathering with a harmonica focus, although all instruments are invited. The group is planning to make this a monthly event and hoping to schedule the first Tuesday whenever possible.

### **Feb 6 - Port Townsend Harmonica Union, 6 to 8**

**pm.** PTHU is a group of harmonica players that meets to enjoy shared tunes. We will have guitar, piano and ukulele players, all instruments are welcome, and everyone is invited to play, sing and/or listen. We will play through a list of tunes selected in advance and published on our web site, <http://www.pthu.org>. **Location:** Kala Point Clubhouse.

**Contact:** Bob Longmire, 360-344-2084, [bob@longmire.org](mailto:bob@longmire.org)

# Calendar of Events for February

By Ed Zinser

**February 5 - PT Library: Book Lovers Café: 2:00 to 3:00 pm.** Join a fun discussion of fiction and nonfiction books. Usually meets the first Monday of the month. February: The Lost Art of Mixing by Erica Bauermeister. **Contact:** Cheryl Bentley, 360-344-2512, cbentley@cruzio.com. **Location:** Charles Pink House, 1256 Lawrence St.

**February 6 - JC Library: Tech Tuesdays: 3:00-4:00 pm. Drop-in Assistance: 4:00-6:00pm.** Join us on Tuesdays for a free, one-hour technology class. Classes take place at the JC Library or at the Community Center in Quilcene. After each presentation, you're invited to stay and work with a staff member to receive individual assistance with your computer or handheld. Bring your own device or ask to borrow one of ours. **Contact:** 360-385-6544, info@jclibrary.info. **Location:** Jefferson County Library, 620 Cedar Ave, Port Hadlock.

**February: 8 - Northwind Reading Series: John Delany & Ed Harkness: 7:00 pm.** The Northwind Reading Series is a program of monthly (or more frequent) readings by local and guest authors, featuring both poets and prose writers. Everyone is welcome to attend these free readings. John Delaney recently retired after 35 years in the Dept. of Rare Books and Special Collections of Princeton University Library and Edward Harkness is the author of two full-length poetry collections. **Contact:** Bill Mawhinney 360-302-1159. **Location:** Northwind Arts Center, 701 Water St.

**February 10 - Jumping Mouse's "Hearts in Bloom" Benefit Dinner: 6:30pm - 9:00pm.** Annual benefit dinner by Chef Arran Stark, to support Jumping Mouse Children's Center's expressive mental health therapy for kids and families in Jefferson County. Enjoy a delicious dinner with friends to celebrate our children's resiliency and learn more about Jumping Mouse Children Center's vision for our community. **Contact:** 360-379-5109, kris@jumpingmouse.org. **Location:** NW Maritime Center, 431 Water St.

**February 13 - PT Library: "Changeling" Shakespeare Reading Group: 5:00pm - 7:00pm.** A new reading group is forming in Port Townsend. Sponsored by the Port Townsend Public Library, CHANGELING will meet monthly to read and discuss the plays of William Shakespeare. "No one is ever the same after encountering Shakespeare," said co-founder Bob DeWeese, "so I thought the name was appropriate." Changeling will meet monthly on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month.

**Contact:** Bob, bobbinsdream@gmail.com.  
**Location:** Charles Pink House, 1256 Lawrence St.

**February 15 - Master Gardener Training Registration: 8:00am.** The Master Gardener Program is open to everyone with an interest in gardening and a willingness to use their knowledge, experience, and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on their local community. This ten-week course includes professional education from WSU online training, lectures from local experts on and field trips to outstanding local and regional gardens. Upon completion, participants will give back to the community by volunteering in community gardens, farmer's markets, and classes. **Contact:** 360-379-5610, wsujeffcomg@gmail.com. **Location:** WSU Classroom, 97 Oak Bay Road, Port Hadlock

**February 17 - AAUW Silent Auction, 9 am - 11 am.** Location: Elks Lodge. Contact: Valerie Pratt Stevens 801-718-0380. See article on page 6 .

**February 24 - Jefferson Land Trust Geology Series: Jim Aldrich, America's Hot Spot National Parks: 4:00 to 5:00 PM.** The Geology Group presents an illustrated lecture on some U.S. National Parks that have been created by hot spots in the Earth's mantle such as Yellowstone Location: QUUF, 2333 San Juan Road, Port Townsend; suggested donation of \$5. Contact: Michael Machette 360-521-2441.

**February 25 -Kiwanis Stars of Tomorrow: 3:00pm - 7:00pm.** The Kiwanis Club will hold its 31st Annual Stars of Tomorrow Show on Sunday, February 25, featuring very talented kids from Jefferson County. There are three divisions or age-groups: Presentation Division, which is non-competitive, for elementary school students, grades K -6; Junior Division for grades 7-9; and Senior Division for grades 10-12. The Junior & Senior Divisions will compete for scholarships to enhance their study and special awards from sponsors. All types of performing arts will be included - all musical instruments, vocal, dance and theater. Performers may be solo, duet, trio and small groups. **Contact:** Mary Crozier, 360-531-0200, maryc@ptpc.com. **Location:** PT High School Auditorium,

## Kala Point Recurring Events

**Let's Have Lunch** Meets first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 am in the Clubhouse.

**TGIF** Every Friday at 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Clubhouse. Bring your own beverage and glassware.

**Bridge** Every Monday at 11:00 am ,Clubhouse

**PT Harmonica Union** -Monthly on the first Tuesday, 6 pm - 8 pm. Clubhouse. See page 3.

**Reading Group** every Wed 3:30-5pm Clubhouse.

# Does Your Home Have a Monitored Alarm System?

*By Dick Schulte, your representative on the JCSO Citizens Advisory Committee*

If so, you should read this article, otherwise you might want to skip it.

The term “monitored”, in this context, means that your intruder, fire or panic alarm system will send an alert, usually over the phone, to some monitoring company, who will assess the alarm situation and notify police or fire & rescue departments to respond. Unfortunately, many of these alarm systems are prone to false alarms. That could be due to a pet in the house, a loud thunder clap, a fault in the system, or even a member of your household or a guest accidentally setting it off. In 2017, the Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office responded to 387 false alarms. Besides wasting the time of responding officers, the Sheriff’s Office is already very short of deputies and a false alarm could be making a deputy unavailable to respond to a real emergency, somewhere else in the county.

Because of this issue, the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners recently passed a county-wide ordinance to address the problem. The Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office (JCSO) has been tasked with managing and enforcing this ordinance.

Beginning in January 2018, all such monitored alarm systems must be registered with the Sheriff’s Office. There is a \$20 fee for the initial registration and it must be renewed every 2 years for another \$20 fee. The registration will help make certain that responders have current information about the home and its alarm system.

After an initial grace period (TBD), there could be fines assessed, if emergency responders are dispatched because of a false alarm. If the alarm system is registered with the county, there is no fine for the first false alarm in a six-month period. A sliding scale of fines from \$50 to \$200 would follow for additional false alarms during that period. If the alarm system is not registered, the fines would kick in immediately and be more costly. In addition to any fines, the homeowner will be required to submit a report on what caused the false alarm and what actions were taken to prevent this from reoccurring.

The goal of this ordinance is to improve services for all people in Jefferson County, while reducing wasted time and cost for false alarms. The county will continue to respond to all reports of emergencies made to 911 or reported to Deputies. Information about the alarm ordinance and how to register will be posted on the Sheriff’s Office website in early January. Anyone with questions are invited to email the program coordinators at [alarm@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:alarm@co.jefferson.wa.us) .

## Let’s Do Lunch

*By Mary Lou Boegehold*

### **A new name and a change.**

The Kala Point Singles group is changing to “Let’s Do Lunch”. We will now welcome any Kala Point ladies, married or single, who would enjoy going out to lunch once a month with a friendly group. We meet in the Fireplace Room in the Clubhouse at 11:30 am on the first Tuesday of each month and after a very brief meeting we head out to our chosen restaurant of the month. At the meeting, we often discuss other local events and plan car pools for anyone interested in attending. Due to the work in progress on Water Street and the resulting lack of parking, we are avoiding that area during the next few months.

Our schedule is:

February 6 – Doc’s Marina

March 6 – Point Hudson Café

April 3 – Ferino’s Pizza

May 1 – The Cup

June 5 – Fiesta Jalisco

If you would like to meet our group and go to lunch, please RSVP to Doris Unruh at 360-385-3753 or email her at [dwunruh@cablespeed.com](mailto:dwunruh@cablespeed.com)

## Did You Know?

By Michael Mchette

### Ten facts about Kala Point:

1. 18,000 years ago, Kala Point was covered by 3,000-4,000 ft of Canadian glacial ice.
2. By about 13,000 years ago, humans made their way south along the Pacific Coast through Alaska and British Columbia to become the first known residents of the Quimper Peninsula.
3. German investors were the original developers of Kala Point in 1972. Renate Wheeler is the lone-surviving investor from that group. The group bought our 390-acre wooded parcel from the Cotton estate and the beach area from a Florida couple, which intended to build a marina.
4. The first residence was built in 1975 on Windship Drive by the Kala Point Development Co., and Renate and husband Ed Croom lived in it for about 8 months. David and Sally Gooding have owned this spectacular home for the past 41 yrs.
5. Kala Point was originally intended to have small weekend homes, but in 1977 it was marketed it as a Swim and Racquet Club with condos and single-family homes. The time shares were developed independently.
6. Lots ranged from \$7,000 to \$30,000, the most expensive being those with water views along Windship Drive.
7. There are 602 lots in Kala Point. Of these, 504 are for single-family homes, 60 have townhomes and condos, and there are 38 fractional time-share condos. Two condo lots remain undeveloped on Seaview Court.
8. There are 45-50 undeveloped lots in Kala Point that could be built on.
9. We have about 7.5 miles of private roads, 1.3 miles of private beachfront, and one of the best sandy beaches and lagoons in the region.
10. Kala Point is managed by a team of three full and four part-time employees; the General Manager, Keith Larson, has been part of this team for 30 years.

For a more on Kala Point, see Barbara MacLean's complete history on our [website](#).

## AAUW Silent Auction February 17

By Valerie Pratt Stevens

The Port Townsend Branch of the AAUW (American Association of University Women) is once again preparing for its annual Silent Auction, which will be held at on Saturday, February 17, from 9:00am to 11:00am at the Elks Lodge. The Silent Auction proceeds go directly into the education and scholarship funds for women and girls of East Jefferson County, and into the education programs in our local schools. The members of AAUW are committed to making a significant impact on education and equity, as well as developing opportunities for women and girls in our area.

We need your help to make the Silent Auction a success! We are looking for new and slightly used items for the auction (no clothes, please). So please look through your closets and garages for items that you could contribute to this cause.

We are also looking for "Experiences". "Experiences" are lovely ways to share your talents, gifts and abilities with others. They can be fun and creative, such as: teaching knitting, photography, gourmet cooking, or conducting a nature walk and teaching about mushrooms. They can be adventurous, like taking someone on your boat to sail around the Port Townsend Harbor, or a kayak trip around Kala Point. They can be fun, like inviting others to your house for a game night or dinner. They can be a wonderful get-a-way package to a condo in a desirable location. Think big and be creative. Last year this event raised over \$5,500 and over 50% of that money came from "Experiences".

Please join us at the Auction, and bring your family and friends! If you have items you wish to donate or want more information about the event contact Valerie Pratt Stevens or Jani Templin-Weller. If you have "Experiences" you would like to create contact Cheryl Bentley.

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**Silent Auction**

**Mountains aren't just funny.  
They are hill areas.**

## The Birds of Kala Point

Join professional photographer and Kala Point resident Ron Wheeler for his entertaining presentation "The Birds of Kala Point." This one-hour slide show presentation actually lets the birds do most of the talking, and aside from one image, they were all captured right here within our forested neighborhood and along the beach at Kala Point.

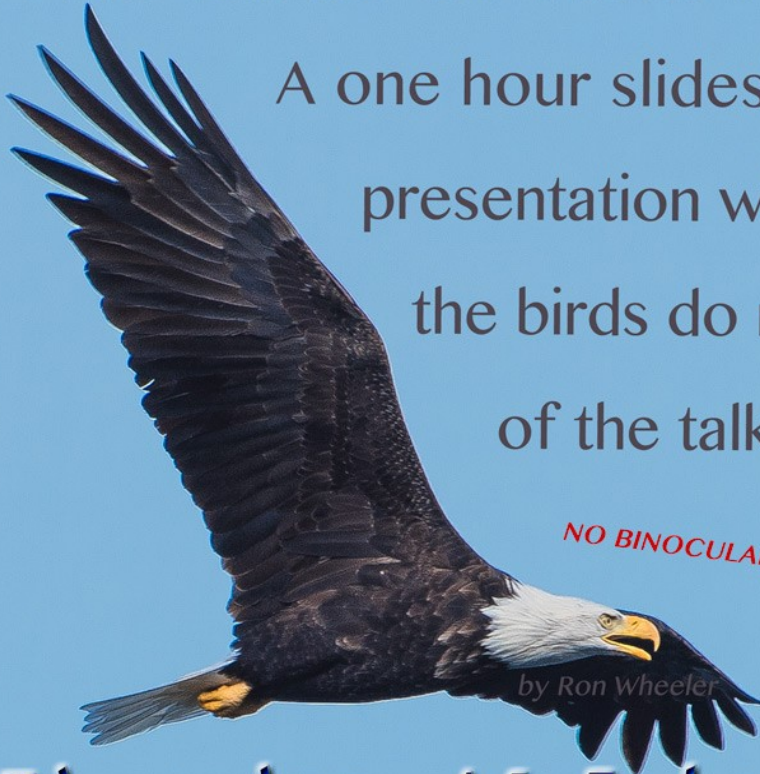
Come join the flock on Thursday, February 15 at 6:00 pm in the Kala Point Clubhouse, no binoculars needed.

# The Birds of Kala Point

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of the talking !!

*NO BINOCULARS NEEDED*

*Thursday, 15 February*  
*6:00 PM*  
*Kala Point Clubhouse*  
*Main Room*



*by Ron Wheeler*

# Kala Point Pickleball

by Char Quandt

Kala Point Pickleball players kicked off the New Year with their annual KP Polar-Poker Pickleball tournament on January 2<sup>nd</sup>! It was 38° and icy, but that's the Polar part. See the photos of our winners.

Why Pickleball? Why not? Pickleball is a fun healthy sport that is for all ages! Neighbors enjoy the exercise and camaraderie on the courts. Its part tennis, ping pong, badminton, and racquetball. Friendships are formed, and new folks are always welcome to join the fun!

Tai Sheridan says "As a new resident, I'm grateful for Pickleball, which has been a delightful entry to living here at Kala Point. After my first day, I had met twenty new community friends, broke a sweat, felt the excitement of learning a new sport and most importantly, had the joy of goofing off with a bunch of schoolyard kids who keep adulthood at a minimum on the court! I've been touched by their friendliness, kindness, laughter and guidance as a new resident. Everybody plays their best and if you show up you are a winner! So far, I have learned I need better shoes, how to stay out of the kitchen (a pickleball term), and how to stop diving for balls and skinning my knees since I won't be going to the Olympics. Great fun! Thanks to all!"



Jackie Burton & Michael Kubec  
Won the Poker Hand



Michael Machette & Al Gerard  
Won the A Division



Tim Whyte & Michael Hoskins  
Won the B Division





# Winter Storms

By Anne Englander, Emergency Preparedness Committee

OK, maybe we've seen the worst already, with the snowfall at Christmas. Or maybe not. Each winter season, we face the possibility of weather knocking out heat, power, and communication services to our homes, and creating hazardous driving conditions. Our winter weather can range from a moderate snow over a few hours – like the snowfall on Christmas Eve – to an event lasting for several days that keeps us housebound due to icy roads.

Our Kala Point staff did an amazing job of clearing our roads over the holidays; we all appreciate their efforts! Here's their advice to us during winter snow events: **please stay off the roads** if at all possible and give the crew the space and time to plow.

Other important winter storm advice:

**Stay informed.** Be aware of the best places to get timely and reliable local weather info. NOAA Weather Radio broadcasts with alerts and warnings are an excellent start. Add to this, the Jefferson County NIXLE emergency text and email alerts (sign up at [www.jeffcoec.org](http://www.jeffcoec.org); click on the phone icon and follow the simple instructions).

**Before a storm** check that your food and water supply is adequate. Make sure you have a safe alternate heat source, and a supply of fuel, batteries, and blankets. Keep an emergency kit in your car – including food, water, blankets, a flashlight, a shovel and a sack of sand or kitty litter. Keep your gas tank full. If you must drive, bring your cellphone.

**During a storm** stay indoors and dress warmly. Eat regularly because food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat. Also, drink lots of water. If you must go outside, wear layered clothing, mittens and a hat. Watch for signs of hypothermia and try to stay dry.

**In a power outage** keep your refrigerator and freezer doors closed. Unplug computers and sensitive equipment to protect against power surges. Leave one light switch in the on position to alert you when services are restored. Use flashlights or headlamps; do not use candles, oil lamps, gas lanterns or other flammable light sources. Use alternate heat methods safely. Never use gas ovens/ranges, charcoal BBQs, or portable propane heaters indoors for heating; they use oxygen and build up carbon monoxide.

**In a windstorm** move away from windows or objects that could fall. Go to lower floors in multi-story homes. Monitor your reliable weather information source. Evacuate damaged buildings; do not re-enter until declared safe by authorities. If you smell gas or hear a hissing sound indoors, open windows and leave the building, turn off the gas source and call the gas company; do not use matches, candles, open flames, flip electric light switches indoors, or answer a cell phone – as all have flame, spark or static electricity that could cause an explosion.

Plan ahead for winter storms – and other emergencies! Now's the time to think ahead, review your emergency plans, pull together your disaster supply kits (for your home and your vehicles), and be ready to reach out to your neighbors if they need help.

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# Why Our Fire Hydrants Have Colored Rings

By Joe Englander, President KPOA

Last August, after learning from Geoff Genter that the Jefferson County Public Utility District had been neglecting its obligation to maintain and test our fire hydrants, I called for the creation of an Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Prevention and Safety to be established by the Kala Point Board of Directors. That Ad Hoc Committee, known affectionately by the nick-name Fire Hydrant Committee, was tasked with being, essentially, a squeaky wheel by repeatedly bringing our concerns before the PUD's Commissioners, Board Members, managers and employees. Geoff Genter, Howie Hendrickson, Bill Kaune, Barry Birch, and Michael Machette were successful(!) in pressuring the PUD to test, tune-up, and even update the hose connectors on the Kala Point hydrants. After each hydrant is tested, it is given a colored ring so that the fire department can immediately know what flow to expect, how much water they can pull from any particular hydrant. The pressure is lowest up on the Baycliff hill where the water towers are and gradually increases with gravitational acceleration going down to Harborview Drive and Bluffs Court. Even the least pressure in the Kala Point system is adequate to deal with a fire in any two-story home in our development. Every hydrant that needed maintenance has received; every hydrant in Kala Point works properly.

As the article in the Peninsula Daily News points out, we are the first—and thus far—only neighborhood to receive this kind of attention from the PUD. We owe each member of our Ad Hoc Committee our thanks. [article reproduced with permission]



## Flow testing to lead to color change of Kala Point hydrants; colors provide information for firefighters

By Peninsula Daily News Friday, January 5, 2018

PORT TOWNSEND — Most of the more than 550 fire hydrants of the Jefferson County Public Utility District are yellow, designating them as part of a public water system. In Kala Point, the hydrants are blue with orange caps.

But that's about to change.

The blue and orange color scheme for Kala Point hydrants is because prior to the PUD taking over in 2012, Kala Point had a private water system, according to PUD Water Crew Lead Eric Storey.

Starting today, however, Kala Point hydrants will get their first officially designated color coding following a round of flow testing by the PUD, said Will O'Donnell, communications manager.

The flow tests determine how much water can flow through a hydrant. The amount of flow, measured in gallons per minute (GPM) determines the secondary color assigned to the hydrant.

Red means less than 500 GPM. Orange is 500-1,000 GPM. Green is between 1,000 and 1,500 GPM, and blue is over 1,500 GPM.

That's why some yellow hydrants have red, blue, orange or green caps and/or rings.

Flow testing is a part of the standard maintenance that comes with managing a water system, according to O'Donnell.

The testing in Kala Point will be done by a contractor, Fire Solutions NW, who will provide the PUD a written report that indicates static pressure, flow rates, and pressure drops as well as, if needed, de-chlorinate the water or make recommendations for repair.

The contractor also will fit the hydrants with the appropriate colored collar to indicate their flow rates.

The color code tells firefighters how much water they can pull from the hydrant to put out a fire.

According to the Iowa State University's Rate of Flow formula 500 GPM, for example, is needed to service a two-story house that is 50 feet wide by 50 feet long., O'Donnell said.

Regular flow testing - or lack of it - also affects a fire department's insurance rating. O'Donnell said.

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More frequent flow tests lead to better ratings, he said.

Another factor affecting ratings is the type of hose connection a hydrant has, O'Donnell said.

The traditional screw thread connection takes more time and effort and provides for a lower score, so the PUD has ordered and begun installing one-fourth turn quick connection adapters for all Kala Point hydrants, he said.

Storey said that 30 were installed in 2017, and the final 19 will be installed this year.

Kala Point is just the first stop on a systemwide series of hydrant tests and maintenance for the PUD, according to O'Donnell, and with each stop, data collected on the hydrants will be entered into the PUD's GIS mapping system. Casey Finedell, the PUD's GIS specialist, has been cataloguing PUD assets on maps for the past two years. Whether it's a hydrant or an electrical transformer, a PUD crew member can pull up not only the location of the asset, but all associated manufacturing and maintenance data, as well as notes left by other crew members, either in the office or onsite to perform a repair, O'Donnell said.

## Potato Bake News

By Debbie Burk

Save the date of March 24, at 5:30 pm for the annual *Kala Point Potato Bake* fundraiser for our East Jefferson Fire and Rescue Team. As in years past, there will be a Chili Cook-off. This year Social Plus has challenged the Spice Group of Cooks, headed up by Michael Machette, to find the best cooks in Kala Point to make a crockpot of their favorite chili for this event. (See Letters to the Editor on the adjoining column.)

The Potato Bake has been going on for years in Kala Point. All proceeds from this event, including generous donations from our Kala Point residents, goes directly to the East Jefferson Fire and Rescue Department.

Reservations for this event will start March 1, 2018. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Debbie Burk by emailing [debbieburk@smilingcorgi.com](mailto:debbieburk@smilingcorgi.com).



## Letters to the Editor

Editor:

Our Social Plus Committee has challenged all the cooks in Kala Point to a Chili Cookoff at the Potato Bake on Sat. March 24 (5:30-8 pm). We've done this in the past, so I accepted the challenge and extend it to you all. However, because some of our best cooks and recipes do poorly in a Fireman-judged (traditional-style chili) cookoff, we're going to change it up a bit for 2018. This year we'll have two categories:

**Traditional Firehouse Style Chilis.** We need 3 to 4 crockpots of these chilis, preferably homemade.

**Gourmet Style Chilis.** You know, the kind most of us like to make: Pork, chicken, green chili, elk meat, steak, with porter or ales, etc. Go wild, something a modern well-fed caveman (or cave lady) would enjoy. We need 3-4 crockpots of these chilis.

There are more good chefs in Kala Point than I know. So if you have a friend or neighbor that you'd like to engage in this cookoff, pass along this message. If you want to enter, just **send me a note** (re. Chili Cookoff to: [machette1550@gmail.com](mailto:machette1550@gmail.com)) and the category you want to enter. When I get 3-4 of each, I'll cut off the entries and make a back up list. Looking for a crockpot full of chili each since we commonly get 75-80 people at this fundraiser.

The Potato Bake has been going on for years in Kala Point. All proceeds of this event, including liberal donations from our KP members, make this an important and much appreciated donation to the East Jefferson Fire and Rescue Department. They are an important resource for our aging community. We've seen them in action too many times this year, including two fires and most recently with Judy Hawks fatality.

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