

Kala Pointer



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November 2019

President's Message

Joe Englander

Well, that's the way I've always heard it should be — Carly Simon

For a long time, Europeans thought there was nothing beyond the curve of the ocean; they were unaware of the rest of the world. No one told them there was more out there than meets the eye. The fact that most Europeans were unaware of the Americas didn't mean there was a conspiracy to keep them from finding out about it. They just were busy with other things. Some were curious and through their effort, the greater world eventually was explored. It would have been easy to say that it was someone else's fault that they didn't know about the New World (a world that was just as old as the one they knew about), but really curiosity allowed them to see what was already there, what was already going on.

A lot of life is like that, follows the same pattern. When we don't know about something, someone must have been keeping it from us. I heard that a lot about the recent budget, too. It was surprising that people who were taking advantage of the process to make their opinions heard were complaining that they were being hoodwinked because there was no process. Accusations of conspiracy and bad faith were thrown around when there was no reason to do so. Even though some weren't aware, nothing had been hidden. All KPOA meetings — committee meetings, board meetings — are open to all members.

Our form of government in Kala Point is a representative democracy. We elect board members to make decisions for us; they do not have to ask to make decisions — it's their job. It is the same as our U.S. Congress; they

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Fall Reminder

**Dog walkers, hikers,
bikers, its dark out there.
Time to dig out the bright
or reflective clothing.
Be safe!**

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Char Quandt, Diana Zinn, Patti BiazzoTree, **Mark Kleinman****What Happened at the
October Board Meeting?****Dale Moses, KPOA Board Secretary**

Your KPOA Board of Directors met at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, in our KPOA clubhouse. There were 14 people in the audience. A quorum of seven Board members was established with John Oliveira and Steve Reed absent. Meeting documents were available prior to the meeting on the KPOA website (under the “Members” pull-down menu at “Board Meeting Files”). The Board had held an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters. Items from this Board meeting included:

- One input came from the audience at the beginning of the meeting regarding how Cassandra Project would work; details available at the Town Hall Meeting
- Approximately a half-dozen items of correspondence to the Board were reviewed: dead deer, several on Cassandra, emergency water, water tanks, and the EPC Town Hall meeting
- A reminder that the annual review of the budget by the Board will be at 10 a.m. on October 15 (that budget to be ratified December 10 after a membership vote)
- A long discussion about the exact phrasing for the Cassandra Project owner vote
- An approval by the Board of storage lot rental fees as recommended by the Finance Committee
- The Board approved a new sub-committee to study both long-term strategic initiatives such as Cassandra and a silviculturist (forestry/plants) review of our whole community
- Committee reports and a PUD report were presented
- Member inputs at the end of the meeting included a report from the Beach Watchers and several comments on the upcoming membership vote on the Cassandra Project

The Board adjourned at 3:06 p.m. 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. ♦

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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don't have to ask their constituents before they vote on a bill or on a budget. If your representatives are not doing the job the way you want them to, you have some choices. You can let them know and see if they change their positions or you can replace them. Those of you with storage lots let us know you were unhappy by writing or in person at the Budget Presentation meeting, and the Board changed its position. Those who stayed on after the storage lot item heard detailed examinations of other aspects of the proposed 2020 budget.

The budget process was followed this year as it has been for prior years. The committees — which are open to every member of Kala Point to join — make their recommendations and requests and the previous year's estimated actual expenses and commitments are taken into account. The effect of these are formulated into a proposed budget which is then presented to the Board and to the Members at a Budget Presentation Meeting.

For this year's meeting on October 15, all the materials made available to the Board were made available within hours to the Membership. Those materials represented a proposal — not a finished product. The Proposed Budget Presentation Meeting is where each item of the budget may be questioned,

adjusted or even eliminated. When it is presented to the Board it is not a *fait accompli*; it is a proposal that has not been seen or voted on by the Board. This is as it should be because it is open and transparent and the decision-making process takes place in full view. This year, the budget was adjusted several times during the Presentation Meeting. For those who have not heard (through the grapevine or otherwise), the Board decided to reduce the budget item and consequent overall income from the storage lots compared to 2019. And when the amended Proposed Budget was finally voted on by the Board, that still didn't mean it is passed; it means the Board believes it ready for the Association to consider and vote on.

This year KPOA will have two items on the ballot: the budget that the Board approved for your consideration on October 15 and whether or not you want to have a Cassandra emergency supplies cache. If Cassandra is not passed, no money whatsoever from the 2020 budget will be spent on it.

It's up to you. ♦

Kala Lily's November Gardening Tips

Diane Solvik

Fall is here, with trees in full color. November is the time of year to put your garden to bed for the winter.

Before the first frost, bring your fuchsias, geraniums and begonias inside. I do not trim back geraniums, but place the entire plant under LED lighting in my garage. Dust the dirt off dry begonia corms and store them in a cool dark place.

After the first frost has knocked them down, cut back dahlias to about six inches above the ground and cover the hollow stems with mulch so that the roots don't rot during the wet winter months.

Give containers a boost by removing any plants that are dead or dying and replacing them with cold-tolerant species, such as pansies, kale, winter-flowering heather or hardy succulents. Bring your tender succulents indoors.

Early-blooming annual seeds, such as calendulas, alyssum or larkspur, can be spread now. Plant native species before winter begins in earnest.

Continue watering your garden at a rate of about one inch per week, unless we have heavier rains. Clean

beds of fallen leaves which may rot plants. Use your lawnmower on the mulch setting and spread on your garden. Keep fertilizing your Christmas cacti.

It is now time to pick hydrangea blooms to dry and use in your home decorating projects. Plant spring bulbs now. Dig a hole about three times the size of the bulb, add some bone meal and a little water. Place the bulb in the hole and tamp down the dirt. Keep in mind that that deer love to eat tulips and crocuses, but don't enjoy daffodils or hyacinths.

Happy gardening! ♦



November Calendar of Events

Suzanne Eggleston

November 1–2

Haunted Histories & Mysteries of Port Townsend.

The town has many tales to tell: of shipwrecks, gambling and opium dens, brothels and saloons, shanghaiing, lost loves and unexplained events. The weekend includes guided haunted walks, paranormal investigations in historic buildings, an escape room at the jail, flashlight tours and more. **TIME:** Varies by event. **COST:** \$10–\$75; [see eventbrite site](#). **LOCATION:** Downtown. **CONTACT:** 360.385.7911, ptmainstreet.org/

November 2

Seafarer's Festival. Partake of an evening of poetry, sea shanties, storytelling and live music at this event fundraiser for the Community Boat Project. **TIME:** 3–9 p.m. **COST:** \$10 suggested donation. **LOCATION:** Old Alcohol Plant Inn, 310 Hadlock Bay Rd., Port Hadlock. **CONTACT:** bsmith@oldalcoholplant.com, 360.390.4017, oldalcoholplant.com/

November 2–3

Holiday Fair. Get a head start on the holiday season and shop for stocking stuffers, gifts, arts and crafts. Enjoy vintage pictures with Santa (12–4 p.m.), hourly raffles and the Fair restaurant. **TIME:** 10 a.m.–4 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Jefferson County Fairgrounds, 4907 Landes St. **CONTACT:** jeffcofairgrounds@olypen.com, 360.385.1013, jeffcofairgrounds.com/

Woodworkers' Show. Master woodworkers — furniture makers, cabinetmakers, boat builders, instrument makers, turners and carvers — from around the region will display their art and craft. **TIME:** 11 a.m.–8 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Sunday. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** American Legion, 209 Monroe St. **CONTACT:** info@ptwoodschoool.org, 360.344.4455, ptwoodschoool.org/

November 3

Wild Edible Fall Walk and Class. Instructor Nancy Slick takes class outside on a wild walkabout to help students learn how to identify common wild edible and medicinal plants in our environment. Students will learn descriptions of various plants, how they

grow and their common uses. **TIME:** 12–1:30 p.m. **COST:** \$30 for Food Co-op members; \$35 for non-members. **LOCATION:** Food Co-op, 414 Kearney St. **CONTACT:** andreas@foodcoop.coop, 360.385.2883, foodcoop.coop/

November 7

First Aid Class offered by KPOA/EPC. Class is full; contact Terry Rose to get on list for subsequent offering. **TIME:** 1–5 p.m. **LOCATION:** Kala Point Clubhouse. **CONTACT:** Terry Rose, rosennkatz@wavecable.com, 360.385.1940

November 9

Intro to Radar Navigation Class. Learn to interpret the images your radar is displaying with hands-on radar exercises in the Northwest Maritime Center's Chart Room. Class includes an introduction to true and relative motion, range, bearing, and what that means to you and your vessel. **TIME:** 9:30 a.m.–12 p.m. **COST:** \$80. **LOCATION:** 431 Water St. **CONTACT:** info@nwmaritime.org, 360.385.3628, nwmaritime.org/

Washington Yeti Nightmare. A nighttime trail event that will take runners along the water's edge and into the forest for a rolling and fast five-mile loop. Sign up for the five- or 10-mile race (two loops), ending at the event barn at the park for an evening of food, beverages and a downright good time. **TIME:** 5 p.m. **COST:** \$45 for early registration; \$65 for late. **LOCATION:** 1370 Old Fort Townsend Rd. **CONTACT:** info@bansheerunning.com, trailrunner.com/

November 9–10

Harvest Wine Tour. Nine artisan wineries and cideries of the Olympic Peninsula offer locally made wines paired with harvest-inspired appetizers containing locally sourced ingredients. Ticket cost for this self-guided tour includes a souvenir wine glass, wine and cider tastings at each winery as well as food pairings. **TIME:** 11 a.m.–5 p.m. **COST:** \$40 online or \$45 at the door. **LOCATION:** Various; see website for participating wineries and cideries. **CONTACT:** info@olympicpeninsulawineries.org, olympicpeninsulawineries.org/

November 10

Concerts in the Woods: The Lassies. Sophie Janna and Margot Merah are an Amsterdam duo who sing Celtic and American traditional folk and original songs imbued with intricate harmonies and accompanied by bodhrán and guitar. **TIME:** 3 p.m. **COST:** Free; donations appreciated. **LOCATION:** Laurel B Johnson Community Center, 923 Hazel Point Rd, Quilcene. **CONTACT:** coyleconcerts.com/

November 11

Veterans' Day holiday

Veterans' Day Concert. The Port Townsend Summer Band will provide a free concert under the direction of Miles Vokurka. **TIME:** 10:30–11:30 a.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** American Legion, 209 Monroe St. **CONTACT:** PTSummerBand@yahoo.com, 360.379.5710, ptsummerband.org/

November 13

Town Hall Meeting. Be part of the discussion about the proposed Cassandra Cache. **TIME:** 6:30 p.m. **LOCATION:** Kala Point Clubhouse. **CONTACT:** anne.english@gmail.com, 360.316.9339

November 14

Death Over Drinks. Carrie Andrews of Advanced Care Planning and Patient Advocacy will lead a free, informal drop-in conversation about end-of-life issues. The topic on November 14 is green burial and other options; on December 12, the topic is changing the culture around death. **TIME:** 5:30–7:30 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Manresa Castle, 651 Cleveland St. **CONTACT:** carrie@olympus.net, peaceofmindpt.com/

November 21

Chasing the Cup. Take a peek into the next America's Cup with host Tucker Thompson. He'll examine the new America's Cup 75 class, share what to expect in nNew Zealand for the 36th Cup and provide an exclusive look at New York Yacht Club's American Magic. **TIME:** 6:30–8 p.m. **COST:** \$14. **LOCATION:** Northwest Maritime Center, 431 Water St. **CONTACT:** info@nwmaritime.org, 360.385.3628, eventbrite.com/

November 28

Thanksgiving holiday

November 29–30

Holiday Craft Fair. Held on Black Friday and Small Business Saturday following Thanksgiving, this annual event features locally handmade arts and crafts. **TIME:** 10 a.m.–5 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Community Center, 620 Tyler St. **CONTACT:** ptartsguild@yahoo.com, 360.774.6544, porttownsendartsguild.org/

November 30

Tree Lighting Celebration and Santa Visit. The Wild Rose Chorale will carol in the streets from 1–3 p.m., participating stores will provide refreshments and many shops will stay open late. The annual community tree-lighting and Santa visit will take place at Haller Fountain at 4:30 p.m. **TIME:** 1–6:30 p.m. **COST:** Free. **LOCATION:** Downtown; lighting at Haller Fountain, 900 Washington St. **CONTACT:** mail to: admin@ptmainstreet.org, 360.385.7911 ♦

Kala Point Clubhouse Events

Board Meeting: Second Tuesdays at 1 p.m.

Bridge: Mondays at 11 a.m.

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

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

KPOA Facility Hours

Administration Office

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

October 16, 2019–March 31, 2020

Clubhouse

Monday–Sunday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.

Pool

Closed

Jacuzzi and Sauna

Monday–Sunday: 9 a.m.–7:45 p.m.

Homes for the Holidays

Sponsored by Social Plus



For the past 23 years, Social Plus has sponsored a holiday progressive dinner. This year, the Social Plus elves are changing it up a little! Instead of dinner, there will be cocktail parties with 10–12 guests to help kick off this festive time of year.

Take the opportunity to dress up and enjoy the company of fellow Kala Pointers as the holiday season kicks off! Newcomers to the community are particularly encouraged to participate as this affords a perfect opportunity for us to meet one another.

How do I become a host?

We are seeking seven to eight volunteers to host the Cocktail Parties. Contact Char Quandt at 360.531.4226 if you would like to be a host for the event!

What if I just want to come to a party?

- Make a reservation (act now as we have just 80 slots) between November 1–22.
- You will be notified by postcard as to the name and address of your host home.
- When do the parties happen?
- Cocktail parties will be held on Sunday, December 8 at 5:30 p.m.

What happens on December 8?

- Residents who have made reservations will join neighbors at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and appetizers at the home of the cocktail host (see above in the “What’s Needed” section).
- Guests are requested to bring whatever they want to drink and a holiday appetizer to share for 12.
- Please consider bringing an unwrapped toy or game for the Toys for Tots program.
- RSVP by contacting Michael Kubec at 360.385.2041 or email michaelkubec@gmail.com

If you have never participated as a host or guest, you are in for a real treat! We hope you’ll join us for a memorable evening. ♦



KP Thanksgiving Potluck 2019

Sunday, November 10

5:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse

\$10 per person

Reservations begin: Friday, October 25

Space is limited!

**RSVP: Char Quandt 360.531.4226 or
charlene.quandt@gmail.com**

**Turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce, coffee and tea
will be provided.**

**Please sign up to bring your choice of the following:
Dressing, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad
or a Dessert to serve 12 people**

BYOB & Your Own Place Settings



Sponsored by the KPOA Social Plus Committee



K.P.E.A.F.

Kala Point Employee Appreciation Fund 2019

For many years, volunteers have collected gifts of money from the Kala Point community and have distributed the gifts to our employees in December. The fund is a way to thank employees for the excellent service they do in maintaining and administrating our neighborhood. Kala Point employees include:

- ★ **Keith Larson**, General Manager
- ★ **Daniella Brockmeier**, Administration
- ★ **Felice Thompson**, Administration (new)
- ★ **Shane Ryan**, Maintenance
- ★ **Tim Wardleigh**, Maintenance
- ★ **Dion White**, Clubhouse Attendant
- ★ **Phil White**, Clubhouse Attendant
- ★ **Connie Morgenson**, Clubhouse Attendant

If you would like to join in this expression of appreciation, please make your check payable to "K.P.E.A.F" and drop off or mail it **before Monday, December 16, 2019**, to:

★
Kala Point K.P.E.A.F
1760 Kala Point Drive
Port Townsend, WA 98368

You may also drop off checks at:

Patti Biazzo, 295 Foxfield Dr. (360.385.3262)
Susie Gorski, 51-2 Seaview Ct. (907.317.5562)

Wow, I Wish I Had Met That Saucy Lady!

Nancy Leeds

I'm getting up in years and in quiet times I contemplate if my existence on this earth has meant anything. A few generations from now will I be just a blank branch on the tree of life? If I'm lucky, I still have time to do a few outlandish things so one of my future offspring might say, "Wow, I wish I had met that saucy lady!"

So, in the time left to me, what would I like to do? I guess the most important question is: am I a light in this world rather than a darkness? Like, you know, someone that's optimistic, giving and joyful. I'd like to make sure the people close to me know that I love them. And, is my house in order? Am I straight with God? Does my spouse know how to do the tasks I've been doing? If I'm alone and have pets, are plans made for them? I need to do these things.

As far as bucket lists go, I've never made one. I'm pretty content living in the moment. But I would like to hold each of my children in my arms again and sing

a lullaby to grand and great grandchildren. I would like to attend each wedding and birth. I would like to connect with friends. I would like to fix a nice meal for my husband and wake up next to him in the morning. I would like to dance another dance with him and hold his hand in mine. Hopefully I'll get to do these things many more times, but I'll treat each one as though it could be the last. Because I know I'm getting up in years, and I still want to be a light, but with a little saucy thrown in. ♦



Angela George

Earthquakes and Fires and Winds, Oh My!

Anne Englander, EPC Chair

Yup, it was a quite a morning! — the Big One hit, house fires spread in gusty winds, and Kala Point mobilized into action to deal with disaster. That was the scenario during the Great ShakeOut on October 17, when Kala Point joined millions of Americans in practicing what to do in a major earthquake.

Thank you first! Over 180 of you turned out to practice how to communicate and work together in a disaster — thanks so much for taking part in our annual drill. And a special thanks to all the EPC team members who showed up in force to make the exercise “real” and informative. We all learned more about how our community can take action in a crisis, with neighbors helping neighbors.



Neighborhood Operations Center (NOC)

Here’s what happened during the ShakeOut:

Everyone had a role. Kala Point residents practiced “drop, cover, hold on” and placed their Help/OK signs in their windows. Block captains met with their zone neighbors at their designated gathering places to review “how-to” basics on walkie-talkie communication and initial steps to take in an earthquake. We then simulated our earthquake response by having block captains and neighbors assess and report on various made-up “emergency” scenarios and talk through how to deal with those issues they could resolve. Reports were radioed to a decision-making team (Neighborhood Operations Center) that provided additional guidance and resources as needed. First aid and pet management team members were mobilized (virtually) to respond to calls for assistance, and a lead ham radio operator actually communicated real-time with the county’s Emergency Operations Center.

Our virtual “emergencies,” some assigned and some invented on the spot, ranged from relatively minor and manageable problems such as blocked roads, residents needing shelter, and stray dogs, to dire and difficult situations such as grave injuries, gas and water-tower

leaks, and people trapped in collapsed homes. In one scenario, the dock at the beach had collapsed and three people were seen flailing around in the water; the outcome was one died (a grim reminder that we may experience fatalities) and the other two were rescued and treated for hypothermia. In other scenarios, five pairs of first aid team members were “dispatched” to respond to people experiencing issues like heart attack, serious head wound, fractured arm and failing oxygen tank.

A surprise element during the drill was the announcement to all Kala Point zones of a newly developing “emergency”: that there was an active house fire in each zone fueled by leaking propane, high winds were spreading the fire, and each zone needed to evacuate to safety immediately. This was a set-up for a “teachable moment” as block captains talked through the fire/evacuation scenario with their neighbors and discussed what we would do if we needed to leave our homes and evacuate, as opposed to sheltering in place. The conversation touched on what essentials should be packed into a “grab and go” bag, what to do in each stage of an evacuation alert (Ready, Set, Go), how to communicate with and help neighbors, and how to exit Kala Point in an orderly way. You’ll find our Kala Point Fire/Evacuation Plan outline posted on the Kala Point website under Forms/Documents, Committee Forms & Documents/EPC, and we’ll be providing more information on this aspect of emergency preparedness over the next few months.

This was our best exercise yet, in my opinion, in terms of communications and problem-solving. People came up with inventive scenarios and solid solutions. There are lessons we learned, but for me the main lesson, once again, is that in a real disaster we will need more people to engage and volunteer to help, whether as a member of one of our EPC teams, or as an auxiliary volunteer agreeing to help with single tasks (drive a truck, load and distribute supplies, take notes, be a messenger, etc.). If you’re willing to volunteer, we’re willing to train; just contact me at 360 316-9339 or anne.english@gmail.com.

In a crisis, things will be far more chaotic than in our drill, and some people we count on — block captains for example — may not be on hand to help. So it’s important for all of us in Kala Point to participate in exercises like the ShakeOut and learn how things are supposed to go and how we might contribute, so that we’re ready to do our part if and when disaster strikes.

Thanks again, Kala Point, for a great Great ShakeOut! ♦



Rotary Club of Port Townsend, Washington, USA

PROUDLY PRESENTS ITS 17th ANNUAL

Holiday Greens Fund Raiser

Wreaths and Door Swags from the Olympic Peninsula

For 90 years, Rotarians have been on the front lines of improving the quality of life for our community. Last year, our wreath sales supported local programs that give shelter to people who are homeless, allow disabled people to spend a week at camp, help traumatized children the opportunity to heal, and provide suicide prevention programs to teens.

With your wreath purchase, you will help us continue this important work again this year.

Rotary Club of Port Townsend 2019 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Bayside Housing: Sunday Community Meal Program operating and staff expenses **Brinnon Parks and Recreation:** Lifeguard & transportation for 8 swim days for Brinnon children at Pleasant Harbor pool. **Community Wellness Project:** 10-week Farm to School pilot Program for grades 3-5 in Chimacum **ECHHO:** Transportation for under 60's Program **Jefferson County Pride** Support center for LGBTQ teens **Jefferson Teen Center:** General operating funds **JUMP!:** Playground equipment for people with disabilities fund **Key City Players:** Replacement of stage deck **Northwind Arts Center:** Matching funds for Arts to Elders Program at senior living centers (compensation for artist **Port Townsend Marine Science Center:** Scholarships for 6 children to attend summer camps **Port Townsend School of the Arts:** Art materials for youth programs **PT Summer Band** Purchase of music for free concerts **St. Vincent de Paul:** Funds for emergency needs for individuals and families **The Recyclery:** Expansion of Bicycle Education Program **TOTAL: \$44,000.00**



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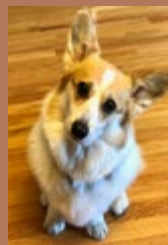
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Fall Post Office • Bob Segui



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Darby Jean is pretty sure we have more great photographers here in Kala Point. She thinks we need to see some of their photos. She thinks they should send them to us:

YourKalaPointer@KalaPoint.org

A Swiss Army Knife in an Emergency

Joe Englander

Okay, you thought this would be about a MacGyver trick and it kind of is, but it doesn't actually involve a knife of any kind. It involves a tool that most people carry all the time that is more useful than they usually remember. It's your smartphone. You probably already know that it has a flashlight, right? But did you know it can help save your life? Or the lives of others?

It's dark and you need a flashlight. Don't fumble through your cupboards, just reach for your smartphone. Uhh, what brand of phone do you have?

With an iPhone, it's simple and it's obvious, but some folks forget about it: swipe up from the bottom bezel of your iPhone to bring up Control Center. Tap the Flashlight button at the bottom left. If you have a new iPhone 11, simply hold down the flashlight icon on your locked screen and release. Point the LED flash on the back of your iPhone at whatever you want. To turn off the LED flashlight, simply repeat.

Thankfully, all modern Android phones include flashlight functionality out of the box, too. Of course, they have to work in almost the exact opposite manner as the iPhone. To turn on the flashlight with an Android, simply pull down from the top of the screen twice (or pull once using two fingers) to open the Quick Settings menu. You should see a Flashlight entry. Tap that to instantly turn on the LED flash. Or, if that's too many steps, use Assistant. To launch Assistant, just long-press the home button and it will pop up on your screen. After that, just say something like, "Okay, Google, turn on the flashlight," and wait for the digital assistant to do its magic. When you don't need to use it anymore, just say, "Okay, Google, turn off the flashlight."

What about saving your life? There's an app for that. But, it needs intervention. Information that EMTs need but you cannot give because you're incapacitated can be stored on your locked phone so it is available without being unlocked. You can have your phone tell them your medical allergies, special needs, lists of meds, emergency contacts and more. Yes, you should keep a list of ICE (In Case of Emergency) numbers in your contacts, but your contacts won't be available if your phone is locked. So how do you get around that and still maintain your phone's security?

With iPhones, there's a free app for that. It has a heart on it and it is called Health. Find and open the Health app, then tap the Summary tab. Tap your profile picture in the upper-right corner. Under Medical Details, tap Medical ID. Tap Edit in the upper-right corner. To make your Medical ID available from the Lock screen

on your iPhone, turn on Show When Locked. In an emergency, this gives information to people who want to help. Enter health information like your date of birth, allergies and blood type. Tap Done.

Or, you can also edit your emergency contacts in the Health app. Tap the Summary tab and tap your profile picture in the upper-right corner. Under Medical Details, tap Medical ID, tap Edit, then scroll to Emergency Contacts and tap the Plus button next to "add emergency contact." Tap a contact, then add their relationship. To remove an emergency contact, tap the Delete button next to the contact, then tap Delete. Don't forget to tap Done. Your information will be available from the Locked screen by tapping Emergency and every professional first responder knows how to do that.

There are a couple of ways to set up ICE contact information on an Android phone. First, you can add your info to the emergency information feature that lives on your lock-screen. Go to Settings > Users > Emergency Contact Information. Select "Emergency Contact Information" and then fill the various categories, starting with name, address, blood type, allergies, medications, whether you're an organ donor, and medical notes. Then tap the Contacts tab, select "Add Contacts" and choose from your existing list.

Once you have this set up, anyone can find your ICE information by swiping up on the lock screen and tapping Emergency and the Emergency Information. All EMTs know how to do it. Another option for Androids is to add your ICE info directly to the lock screen. Android lets you put any message you want on your lock screen by opening the Settings app, tapping Security>Screen Lock>Settings>Lock Screen Message>enter the information you want displayed such as your primary emergency contact and any medical information then tap Save. Of course, with Androids, there's always another version. Some versions of Android may let you add emergency contacts and your medical information directly through the Contacts app. There, you can add contacts to your "ICE – emergency contacts" group and edit your profile to include vital medical information.

Finally, what about saving other people with your phone? Of course, there's 911. First and foremost, don't panic, call 911. Then consider if you are capable of giving first aid. If you know what to do, do it! But if you don't know exactly what to do, there's a free [American Red Cross app](#) for that for both types of phones.

In this day and age, people are likely to have their smartphones with them than almost anything else, certainly more than all those little first aid handbooks. So download the Red Cross app. It's a real life saver! ♦

Is There Something Wrong With my Cedars?

Pete Smith and Hilary Newell

Trees are a big consideration for many when choosing to buy a house here in Kala Point. So naturally, seeing brown foliage on the cedars causes some concern. But there is little cause to worry, as western red cedars, *Thuja plicata*, regularly shed foliage.



Brown branchlets that are in sharp contrast with the green foliage are obvious in many cedars around Kala Point right now. The brown branchlets are called flags, which have given this process the name cedar flagging. All evergreens, broad-leaved as well as needled, shed foliage periodically. This is a natural process that people often mistake for disease.

On a healthy tree, foliage at the tips of the branches will remain green. Extensive browning, including the ends of the branches, might indicate a disease.

Normally, flagging shows up in late summer through early fall. Western red cedars, also known as the Pacific red cedar, are native to a large swath of the Pacific Northwest where they thrive in moist soils. Climatic conditions like extended drought or high temperatures can hasten and intensify the natural shedding of foliage.

In a conversation with local arborist Dan Fields, he explained that cedars located in construction sites can also be adversely affected. Soil or rocks piled up around the trunk of the tree can alter the natural depth and place environmental stress on the tree.

Over the course of the winter, rain and wind will naturally remove most of the dead foliage making the trees look healthy again by spring.

Although flagging is a natural process, there are a few things that can be done to mitigate stress to the trees. Additional watering during times of drought is helpful. Also, use care to avoid digging too close to, or driving over, tree roots when there is construction nearby.

For more information, see this [article](#) from the Master Gardener Foundation of King County. ♦

Kala Point's Hiking Group

Bill Kaune

About 13 years ago, a small group of Kala Pointers started hiking weekly, first with relatively easy local hikes. Over time, the group took on more challenging hikes into the Olympic Mountains and, occasionally, to other locations such as the Kitsap Peninsula and Whidbey Island. The numbers of hikers grew from just a few to now as many as 15 people on a hike. Hikers now include men and women from Kala Point and many other locations on the Quimper Peninsula.

From early on, Allen Vaa has selected the hike each week. He typically will select two hikes, both starting from the same trailhead, one being somewhat easier by involving shorter distances and less climbing, the other being longer and with more climbing. Hikes are every Wednesday and normally depart Kala Point at 9 a.m., but will leave at 8 a.m. for hikes involving longer drives to the trailhead.

On our trips, hikers usually break into a fast group and a slower group. We typically try to arrive back at the trailhead at the end of the day at about the same time, and arrive back at Kala Point between 3–6 p.m.



Hikes traditionally extend as far away as Lake Crescent to the west, Lake Cushman to the south, and the Kitsap Peninsula to the east. On our hikes we have seen bears, deer, elk and marmots. Some of our hikers are knowledgeable about local plants and can help others to learn more about them. In fact, one of our hikers grows Devil Clubs in his own yard and was the subject of a recent front page article in the *Port Townsend Leader*.

We try to hike every week of the year, so occasionally encounter rain. Hikers should carry rain gear along with a lunch and some basic emergency gear. Our group is open to anyone interested in hiking. If you decide to join us, please contact Allen Vaa at 360.536.1822 or allenvaa@hotmail.com. ♦



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Help us Prepare for Christmas 2019!

Each year, Jefferson County's less fortunate children experience the joy of Christmas thanks to the partnership with Toys for Tots and the Port Townsend Kiwanis Club, and the Christmas for Children and Port Townsend Sunrise Rotary Club. Last year, 804 local children were supported.

On November 17, Kala Point kicks off the Toys for Tots and the Christmas for Children programs in our neighborhood. Please support these two programs to ensure that the low-income children of Jeffersons County are provided with some Christmas gifts that perhaps they would not experience without our help.

Here are the instructions on supporting each program:

TOYS FOR TOTS

- Purchase a toy of your choice to donate.
- Between November 17–December 9, drop off unwrapped toys:
 - In the Toys for Tots Box at the Clubhouse
 - In the collection bin on the front porch of Char Quandt's home at 55 Terrace Drive
 - At the home of a host during the December 8 Homes for the Holidays Cocktail Party



CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN

- Select one or more ornament tags on the KP Christmas Giving Tree at the clubhouse. Tags are filled out (with help from the kids) by the parent(s), two for each child. Each tag contains the age and gender of the child. One color tag shows what each child wants for Christmas; the other color tag is the need tag which is usually, but not always, requested by the parent for their child. (A warm coat, nice boots, shoes, school clothes, sweaters and anything that is one of life's necessities that may be beyond the parent's means to provide.)
- Purchase a gift requested by child/and or parent designated on tags hanging on Christmas tree at the KP Clubhouse.
- Between November 17– December 9, attach the tag to the unwrapped gift and drop off unwrapped gift(s):
 - At the KP Clubhouse under the tree
 - In the collection bin on the front porch of Char Quandt's home at 55 Terrace Drive

Along with the donated gifts, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a hat, a pair of gloves and socks and candy are supplied and packed by the Christmas for Children organization at the fairgrounds.

Thank you in advance for making the season bright for the children of our community filling up the Toys for Tots bins and making sure all of the tags on the trees are selected and every child on Santa's list get one thing they need and one they have wished for! ♦

Cassandra FAQs

What is it?

Cassandra is a cache of emergency supplies to be deployed by the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) throughout Kala Point in case of a disaster.

How and why did the EPC come up with this proposal?

Federal, State and County governments have pushed disaster response preparation onto neighborhoods. Most neighborhoods, in Port Townsend for instance, are just now getting themselves organized. Kala Point is lucky to have already had an organization in place that could respond to the governmental requests. Geologists expect the Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) to cause a disastrous major earthquake in the relatively near future. In geological time, in the next couple of minutes. It is estimated that the chances we will experience a 9.0 in the next 50 years is 1 in 10; but it is 1 in 3 for an 8.0 which is capable of causing severe damage and isolating the Quimper Peninsula from the rest of Washington.

Why? Isn't this a government function? Aren't we going to be rescued in a couple of days or a week?

Disaster response used to be thought of as a State or Federal function but Federal, State and County Emergency Operations have pushed those functions onto neighborhoods. In a disaster such as the CSZ, the damage is likely to stretch from Vancouver Island to Mendocino, California. That covers more area than Sandy, Katrina or Harvey. Resources will be stretched past their limits. It is expected there will be governmental response within two weeks for large population centers such as Seattle and Portland, but that response will be much slower for smaller cities — especially those that are going to be turned into isolated islands like the Quimper Peninsula. After a CSZ, there will be no roads off the peninsula. The best estimate for us from FEMA and the Washington National Guard is greater than 30 days and probably between 45–60 days. Also, we are not part of Port Townsend; we are unincorporated and help will come to us even after Port Townsend.

What's in it?

Cassandra contains what the EPC has determined most Kala Pointers will not have on their own but will need until the cavalry shows up. Aside from the storage containers themselves which are what would be purchased in the first year, much of the equipment is related to first aid and trauma aid. Then there is food to support about half of Kala Point with one basic meal a day for 30 days (not 60); water collection, storage and

distribution equipment; some repair materials; some way to handle trash; and even provision for morgue supplies.

Where will it be stored?

In separate shipping containers in lot B near the recycling bins. The plan is to create a single unit from the containers, put a roof over it, and provide solar panels for electricity so recharging of phones and flashlights would be possible.

For how long?

Hopefully forever. The Boy Scouts say Be Prepared but they don't put a time-limit on it. We would all rather not have to use Cassandra at all, but we'd like to have it whenever disaster strikes.

How much does it cost?

EPC has estimated it will cost around \$20K a year for five years to get the cache set up.

How much does it cost, really? What about after the first five years?

When you bought your car, did you ask what exactly the cost of the car would be after five years? Could anyone figure the inflated cost of fuel, tires, insurance and repairs? On the one hand, it's a reasonable question. On the other, the answer can only be some kind of approximation. This is for sure: each year the budget will be reviewed and approved by KPOA. After five years, an evaluation will be necessary to judge whether the correct strategies and capacities were estimated so adjustments can be made. Since the planning began, the goalposts have been moved by the government from 30 days to 60 days; maybe they'll be moved back again or maybe not. We can't really predict that. Replacement of items past their useful life (much longer than expiration date) will probably cost about what the original purchase was plus some unknown inflation factor. It's possible that the new effect on assessments would be in \$30 to \$35 range, but it likely it would be less.

Do I have to pay for it? How much will it cost me? What are the effects on assessments?

If KPOA approves the project, then the answer is yes, it would be billed as part of your budget assessments. As we have documented, Kala Point will incur Cassandra expenses of around \$20K per year. The estimated effect on assessments for each year is as follows: 2020, \$2.66; 2021, \$39; 2022, \$37; 2023, \$36; 2024, \$30.

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How likely are cost overruns? How do we know you'll stick to your plan?

In any single year, cost overruns are unlikely because the budget is approved by KPOA as whole each year. No one has any intention of misleading anyone. KPOA has control of all finances.

Can we do it for less?

In our view, this plan is the minimum cost and scope for an effective 30-day plan based on the best information and research available. It might be possible to come up with another less expensive plan, but it would not be effective for Kala Point as a whole, and would appear to be a safety net without being one. We look forward to Kala Point weighing in, yes or no, on the proposal that is at hand.

Are there other ways of funding besides making us each pay for it?

We haven't been able to find one. It's our money, too. If you can get a grant or find a donor, do it. That would be wonderful. Right now all the grants we were able to examine are based on the idea that the applicants will be governmental agencies which is too bad since the governmental agencies are not interested in either doing the work or getting the grants.

Does it replace my own supplies? Does it remove the incentive for others to prepare?

Cassandra is not meant to replace your personal supplies or your personal responsibility. Even if you are totally prepared, if your home does not withstand the earthquake and your food supply is crushed, what will you do? Who will provide sustenance for 30 or 45 days? Cassandra could provide you one meager meal a day but that's it. If one of your neighbors needs food, are you going to turn them away or diminish your own supply by half, or wouldn't you rather tell them to use Cassandra? Since the food supplied is very basic and very limited, anyone with any sense will store food for themselves. Cassandra is not and cannot be a replacement resource; it is meant to be a life saver only.

Does Cassandra provide enough food for all of Kala Point?

NO, absolutely not. The quantity of food is aimed at being able to supply one meal a day for 30 days to half the typical number of residents that are in Kala Point at any one time. That is not enough food for all of Kala Point. It is unlikely to be enough food to "satisfy" half of Kala Point.

Why does it take five years to get running? What happens before that? What happens after that?

After the minimum acceptable list of supplies was

compiled, a budget summary was run and the total was a little more than \$100K which the EPC thought was too big a bite for Kala Point to swallow at one time, so they divided the list into strategic acquisitions to reduce the costs to around \$20K per year. The first thing is to get a place to store the stuff, then get medical, then get water and a little food, then get food for days 8 through 31, then other necessities that aren't immediately life-sustaining. We don't know when the CSZ will happen but if it happens before Cassandra starts, we aren't any worse off than we are now; if it happens after two years, at least we'll be able to deal with some of the trauma. If you can come up with the funds to do it all at once, do it!

Who's going to keep it running? How do you handle inventory and maintenance?

Obviously, the whole effort has been by volunteers and it will be volunteers who keep it running. Hopefully, once it is established, it will be easier to get volunteers who can see why they are volunteering. Inventory is handled by UIN (Unique Identification Numbers) and checked by the Internal Controls Committee.

Who's going to control distribution and implementation?

Again, volunteers organized by the EPC. This organization won't exist until the project is actually approved.

What about security?

Prior to any disaster, locks on the gates and on shipping containers. Shipping containers are designed to resist tampering. Following a disaster, a vigilant neighborhood watch and the presence of volunteers.

Do you even have the authority to do this?

Our KPOA attorney assures us we do have the authority to ask the Association if they want it; if they do, then we do have the necessary authority to undertake the effort.

Will we share with others outside Kala Point?

The best effort we can make, if we receive approval for Cassandra, is to share our experience with our neighbors in Woodland Hills and Island View so they can provide for themselves. This effort would be supported by the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management. Clearly the Cassandra cache is insufficient to support all of Kala Point let alone a wider area, but it is doubtful that we would be heartless. Remember that this entire effort has been made with volunteers giving selflessly of themselves; it would be

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Introducing 5 New Homes in Kala Point Suzanne Eggleston

Walking or driving through a typical neighborhood in virtually any city in America, it can be easy to get lost. Everything looks so eerily...similar. The culprit is often building ordinances that require a subdivision to contain just a handful of house plans.

In a post for “Likewise A Blog,” businessman and blogger Alec Balashov commented that this sameness contributes to suburbia often being “...experienced as a great, non-articulated existential malaise, like depression. You know it sucks, but it’s hard to say exactly why.”

In Kala Point, residents are fortunate to experience a wide variety of architectural styles. Yes, there are color similarities as a result of Architectural Committee standards, but each home has a different “face.” This variety can largely be attributed to homes being built according to owners’ or builders’ preferences. There are several examples of distinctly differently new homes in Kala Point that are either in process or complete. Of the five homes featured in this issue, two are being built by owners, two are being built by contractors according to owners’ plans, and one was built by a contractor without a buyer in mind.

Watch upcoming issues for more features on new homes.

161 FAIRBREEZE DRIVE

Near the intersection of Fairbreeze and Oak Shore, Estes Builders are working on what owner Carole Skolrud describes as a “simple, cozy, lodge-style house.



What is ‘trending’ right now means nothing to us!”

The couple wanted to build so they could dictate the size and style of their house. One feature of her new home that Carole is most excited about is the sleeping loft over the garage. “I want it to be something the grandkids always remember.”



Carole and husband Kevin are from this area originally but are moving from Yakima. They shared that they have always known that they wanted to live here again someday. “The trees, the water and the sense of community in Kala Point are all elements we were looking for.”

The home will likely be completed in early 2020 — exactly when is a small wager between the Skolruds. “We can’t wait,” says Carole. “We’ve met most of our new neighbors, and many others, and they are all wonderful!”

0 FAIRBREEZE DRIVE

With no address yet, the only clue that a house is being built on Fairbreeze near the hiking trail are a few wooden stakes adorned with vivid pink and orange tape. That will all soon change when owners John and Cheri Muller launch into full-scale construction of their new dream home.

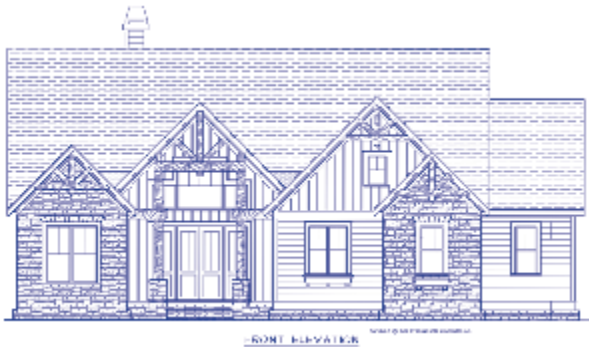
The Mullers currently live at 441 Pinecrest Drive. “As much as we love our current home, we want something smaller and with less yardwork,” says Cheri. “This house will be everything we want.”

John, who recently retired as a project manager and construction manager, will be the general contractor for the project. Cheri says the style is “modern craftsman”.

John and Cheri are from New Orleans originally, but moved to Kala Point from Alaska. “We literally flew into town, found a house and bought it,” says Cheri.

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“We loved the area but didn’t know much about it.”
 What they did know is that they wanted to live in a heavily forested area with mountains and water.



“While searching for the house, we felt Kala Point was the nicest subdivision,” says Cheri. We liked the nice amenities and access to the beach. Cheri has taken full advantage of the amenities. “I love walking through all the trails with my dog and friends. I like to garden, and the beautiful surroundings inspired me to start painting.” John, on the other hand, enjoys working on projects around the house and fishing.

The couple hopes to move into their new home in by the end of summer 2020.

“We have often considered relocating to Kala Point,” says Carole. “We are downsizing from a house we designed and built 20 years ago. This house is literally half the size of the one we have now.”

The Franklins, who retired from Vancouver, Washington, are no strangers to Kala Point. “I have friends and acquaintances who live in KP and have often walked the trails,” says Carole. “I’m looking forward to exploring for myself.”



The couple is also eager to create a landscape plan for what Carole calls a “blank canvas.”

“We’ve been pleased with the friendliness of neighbors who have stopped by to introduce themselves as we’ve been in and out of our house, getting ourselves acclimated to our new environment.”

The Franklins hope to move into their new home later this month.

71 OAK SHORE DRIVE

When Rich Stapf, Jr. began working on this Craftsman ranch home, he didn’t have a specific buyer in mind. But his friends Jim and Carole Franklin saw



the house plan and decided it was all the impetus they needed to move from Port Townsend to Kala Point.

54 PINECREST DRIVE

The home across from the Pinecrest mailboxes was recently completed. The home, which may be best described as Northwest regional contemporary, embraces the design freedom allowed by Kala Point.

Among the home’s distinctive features are two sets of clerestory windows that grace sections set at a 90-degree angle to one another.

“We came to Kala Point and fell in love with the setting,” says owner Terry Stewart. “It’s like driving through a state park...”

The owners were asked why they chose to move

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to Port Townsend. Terry responded, “The reality is we chose to move to Kala Point and the surrounding community was secondary.”



in initial cost and cost for site development — the water, power and roads were already here,” says Donna. The couple looked at various lots in town and determined they were small, overpriced and expensive to develop.

420 PINECREST DRIVE

Moving to Port Townsend was an obvious choice for Donna and Brandy Abear. They have visited their son and his family here for nearly 20 years and came to love Port Townsend, its artsy culture and natural beauty. The Abears are excited to be close to grandchildren and that their youngest son just moved to Mill Creek.

Brandy, who was a contractor/carpenter for many years as well as a musician and teacher, is building their Craftsman ranch on Pinecrest between West Ridge and Pinecrest Courts. He built the three previous homes that they’ve lived in.

“It’s my dream ‘house in the woods,’” says Donna. She is thrilled to be surrounded by huge fir and cedar trees, to be able to walk out the door and into the state park with their dog Sonnet, and to be a short drive away from the beach.

“I love the views from my office windows where I hope to write soon,” says Donna. “The walls are up, so I can already see the views.”

Brandy is happy about having one level, room in garage for a workshop, guest rooms for family, and nice neighbors. Coming from Illinois, he is thrilled to have less grass to mow in the summer and less snow to shovel in the winter.

Another consideration for the Abears was the cost to build in Kala Point compared to in Port Townsend. “The land here was more reasonable than in town, both



“We have never seen a lovelier, more wooded development than Kala Point,” says Donna.

Brandy and Donna hope to move into their new home by March or April. ♦



Around the Neighborhood • Bob Segui

Letters to the Editor

The Case Against Cassandra

The KPOA board and the EPC have put forth the Cassandra Cache proposal which will stockpile emergency supplies, including at least a month's supply of food for all KPOA residents. While I agree that emergency preparedness is essential, the proposal is inconsistent with KPOA governing documents and likely misuses scarce reserve funds. For the following four reasons, you should vote no on the Cassandra Cache proposal in the upcoming budget.

First, the proposal calls for an increase in annual assessments. It is estimated that our annual assessments will increase by 8.70% next year. The proposal will cost at least \$100,000 over five years.

Second, the proposal relies on funding from the reserve account. The reserve account was not designed to be used for purchasing meals for KPOA residents. The reserve should be closely guarded for major maintenance, repair, or replacement of real property or their fixtures. The KPOA governing documents do not allow the reserve account to be used for this purpose.

Third, the proposal does not include the required analysis to make an informed decision. Key information, such as the food's lifecycle, replacement costs, and permitting requirements have been excluded. It is reasonable to believe that the costs will be significantly higher than \$100,000.

Fourth, the KPOA governing documents do not authorize the KPOA board to spend \$100,000 of reserve dollars to stockpile food for residents in case of an emergency. The proposal exceeds the KPOA board's authority under the governing documents and it is inconsistent with the EPC's Emergency Preparedness Plan. The governing documents must be updated prior to a vote on this proposal.

Vote no on the Cassandra Cache.

Respectfully,
Austin Watkins
61 Shorecrest Ct.
(407) 314-7271

Response to Letter from Austin Watkins, re: Cassandra Cache

In response, I'd like to provide the following facts to correct a few misstatements:

- The Cassandra cache contains medical equipment, a water tank/trailer, various supplies (first aid/trauma, water, sanitation, etc.), storage containers,

and a limited supply of food. It does not provide "at least a month's supply of food for all KPOA residents"; it provides only one very basic meal a day for 600 people (that's about half of us) for up to 30 days. Cassandra is meant to supplement, not replace, individual emergency preparations.

- Overall, Cassandra costs about \$20K per year, which translates into an average homeowner assessment increase of \$30–\$35 per year. But let's be clear about the small increase in next year's annual assessment that would actually be attributable to Cassandra, as opposed to other KPOA expenses. Next year homeowners would see an assessment increase of less than \$3 due to Cassandra.

- As determined by the Finance Committee and reserves consultant, only a portion of Cassandra — the water trailer and storage containers — would be funded from the reserve account. All other expenses would be covered by operational funds.

- Volunteers have spent hundreds of hours on this proposal, and it has been reviewed by the Finance Committee and Board. The budget we've proposed will have annual reviews/approvals as with any budget item.

I respect Mr. Watkins' right to oppose the Cassandra initiative and make his objections known. Come hear the facts and ask questions about the Cassandra initiative at our third and final Town Hall on November 13. Ultimately the decision on Cassandra, yes or no, is yours.

Anne Englander
EPC Chair

Thank you for Renate Wheeler Feature

...and for bringing me a copy of that edition of the *Kala Pointer*.

Renate was truly a unique and gifted individual who provided a very special way of life for those of us lucky to have found Kala Point. You did a wonderful job of telling us of her life. Renate was never one to talk of what she had done or of her life.

Warmest regards, Barbara MacLean, former Kala Point resident and author of "A History of Kala Point, Port Townsend, Washington" that is located on the Kala Point website ♦

Farewell to Hugh and Joanne Murphy

November 8, 5–7 p.m.
Clubhouse

BYOB and an appetizer to share. Cake to be served.

No reservations needed.
Contact Patti Biazzo for more information at 360.385.3262

A Concert for Lovers of Music and the Sea

For RainShadow Chorale's fall program, *The Secret of the Sea*, Artistic Director and Conductor Rebecca Rottsolk was inspired by a work of the same name for chorus, piano, string ensemble and percussion. Four Kala Point residents are part of RainShadow: Wayne Lowe, Linda Bach, Tony Costa and Rebecca Rottsolk.



The work's composer, Jake Runestad (pictured), is an award-winning and frequently performed creator of stirring and uplifting works. Rottsolk has been drawn to his incredible choral music for several years because of his deep attention to text and how his music flows so freely from it in a strong, clear and meaningful way.

"As a conductor who likes to stay abreast with developments in my field, I have connected many times with Jake over the past several years," says Rottsolk. "RainShadow Chorale has loved singing a number of his works. So it was easy for me to contact him and

invite him to come to Port Townsend to work with us and conduct two of his pieces in our concert.

"Jake finds great meaning in the earth, in human relationships, in art. He is keen to the energies and connections among things, people, trees, water. It comes through in the texts he chooses and in how he connects to the world around us through his compositions.

"Once I chose this focus for our concerts and secured our guest composer, my search for music that would take us 'down to the sea' was absolutely a joy. The variety of our songs is as varied as the ocean itself, calm, turbulent, dramatic, mysterious. We are all very fortunate that he is able to join us for this project."

The project is sponsored in part by a grant from the Port Townsend Arts Commission, as well as many generous donors.

When:

Saturday, November 16, at 4 p.m.

Sunday, November 17, at 4 p.m.

Where:

Lutheran Church of the Redeemer
45 Redeemer Way, Chimacum

Tickets:

Suggested donation \$20/adult, \$10/student, or pay as able

In advance at:

Crossroads Music, 2100 Lawrence St., or at

www.rainshadowchorale.org

Tickets not sold in advance will be available at the door

Information: 360.379.3458 ♦

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unrealistic to think that would change.

How do I find out more about Cassandra?

Besides the information in this and archived issues of the *Kala Pointer*, there are many articles on epc.kalapoint.org. There is one, final, Cassandra Town Hall on November 13 at 6:30 where you can ask questions and get more information.

Do I get a vote on Cassandra?

YES. Every KPOA member will be able to vote yes-or-no on Cassandra as a separate item from the KPOA budget. If Cassandra fails, no money, allocated or not, will be spent on it. ♦

**Cassandra Disaster
Supplies Cache**

TOWN HALL

**Wednesday, November 13
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm - Clubhouse**

**Learn more about the proposal to
create a stockpile of emergency
supplies for Kala Point**

- What is the Cassandra cache?
- What's in it?
- Why do we need it?
- When will we implement it?
- How will we pay for it?
- What will it cost each member?

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Contact: Anne Englander, anne.english@gmail.com*



The Case for Cassandra

Kala Point Emergency Preparedness Committee

What is the Cassandra cache?

- It's a proposed stockpile of emergency supplies and equipment that will be built up and held in reserve for deployment throughout Kala Point in the event of a local or regional disaster.
- It consists of two storage containers, first aid and medical supplies, a water tank/trailer and water supplies, limited food supplies, and other emergency items. A detailed proposal itemizing cache is available for review.
- By supplementing the emergency supplies that residents lay in as part of their own emergency preparations, the cache will further bolster Kala Point's community-wide self-reliance and help meet our collective needs for 30 days to 60 days post-disaster, as recommended by FEMA and other government agencies.
- It is not a stand-alone solution — it's a back-up plan. Cassandra does NOT contain enough supplies to sustain Kala Point. The food cache, for example, is based on providing 600 people (half of Kala Point) with one basic meal per day for 30 days. So we each still have personal responsibility to stock up on food, water, medicines, first aid and sanitation supplies; individual preparedness is still of paramount importance.
- Think of it as supplemental insurance that extends, not replaces, our own individual emergency preparations.
- It will be a Kala Point asset and amenity which will enhance the value of KPOA membership and convey with the sale of a home.

Why do we need it?

- First, an explanation of the Cassandra reference: in Greek mythology, Cassandra was cursed by Apollo to utter warnings that were true but no one believed. Now, Cassandra generally refers to a person who predicts

misfortune or disaster. That's our job at EPC: we're Cassandras, predicting that we in Kala Point need to prepare for something catastrophic, whenever it comes, be it earthquake, fire or severe storm.

- The risk is real, and we are much better off addressing potential disaster head-on rather than denying it. We all know the denials: it won't happen, it won't happen here, it won't happen to me, if it happens it won't be that bad, if it's that bad I can't do anything about it anyway. Truth is, it can happen here to us, it can be that bad, and we can do something about it! The discomfort resulting from a disaster can be mitigated; it can be mitigated by preparation.
- Cassandra is one proactive thing we can do. In a disaster, Kala Point's level of preparation will dictate our level of discomfort and trauma; the more we share resources and responsibilities, the lighter our personal burden, and the stronger we are together. Cassandra will make us more resilient individually and as a community. It may be the difference between our surviving disaster or succumbing to it, between our being able to continue to stay in our homes here in Kala Point, or having to evacuate (if that is even possible).
- Despite our best efforts, we know we will not all be self-sufficient. There will be residents who can't or won't prepare but who will need help, and there will be those who have fully prepared but will still require assistance — friends and neighbors who run out of food and water, or need medical attention, or have lost their homes. Cassandra will be an additional resource to help them, and us, make it through until external help arrives.
- And in a significant disaster, external help will be a long time in coming. Worst case, such as a major quake, we should assume inaccessible roads, no first responders, no supplies from outside, no power, no water; this is what our government agencies from FEMA on down to our own JeffCo Department of Emergency Management are telling us to expect. And they are telling us we'll be on our own in these conditions for a minimum of 30 days.
- The aftermath may be worse and go on longer. Remember, government agencies aim to do the greatest good for the greatest number of people. Port Townsend, a small town at the end of the road, will not be at the top of any list for external aid, and Kala Point, in particular, may be among the last neighborhoods to receive significant aid given that we are not within the Port Townsend city limits but rather in an unincorporated area. Our food, water and sanitation supplies will be stretched, and medical care and supplies will be needed well beyond what we currently have available and

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beyond what any individual can store.

- Compounding all that, the demographic reality of Kala Point also suggests that we are more likely to need help from one another, and will need more resources to care for our older and medically fragile family members and neighbors.

- We all know that scarcity breeds stress, fear and discord. We don't want a divide between haves and have nots; we don't want to turn our backs on neighbors, or have to choose whether or not to help friends for fear of running short ourselves. Cassandra is our safety net; having these additional supplies will catch our fall, and encourage us to reach out to one another and work together to meet everyone's needs.

- We're not the only community developing a cache of supplies. In fact, though we may be in the forefront on overall emergency planning, we're not breaking trail on this type of initiative — Joyce, Coyle, Bridgehaven, Evergreen Coho, and others are leading the way, having recognized, just as Kala Point should, that they are isolated and help will be a long time coming. We've visited Joyce to understand what they've done in creating their own version of Cassandra.

When will we get it, and how will we pay for it?

- The Cassandra cache purchases will be spread out over five years; the prioritized order for purchases would be 1) containers, 2) first aid, 3) water, 4) food, and 5) all else. The five-year Cassandra investment would be covered by Kala Point operating and reserve funds. After that, expenses such as maintenance and the addition or replenishment of supplies would generally derive from Kala Point operating funds.

- Bottom line, the impact to homeowners would be an annual assessment increase, on average, of approximately \$30–35 per year.

- This is a conservative proposal, and it's not meant to meet all needs, only to supplement our community's resources.

- Nonetheless, we do understand that \$30–35 per year may be significant to some Kala Point residents. But we don't believe we should abandon a good plan because a few in our community do not want to participate. We believe that it's worth it, that it deserves to take priority over any discretionary spending. It's like insurance, which you buy in the hopes that you never need to use it. With Cassandra, we can create an emergency cache that will serve our entire Kala Point community.

- In our view, it's a small price to pay to improve the prospects for our Kala Point community surviving

together in a disaster, with neighbors helping neighbors — which is the mission of the Emergency Preparedness Committee, and why we strongly support the Cassandra cache initiative.

Learn more at the third **TOWN HALL MEETING** Wednesday, November 13, 6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. ♦



I'm Getting Older but I Still Have Unanswered Questions!

Stolen by Mike Burk

I never found out who let the dogs out, who took Jimmy Buffet's lost shaker of salt, the way to get to Sesame Street, or why Dora doesn't just use Google Maps! Why don't we ever see the headline "Psychic Wins Lottery"? Why can't women put on mascara with their mouth closed? Why is "abbreviated" such a long word? Why is lemon juice made with artificial flavor yet dish-washing liquid is made with real lemons? Why do they sterilize the needle for lethal injections? Why do you have to "put your two cents in" but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"; where's that extra penny going to? *Why do The Alphabet Song and Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* have the same tune (and did you just try to sing those two songs to make sure)? Just what is Victoria's Secret? Do you really think I am this witty? I actually stole this from a friend, who stole it from one of their friends, who stole it from their brother's girlfriend's uncle's cousin's barber. Now it's your turn to steal it. ♦

Miss the EXPO? Here's How to Catch Up

Anne Englander, EPC Chair

If you didn't make it to our Kala Point Emergency Preparedness EXPO on September 28, don't worry — we can get you up to speed! This year's EXPO focused on talks given by six professionals, describing how to act fast and act smart in specific kinds of emergencies. The good news is that the talks were videoed and are now available on our [EPC website](#). Each video is titled "EPC Expo 2019..."; check them all out!

You'll learn from the Department of Emergency



Management how the county approaches a disaster and why we need to be prepared to be on our own; from Mark Miller how communications work during an emergency and how to stay connected; from EJFR when and how to evacuate your home in a disaster; from the Sheriff's Office how to survive an active threat; from Laura Werner how to offer emotional first aid; and from Red Cross how to stop severe bleeding. Timely and important topics, lots of good stories from the presenters and lots of good questions from the audience — so pull up your chair, turn on your computer, and let the videos roll! You'll learn new things, I promise.

EPC also hosted several information stations, providing residents with recommendations on basic emergency preparations (water, food, first aid, sanitation, pets), offering information on evacuating Kala Point if it should ever be necessary, answering questions and providing handouts on the Cassandra initiative, and encouraging folks to engage with EPC, sign up for Kala Point and NIXLE text alerts, and buy an FRS walkie-talkie radio. [Still don't have a walkie-talkie radio? Get one from your [block captain](#), preprogrammed for your zone and ready to go, for only \$10.]

Again, this year, the EXPO showcased three sample kits: emergency supplies, first aid and sanitation. For those of you who want to jump-start your own

emergency preparations, here are our picks and how to order them:

EMERGENCY KIT:

The 2 Person Advanced Emergency Kit from [Survival-Supply.com](#) is a great starter kit containing a NOAA radio, emergency blankets, ponchos, tube tent, face masks, rope, duct tape, Swiss army knife, a small first aid kit, matches, gloves, whistle, light stick and more. Sure, you can pull all these things together yourself, but this is an easy way to start building your stash of emergency supplies.

FIRST AID KIT:

The Lightning X Value Compact Medic First Responder EMS/EMT Stocked Trauma Bag at [gearbags.com](#) is billed as a "compact first responder bag" that contains general first aid supplies, but is geared more toward traumatic injuries than most basic kits, making it an important resource in a disaster when we're on our own.

SANITATION KIT (yes, you need to have this!):

The sanitation kit is a twin-bucket (one for pee, one for poo; keeping them separate keeps the stink down!) emergency toilet consisting of [two 5-gallon Homer's All-Purpose Buckets](#) and two lids (lids sold separately) available at Home Depot. In addition, you need two Emergency Zone Brand Honeybucket Emergency Toilet Seats, one for each bucket, available through [Amazon](#). So there you have it — the 2019 EXPO in a nutshell. Take advantage of these resources. As we slip into the off-season, it's a great time to learn what to do and what to have ready in an emergency. ♦



Committees

Architecture Committee

Here is a quick reminder concerning exterior mechanicals such as heat pumps, ductless heat pumps, heat exchangers, propane tanks and fixed power generators. Plans for new installation of these require Architecture review and approval. Replacement of these items, if located in the same location and are of the same approximate size as previously approved, is allowed without review by the AC.

The most important requirement for all of the items listed above is proper screening. It can be solid screening (normally the same siding as the home), lattice or shrubbery. The exterior of solid screening or lattice shall be stained/painted the same as the home.

In the case of shrubbery, the committee has noticed some foliage has been trimmed or completely removed and now exposes the mechanical to view from the street or neighbors. Please be aware that our requirements should be met regardless if it's a new or existing home to assure a uniform look in respect to views from the street and adjoining neighbor.

Forms are available online and at the office. Thank you on behalf of the Architecture Committee volunteers. ♦

Breaking News - Grounds Committee

Employment Opportunity: A few good men/women needed. The Board has re-established the Grounds Committee and we are looking for a few residents that would be interested in helping to maintain this beautiful development. No pay but generous benefits to all in keeping KP a most desirable place to live. Please call Pat Miles, Chair, at 360-379-5605 for employment details.

Clutter Counts: Garbage cans, yard tools, garden trailers, refuse containers must be stored out of view of the street and neighboring properties unless being actively used.

Political Leanings: As the November election date is upon us, just a reminder that have a choice of political candidates and issues, but your choice of political signs must be displayed on your property and not common property; only one sign per candidate, one sign per issue. ♦

The Publications Committee

The Publications Committee met October 7 and the following items were discussed:

- October issue's feature on Kala Point founder Renate Wheeler
- Lineup for upcoming November issue of *Kala Pointer*
- Photography coverage need for Great ShakeOut on October 17
- Possibly adding regular recurring articles
- Ideas for new one-time features
- Special holiday events occurring in November and December ♦

Tree Committee

The tree committee needs your help! Are you interested in horticulture? Keeping the forest on Kala Point's community property healthy? Helping neighbors manage trees that cause them concerns? Then the Tree Committee is perfect for you, and you are perfect for us. We meet the third Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. Come join us for more information.

The Tree Committee met on October 18. The following items were discussed:

- All tree requests (except emergencies) should be submitted to the committee, rather than calling individual committee members
- Tree requests will be processed the month it is received (in most cases)
- John Bornsworth, arborist from Peninsula Environmental Group, has started the assessment of the health of the trees on common property in Kala Point; work will be started this year and completed in 2020
- Four of five open (and approved) cases have been completed and are now closed
- The committee visited two new cases and approved the requests for both McQuiston and Smith
- The tree removal requested by Sterens was approved because the tree was planted
- The tree removal requested by Hanson was referred to the Bluffs Condos' Tree Committee
- The committee also stopped by two homes where the Tree Committee was not contacted prior to work being done; letter will be written to those homeowners. ♦

Get To Know Your Neighbors

Long-Time Resident Joan Fisher



In 1977, my husband, Bob, was flying to Seattle for a business meeting and to check out Sequim and Port Angeles as possible retirement areas. A fellow passenger told him to forget those two towns and visit Port Townsend instead. That night Bob called me and said, “send money, I bought a lot in Kala Point.” I decided I’d better check out the lot before I sent the money. I flew up to Seattle, rented a car and headed for the ferry on I-5, encountering only three or four other vehicles on the highway. At that time, I-5 was a little-traveled and lonely road.

Mabel Campbell, the realtor who sold most of the original lots in Kala Point, met me on the other side of the Hood Canal bridge. I stayed in the newly built condos where potential property buyers received free lodging while they were shopping. The lot my husband had picked out was on what is now Baycliff, but no road existed in those days and I had to stand at the bottom of the hill on Kala Point Drive and use my imagination. It was a beautiful sunny and warm October day, I loved the location and quickly completed the purchase. We began building our home in 1986, only the third or fourth house on the street. These days, I have downsized but chose to stay in Kala Point.

Prior to retirement I was a household executive and professional volunteer. With five children to raise I always stayed busy. We lived in Ohio, Iowa, Pennsylvania and moved here from California. In those early days of Kala Point there were about 50 residents. We had a themed potluck dinner every month and I sang two concerts to captive audiences — who can resist wine and hors d’oeuvres?! Annual general meetings dragged on for an entire day, so that lunches had to be brought in. My husband, Bob, as President of the Kala Point Owners Association, was thankfully able to condense the meetings into two hours.

I learned to knit in my 70s, still sew, and enjoy the game of bridge. ♦

Newcomers Paul Fleischman and Marilyn Berry



We moved to Kala Point in June this year from Oak Point, Texas (a lakeside community just north of Dallas). Paul is originally from New Jersey, where he began a career with IBM which lasted 25 years. There is a joke that IBM stands for “I’ve Been Moved” and this was true for Paul, who also spent time working for IBM in Tampa, Florida, and Irving, Texas. Later in life, Paul worked for EDS for several years, had his own handyman business and, prior to fully retiring, worked in the food industry.

Marilyn is originally from Ohio and found her way to Port Townsend via South Carolina and Texas. She was the quality director for a food manufacturing company for 19 years prior to retirement.

We met while working for IBM and have been married for 23 years. Between us we have three children and two grandchildren (all still in Texas) and a very happy yellow lab named Mr. Willy.

Several years ago, we visited friends who lived in North Beach and fell in love with the beauty of this area. Over the course of several years and several visits to Port Townsend, the decision was made to escape the Texas heat and retire here. We sold our house, packed everything for storage, and moved across the country. Making the move without having purchased a home first was scary and, due to the tight housing market here, we kept our options open for a home in either Port Townsend, Cape George or Kala Point. As luck would have it, we were able to find a house in Kala Point that fit our needs.

We both like to keep busy and enjoy working on projects. Marilyn likes gardening and walking, while Paul enjoys target shooting, woodworking, gardening, and volunteering as a firefighter (he’s been one most of his life). Marilyn is in the process of joining the Tri-Area Garden Club and Paul is an East Jefferson Fire Rescue volunteer. We enjoy eating out and are always on the lookout for new friends to join us! ♦

For Sale Signs Don't Last in Kala Point

Joe Englander

The last couple of years have been very active for real estate in Kala Point. Half a dozen homes have been built on previously undeveloped lots and several have been completely redone before being put up for sale. Almost 70 homes have changed hands.

Realtors who don't pay attention to Kala Point lost out. Most homes were on the market for less than 90 days and an eye-popping few didn't even come on the market before they were sold. One new Association member noted that they had chosen to come to Port Townsend because of Kala Point; without Kala Point they never would have moved to Port Townsend.

At this time there is one outlier which has been for sale for over a year, but the rest of the for-sales have been available for less than 30 days. We're moving into the darker, wetter time of year when home sales usually slow down, but Kala Point homes seems to be generally in demand and that should brighten the outlook for those who need to make a change. ♦

When Daddy Carves the Turkey

When Daddy carves the turkey,
It is really quite a sight,
I know he tries his hardest,
But he never does it right.

He makes a fancy show of it,
Before he starts to carve,
And stabs in all directions,
While we're certain that we'll starve.

He seems to take forever,
As we sit and shake our heads,
By the time he's finished slicing,
He's reduced the birds to shreds.

He yells as loud as thunder,
Just before he's finally through
For when Daddy carves the turkey,
Daddy carves his finger too!

Storage Lot Rates for 2020

At the October 15 Budget Presentation meeting, the Board decided to use a price-per-linear-foot billing method which it considers to be a more equitable method of billing than the previous block-tiered system. The Board also decided to use the estimated actual expenses for 2019 rather than the budget for 2019 as the target total income from rentals. As a result of the change from the tiered system, some units will experience a reduction in fees, some an increase, and some will be stable when the new rate of \$3.52/foot/year goes into effect. ♦

RV Storage Lot Rates

| Length in Ft. | 2019 | 2020 | % Change |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 14 | \$ 97.00 | \$ 49.25 | -49.2% |
| 20 | \$ 97.00 | \$ 70.36 | -27.5% |
| 25 | \$ 111.00 | \$ 87.95 | -20.8% |
| 27 | \$ 111.00 | \$ 94.99 | -14.4% |
| 28 | \$ 111.00 | \$ 98.51 | -11.3% |
| 30 | \$ 111.00 | \$ 105.54 | -4.9% |
| 34 | \$ 127.00 | \$ 119.62 | -5.8% |
| 35 | \$ 127.00 | \$ 123.14 | -3.0% |
| 37 | \$ 127.00 | \$ 130.17 | 2.5% |
| 40 | \$ 127.00 | \$ 140.73 | 10.8% |
| 42 | \$ 158.00 | \$ 147.76 | -6.5% |
| 45 | \$ 158.00 | \$ 158.32 | 0.2% |
| 50 | \$ 158.00 | \$ 175.91 | 11.3% |
| Total Rental | \$ 16,481.28 | \$ 15,099.94 | -8.4% |

Rate per Foot per year = \$ 3.52

Rate per Foot per month = \$ 0.2932

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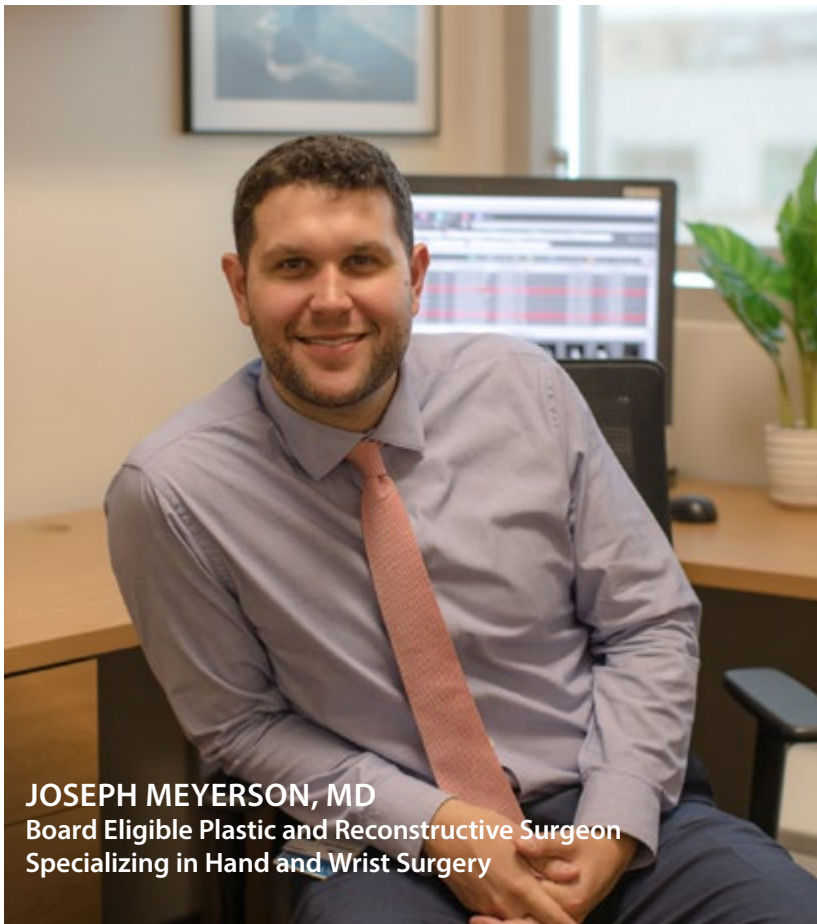


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