

# President's Message When a Disaster Isn't

Joe Englander

Disasters are only disasters if we are not prepared. If we are ready for a recession or a severe storm or an earthquake, there will be an event but it won't be a disaster because we will have mitigated its effect. It will just be an event, a downturn, a storm that blew over. I have written previously about the government not taking responsibility for disaster response, not just federal but also — and more problematically — state and local government. Their solution is to push it off their desks and tell neighborhoods to take care of themselves. For Kala Point, the only solution is for us to step up and take responsibility, for us to take care of ourselves as a community. We are more fortunate than other neighborhoods because we have the organization in place already. Thank you, Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC)!

The EPC has responded to the retraction of the government by creating a plan of action, a plan of organization and a plan of resilience. You may not know it, but EPC members practice being first responders, practice first aid and trauma rescue every month. EPC members practice emergency radio communications twice each month. EPC members train to operate machinery to clear our roads for EPC search and rescue. Every year they practice using their Neighborhood Operations Center (NOC) during the Great ShakeOut which this year will be at 10:17 a.m. on 10/17. They are voluntarily spending their time doing this for your benefit, to take care of you because they understand that after a disaster there will be no other first responders available. They are willing to step up to help you.

Now, EPC needs your help.

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# What Happened at the September Board Meeting?

**Dale Moses, KPOA Board Secretary** 

Your KPOA Board of Directors met at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, in our KPOA clubhouse. There were 19 people in the audience. A quorum of seven Board members was established with Dan Kimball on a telephone line; Dale Moses and Kim Titus were absent. Meeting documents were available beforehand on the KPOA website (at "Board Meeting Files" under the "Members" pull-down menu). Items included:

- One input from the audience at the beginning of the meeting on the definition of a guest at KPOA
- Nearly a dozen items of correspondence to the Board were reviewed: use of a wheelchair, neighbor problems, parked cars, the upcoming Town Hall (EPC), guest definitions, bollards at the gate, and the coming compliance hearing
- Annual review of the budget by the Board will be at 10 a.m. on October 15 (budget to be ratified December 10 after a public vote)
- The recent accidental breakage of the gate card reader
- Motion to write off some bad debt on timeshare unit assessments (mostly interest and fees)
- Road maintenance timing for this fall
- Felice Thompson, new additional admin person in the office, was announced
- Defining "guest" (as in using common areas) was discussed and that definition will be added to our Rules & Regulations
- Committee reports and a PUD report were presented
- Recommended changes to the KPOA website were presented by Publications Committee Chair Suzanne Eggleston; the Committee was asked to continue this initiative
- Member inputs at meeting end included a report by the Beach Watchers (the recent addition of hang tags seems to correlate with a drop in unmarked parkers), the fire department's survey of fire dangers, and Sheriff patrols in Kala Point
- The Board adjourned at 2:38 p.m. to begin a compliance hearing on tree removals; see separate article on Page 3

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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They have worked out a plan of how to replenish first aid supplies, how to provide minimal survival water and rations, what kind of space they need as a triage center to treat injuries, how to handle fatalities, what kind of minimal electric power will be required, and even how to deal with trash — all to help Kala

Point residents survive the after-effects of the next major earthquake. They have called this solution Cassandra and the place where all the disaster supplies are stored is called the Cassandra Cache.

Paying for the required hard goods will add less than 70 cents a week (or \$35 a year) to your assessments. That is really, really cheap insurance. And, like all insurance, you hope

you will never use it, but you don't stop paying for it because you know how much you'll regret it if you do stop. Yes, the overall estimate for building a cache of disaster supplies for all of Kala Point over five years is a total of a little more than \$100,000.

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If we don't know when the disaster will strike, why is the EPC taking five years to set up Cassandra? What if it happens tomorrow or next week? In reality, we *should* do it all tomorrow but the EPC reasonably believes that KPOA members won't come up with a lump sum. EPC has prioritized what's needed and

broken it into a fiveyear acquisition plan to
reduce the annual cost
to our members. Again,
if they could come up
with the bucks, they'd
do it all at once and do
it tomorrow because we
have absolutely no idea
when the Cascadia or the
Whidbey fault earthquakes
will happen. We just know
that they will and that they
will be ugly. But the good
news is: we have a solution

and you're part of it. All you have to do is agree that you'd like to survive.

If you have questions about Cassandra, come to the EPC's Town Hall meeting this Thursday, October 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Clubhouse. ◆

# Compliance Hearing Tuesday, September 10, 2019

**Dale Moses, KPOA Board Secretary** 

The KPOA Board met for a Compliance Hearing at 2:48 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019. Seven Board members were present (one by telephone connection) to form a quorum. Fifteen members were present in the audience.

The issue was three trees taken down by Fran and Norm Shelton (270 Pinecrest Drive) on KPOA common property in front of their home. A representative of the KPOA Tree Committee, Geoff Genther, briefed the case. Attorney Colette Kostelec of Port Townsend represented the Sheltons and spoke following that briefing.

There was no argument that the trees were cut down. Comments by the attorney included the physical condition of the trees, the ownership of the land the trees were on, who planted the trees, the sightlines for safety on the property, what communications occurred between the Sheltons and KPOA as well as the Sheltons'

age, Norm's military service and their long-time residency.

Board members questioned the Committee representative and the attorney. Mr. and Mrs. Shelton also spoke. Several members in the audience also spoke, including the Shelton's daughter and her husband. The Board voted unanimously that the Sheltons were in non-compliance in cutting these trees. Based on that vote, the Board decided that the penalty should be \$1,000 per tree. However, that penalty will be suspended for four months (to January 8, 2020) pending the Sheltons having the stumps ground down (which they failed to do on other trees several years ago) and the planting of ground cover.

If the stumps are ground down and the ground cover properly planted, then the penalty will be eliminated. It was noted that the cost of grinding the stumps and replanting the site could be several hundred dollars per tree although the Sheltons may have found a charity to do this work for much less. The hearing ended at 4:02 p.m.

### **October Calendar of Events**

By Suzanne Eggleston

### October 3

**Town Hall Meeting.** Be part of the discussion about the proposed Cassandra Cache. **TIME:** 6:30 p.m. **LOCATION:** Kala Point Clubhouse.

Main Street Girls' Night Out. Shop downtown to take advantage of in-store events, sales and treats, and to benefit the Port Townsend Main Street Program. Wrap-Up Party at the Cotton Building at 8 p.m. TIME: 11 a.m.—8 p.m. COST: Free to participate; raffle tickets and admission to Wrap-Up Party are both \$10 each. LOCATION: Downtown. CONTACT: admin@ptmainstreet.org, 360.385.7911, www.ptmainstreet.org/

#### October 5

5th Annual Brewfest by the Bay. Enjoy music, food and brews while helping to support Chimacum Backpacks for Kids, an organization that supplies weekend nutrition for at-risk children in the Chimacum School District. TIME: 12–4 p.m. COST: \$25 for six tickets for beer and cider tastings and a fully loaded Brat. LOCATION: The Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Pl., Port Ludlow. CONTACT: chimacumbackpacksforkids@gmail.com, www.chimacumbackpacksforkids.com/

### October 5-6

Camano Pumpkin Project – A Fall
Happening. Features a pumpkin carving
contest, trebuchet pumpkin launching, tug
of war, face painting, live music, food and
craft vendors, beer garden and more. Event proceeds
support local charities. TIME: 11 a.m.–8 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. Sunday. COST: Kids 5 and
under free when accompanied by an adult; \$10–15 for
everyone else. Tickets: www.brownpapertickets.com/
LOCATION: Kristofferson Farm, 332 NE Camano
Dr., Camano Island. CONTACT: 360.387.5807,
www.camanopumpkinproject.com/

The Great Port Townsend Bay Kinetic Sculpture Race. Human-powered, artistically enhanced vehicles compete on sand, mud, water and hills. Includes a parade downtown and a "Koronation Ball." Live music. TIME: starts at 12 p.m. on Saturday; concludes on Sunday at 6 p.m. COST: Free; \$25

for the Ball. **LOCATION:** 209 Monroe St. **CONTACT:** info@ptkineticrace.org, 360.774.0083, www.ptkineticrace.org/



### October 5 and 12

Cooking with the Co-Op: Glorious Foods of Greece. Travel beyond the familiar moussaka into the country's diverse regions where the customs and food ways have remained intact for eons. TIME: 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. COST: members \$25, non-members \$40. LOCATION: Market Kitchen, 1433 Sims Way. CONTACT: 360.385.2883, www.foodcoop.coop/

#### October 8

Fru Skagerrak Concert. Three master musicians — Maja Kjær Jacobsen from Denmark, Elise Wessel Hildrum from Norway and Anna Lindblad from Sweden — will play slow airs to lively polkas, in major and in minor, and everything in between.

TIME: 7:30–9:30 p.m. COST: \$15. LOCATION: Rainshadow Recording Studio, 200 Battery Way, Bldg 315. CONTACT: centrumrecording@gmail.com, Everett Moran at 360.301.0291, www.brownpapertickets.com/

#### October 11

Balkan Dance Party. Come learn dances — sometimes to a live band — and have fun at this new event that is scheduled for the second Friday each month. Bring a snack to share. TIME: 7–9:30 p.m. COST: By donation. LOCATION: Quimper Grange, 1219 Corona St. CONTACT: quimpergrange@gmail.com, www.quimpergrange.com

### **October 11–13**

Third Annual Olympic Peninsula Apple and Cider Festival. A truly authentic Pacific Northwest, tree-to-glass weekend experience. Join for one, two, or all three days of feasting, tasting and celebration. TIME: Starts Friday at 6 p.m. with a Harvest Dinner at Eaglemount; concludes on Sunday at 9 p.m. at Finnriver. COST: Varies by event. LOCATION: Various. CONTACT: daniel@thunderbullproductions.com, 360.385.0519, www.thunderbullproductions.com/

#### October 17

Great ShakeOut Drill. Join your neighbors and the rest of the state for a drill in "drop, cover and hold on." Display your "HELP/OK" sign, turn on your FRS walkie-talkie and report to your zone's gathering place to practice steps to take in a real earthquake.

TIME: 10:17 a.m. DETAILS: See pages 19 and 20.

### October 19

The Centrum Gala Dinner & Auction. Attendees can enjoy a meal, and bid for experiences, objects and trips. Laura Michalek will lead the live auction and Fund-a-Dream paddle-raise; both support the Centrum scholarship fund. TIME: 5 p.m. COST: \$135 for a single ticket, \$1,000 for a Silver table for eight, \$1,500 for a Gold table for eight. LOCATION: Fort Worden, 200 Battery Way. CONTACT: info@centrum.org, 360.385.3102, www.centrum.org/gala/

Run The Peninsula Road Race. Taking place on the Larry Scott Trail, this is the fourth out of five races comprising the race series. Each race has 5K, 10K and virtual options. TIME: 9:30 a.m. COST: \$30 for virtual, \$35 for 5K, \$40 for 10K. LOCATION: Port of PT, 2701 Jefferson St. CONTACT: rtp@runthepeninsula.com/

### October 26

Divined: A Costume Ball. A magical evening celebrating All Hallows' Eve and featuring DJs, performance art, gallery, live painting, yoga and a tea lounge. Costume required for entry; 18+. TIME: 5:30 p.m.–12:30 a.m. COST: \$25. LOCATION: American Legion, 209 Monroe St. CONTACT: gypsyvibes808@gmail.com, 425.240.7988, www.gypsyvibrations.com/divined

### October 28

Sip & Succulent Pumpkin. Paint a pretty pumpkin with succulents. Includes all paint supplies, a glass of wine and step-by-step instructions. TIME: 2–4 p.m. COST: \$45; tickets at www.eventbrite. com/. LOCATION: Eaglemount Wine & Cider, 1893 S Jacob Miller Rd. CONTACT: info@corksandcanvasevents.com, 206.519.7533, www.corksandcanvasevents.com/



### **Recurring 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 Doris Unruh, 360,385,3753.

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



### **KPOA Facility Hours**

Please take note of the new hours as of October 16 for the clubhouse, pool, Jacuzzi and sauna.

### **Administration Office**

Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. Friday: 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m.

**April 1–October 15, 2019** 

### Clubhouse

Monday-Sunday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

### **Pool**

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

### Jacuzzi and Sauna

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

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#### Clubhouse

Monday-Sunday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

### Pool

Closed

### Jacuzzi and Sauna

Monday-Sunday: 9 a.m.-7:45 p.m.

# Remembering Renate: A Look Back at the Founder of Kala Point

By Suzanne Eggleston

Passionate and driven. These two powerful adjectives are often used to describe Renate Wheeler, the woman largely responsible for the founding of Kala Point. This "woman on a mission," as long-time resident David Gooding says of Renate, passed away on August 20 at the age of 86. She called Kala Point home for more than 45 years.



A relaxed, happy Renate in a photo she posted on her Facebook page.

"Renate was a wonderful, wonderful woman," says Barbara MacLean, former resident and author of Kala Point's online history that served as a source for much of this article. "Those who live in Kala Point should be grateful for her presence."

Renate first saw the land that became Kala Point in 1970 during a trip that her then-husband Ed Croom planned to the area, a place he liked to hunt and fish. The couple arrived by boat from Port Ludlow and landed on what is now Kala Point's beach. "It was a gorgeous day," Renate told Barbara. "We walked the beach. At some point, he asked me if I liked it. 'What's not to like?' I replied."

The 400-plus acres of land were for sale and her husband urged Renate, a real estate agent, to take action.

Renate eventually did act, investing along with Paul Dencker, her brother-in-law and a venture capitalist living in Baden Baden, Germany, and Jurgen Manchot, the heir to a German chemical company. The three purchased the land in 1972.

One of the biggest challenges Renate encountered was water. Unless a reliable source of clean water could be found, development could not advance. She and a Quilcene water witcher undertook a hike through the woods — Prospect Avenue and Woodland Hills did not yet exist — from Highway 19. The hike proved to be successful and development began in earnest.

Renate, Ed Croom and Paul Dencker incorporated the development as the Kala Point Swim and Racquet Club on October 2, 1975. In 1973, Renate moved into the first house built on the property, an English Tudor on Windship Drive. She lived there for two to three years before selling to the David Gooding family.

David credits Renate with some of the distinctive features of his home, including the massive cedar beams in the ceilings of the living and dining rooms, the front door and some of the decorative windows. "When Renate visited her sister and brother-in-law, Paul Dencker, in Baden Baden, Germany, there was a structure being torn down that Paul had control over," he says. "Renate saw the windows now in our home and asked if she could have them... Paul said yes and

Renate had them shipped to Port Townsend."

In developing
Kala Point, which
was described in
Renate's familyprovided obituary
as the "crowning
achievement
of her career,"
Renate drew on
her experience
living in an upscale
community north
of Los Angeles.



Renate at the 2014 Centrum Gala and Auction.

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Renate and husband Joe Wheeler flank Thatcher Bailey, president and CEO of Seattle Parks Foundation.

"My concept of Kala Point," Renate told Barbara, "was based on my knowledge of Westlake Village. It was a planned community, much larger than this. It also had standards, covenants."

"I believe that Kala Point was a dream come true for Renate," says David. "It was her life, and she was very pleased with how it evolved."

In 1987, Renate opened a real estate office on six acres she bought at the Kala Square corner of Prospect Avenue and the highway. She had the acreage rezoned from residential to commercial and opened Kala Square Realty. A few years later, this became the sixtieth Windermere office and the first on the Olympic Peninsula. She and her late husband Joe Wheeler later established a Windermere office that they owned until 2003 across from the ferry dock in town.

Not surprisingly, Renate served on the Kala Point Homeowners Association Board and a member of the Architectural Committee.

"My strongest remembrance of Renate is when she was on the Architectural Committee around 2008–09 and ruled it with an iron fist," says resident and former board member Michael Machette. "No variances, play by the rules, etc. In retrospect, she was just protecting her vision of Kala Point."

Michael is not alone in thinking that Renate had a vision about how Kala Point should evolve.

"Renate was very passionate about Kala Point not only because she was involved in the early development but because she lived here," says resident Caroline McNulty. "She gave not only to Kala Point but worked on other endeavors within...Port Townsend." Renate's obituary says that while she "felt strongly about politics and business, she was most passionate about family and friends. She loved them intensely and relished their company over meals, traveling or shared activities." Renate had two children, Philip and Whendi, with her first husband. In the late 1970s, she met and married Joseph F. Wheeler, the founder of Centrum, and gained three stepchildren: Joseph, Jeffery, and Michelle.

According to information supplied by her family, Joe and Renate generously supported many aspects of this community, including Centrum, the Northwest Maritime Center, and Jefferson Healthcare hospital.

"Renate and Joe were a mighty force here and in Port Townsend," says resident and long-time friend Carol Letterman. "I miss them greatly."

Renate and Joe lived in a condo at Kala Point and finally built a home on one of the Lagoon lots (among others) she received upon the dissolution of the Development Company Partnership.

Joe passed away in 2010, but Renate continued to be involved with Centrum. She had a deep love of chamber music and was a perennial sponsor of young artists who graced Centrum's stage.

"Having participated in, and guided the organization's growth through her years of marriage to Centrum founder and visionary, Joe Wheeler, Renate was regularly first to reserve her seats for summer

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concerts and could always be found, basking in the summer sunlight, in her outdoor seat during all of the organization's summer performances," says Robert Birnam, the executive director of Centrum. "Her love for community, and the arts — always without fanfare — was deeply felt."

The family held a private memorial service for Renate and requested that any donations be made to Centrum or the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation in her name.

### **Hurricane Damage on West Coast?**

If this were the weather forecast map for tonight and the red area showed where a hurricane would hit. you'd take immediate action. But this is not a hurricane

**⊠USGS** 

map; it's an earthquake map. It is just as serious and the damage can be just as great. Look at the size of the area encompassed on the West Coast and you can see why, after an earthquake, we won't see help for 30 to 60 days.

Not only are larger population areas hit — and they will be helped first — but also Navy, Army and Air Force bases will be severely impacted. They won't be offering any help until they've straightened out their own mess.

Now notice that all shipping lanes, both land and sea, are disrupted and all airports will be in need of major repair. Even so, how are you going to call for help since all cell and landlines will be damaged and useless?

The answer to all of this? In addition to any first aid, food and water supplies that you have on hand, you will have to depend on the Kala Point's Emergency Preparedness Committee and their radio team. Please support the EPC in creating a disaster supplies cache that will serve all of us.

### Don't be a "Wish-Cycler"

Wish-cycling might start with the best of intentions, but it's one of the biggest issues facing waste management today. This is because it actually creates more waste in the long run.

Read more about how wish-cycling is posing a serious threat to the recycling industry:

plastic tubs: dairy,

www.recyclecoach.com/

Unwaxed Cardboard



glass bottles & jars

an and empty recyclables loose in bins

Don't place bagged or boxed recyclables in bins

ans, pans & foi

juice cartons • milk cartons pet food bags • used paper coffee cups RECYCLE clean & dry PLASTIC BAGS at QFC, Safeway & the Food Co-op

(Above) A recent photo of the glass recycling bin in Kala Point. Note the inappropriate mixture of paper products and glass, and the lid on the plastic jug.

(Left) In case you need a reminder on how to properly recycle, here is a guide from Jefferson County Solid Waste. Click here or on the image to see the PDF online.



# 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** 

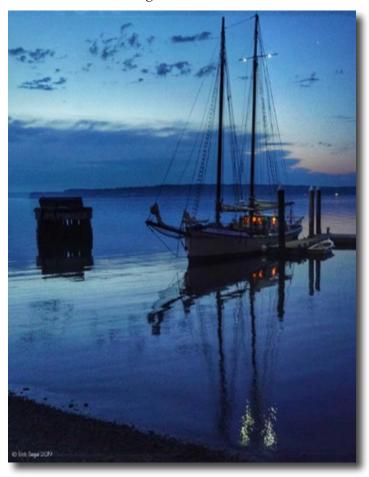


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# **Through The Lens**



Adams Street • Bob Segui



Schooner Merrie Ellen • Bob Segui



What's the ratio of a pumpkin's circumference to its diameter Pumpkin Pi



Morning Has Broken • Angela George



Cooks' Beach Event • Mike Burk







"Vixen" dahlia • Suzanne Eggleston





The new Mountain View Dog Park is a one-acre area surrounded by a new fence between The ReCyclery and the pool at the Commons near 1925 Blaine St. The park has different areas for dogs based on size and activity level.



# JPUD Board of Commissioners Meeting Report

Scott Rovanpera

## At the September 3, 2019, meeting, the following items were discussed:

- Commissioners approved a resolution to add a fourth water-rate tier \$1/100 gallons water as an economic penalty to those customers using more than 30,000 gallons of water per month
- General Manager Kevin Streett recommended that the general manager, financial services manager, and electric engineering supervisor be authorized to sign FEMA contracts for reimbursement for damages incurred during the windstorms of 2018
- The Board approved the District's "Employee's Manual," following correction of the table of contents for each section
- The first draft of the "Opt Out Policy for Residential Radio Frequency Electric Meters"
  - Significant research indicates that people highly susceptible to radio frequency (RF) energy should not be exposed to electric service meters generating RF energy at their home
  - Discussion centered on who is eligible to opt out, customer versus owner, and the logistics for the District in exchanging the meters
  - A Special Meeting will be held in October to allow residents to review the policy and offer any suggestions
- The Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) recommended to the Board to increase the Senior Low-Income

power subsidy from \$20/month to \$39.50/month

- The Senior Low-Income rate has never been increased, despite increases in base and power rates
- Only 66 customers currently qualify for the Senior Low-Income program
- The new rate corresponds with the low-income energy assistance subsidy program rate
- The Board approved the increase

# At the September 17, 2019, meeting, the following items were discussed:

- The September 6 Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Workshop
- The District does not recommend any rate increase for 2020
- The anticipated revenue is \$39,974,804 (93.5 percent electricity and 6.5 percent water)
- JPUD has scheduled approximately \$3.3 million for capital projects for the electrical system and \$540,000 for the water system in 2020
- The Strategic Planning Workshop was held on September 10
- The General Manager confirmed that the District does not spray glyphosate-based herbicides in their power line right of ways, but they do spot spray with a product containing glyphosate for weeds in their electrical sub-stations
- The District is advertising to hire a human resources manager, fleet mechanic and apprentice lineman
- The Board approved the "Water Leak Adjustment Policy" ◆

### **Check Out EPC's New Website**

The new website from your
Emergency Preparedness Committee
is rich in information tailored for
Kala Point. It's always an advantage
to be informed, especially when this kind
of information could save someone you
know. Take a look, you'll be surprised!

You can reach the site directly at https://epc. kalapoint.org/. If you forget that address, you can go through the Kala Point website, sign in, select EPC from the menu bar, go to the bottom of the EPC page and select EPC Web Site for Residents.

This information site contains rotating articles about first aid, firewise and other topics, as well as dynamic connections to FEMA and DNR. ◆





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Kevin Streett, General Manager

September 6, 2019

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### PUD Adds New 4th Tier Residential Water Rate

At their regular meeting on September 3, Jefferson County PUD's Board of Commissioners approved a resolution to create a fourth tier of water rates for residential water customers.

The fourth tier, which doesn't go into effect until January 5<sup>th</sup> of 2020, will apply a charge of \$1 per 100 gallons to all residential water usage over 30,000 gallons per month. The current highest rate is \$0.54 per 100 gallons for usage over 10,000 gallons per month.

According to Customer Service Manager Jean Hall, the average residential water customer uses around 5,000 gallons per month. Only one percent of PUD customers use an average of 30,000 gallons or more, said Hall.

That one percent, though, according to Hall, consumes over 11% of all water used by PUD residential customers. "Some of the users are consuming more than 100,000 gallons per month," said Hall, "and mostly, from what our crew has observed, to maintain landscaping."

According to Interim Water Operations Supervisor Bill Graham, the need for a fourth tier of water rates for high users was prompted by increasing costs to meet the demand for water by high users.

Water use is seasonal, said Graham, with highest use during the warm dry months of summer. "Unfortunately, the months when demand is highest often coincide with times when system capacities are more constrained," said Graham. "The additional funds generated by the new rate will help the PUD recover the costs of expanding our systems to meet increased demand, as well as the additional maintenance costs incurred due to higher usage."

PUD General Manager Kevin Streett also hopes the 4<sup>th</sup> tier rate will help some customers to be aware of their usage and encourage the conservation of PUD water.

The PUD estimates that less than 150 water customers will reach the fourth tier at some point during the high use months of the summer of 2020. The new tier does not apply to commercial customers.

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### What October Means to Me

By Nancy Leeds

My favorite color is October. The gorgeous dyes of color as trees become flaming torches and fields bring

forth their grapes, nuts and grains make me happy that the earth is so beautiful.

October brings a pleasing quiet; a comforting slowdown to the year. There is a smell of blue hazy smoke in the air and the garden's bounty is going into the soup pot.

I love the sweet, calm, melting sunlight of October. I get the nesting instinct something fierce and I want to spread fuzzy throws and plump pillows throughout the home. I look for pumpkins, gourds, candles and mums to decorate the

dining room table. I pull out jackets with hoodies and deep pockets. I pile up some books on the coffee table. I light the fireplace, dim the lamps a bit and play ballads in the background. Then I curl my legs underneath me and enjoy a glass of dark, red, fruity rich wine. *Ah-h-h-h*. This is what home is in October.

As the days of October melt away and the trees go nearly bare, one has a wider horizon to look at. The distant hills and constellations above are in view once again. The wind brings a clean smell. The veiling haze lays upon our shoulders like a soft cloak. I always feel younger in October, even though it is my birth month. Perhaps that is why I love it so. •

### What Scares Me?

By Nancy Leeds

Nothing related to Halloween scares me. What scares me is when I flush someone else's toilet and the water keeps raising.

### Sniglets!

**Comfit:** a set of clothes that are worn for the express purpose of lounging about in.

Lactomangulation: Manhandling the "open here" spout on a milk carton so badly that one has to resort to using the "illegal" side.

Peppier: The waiter at a fancy restaurant whose sole purpose seems to be walking around asking diners if they want fresh ground pepper.

Phonesia: The affliction of dialing a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.

Pupkus: The moist residue left on a window after a dog presses its nose to it.

### New concept: adult Halloween.

Walk around, ring doorbells and everyone gives out vodka and bacon.



### What's with Cassandra?

If by chance you don't know who Cassandra was in Greek mythology, she was the Trojan predictor of disasters, always telling everyone to prepare. No one in Troy would listen. She saw the future and she was always right. The Trojans should have listened.



How to prepare for the predictions? The Kala Point Emergency Preparedness (EPC) team has spent countless hours researching and honing a proposed list of supplies and equipment we need to respond to 30 days of isolation following a major disaster. They are calling it the Cassandra Cache — Cassandra for short. Here it is as a five-year proposal, but if you want to know more, come to the Town Hall on October 3 in the Clubhouse at 6:30 p.m. ◆

Cassandra Cache Items	Est. Cost	Totals
PHASE ONE	LSt. COSt	Totals
Storage		
Containers (2): one medical, one general supplies	\$5,700	
Shed roofs	\$4,000	
PV system	\$4,300	
Shelves/furniture	\$3,750	
Total Phase One	4-7	\$17,7
PHASE TWO		
First Aid/Medical Supplies		
Supplies and equipment	\$22,500	
Morgue supplies	\$1,350	
Total Phase Two		\$23,8
PHASE THREE		
Water		
Temp. pools (2)	\$525	
Water tank/trailer (525 gal, 2 HP)	\$9,800	
IBC water containers (4)	\$750	
Water pumps (gas/elec); 2 @ 150 gal/min	\$500	
Supplemental bottled water	\$380	
Food Supplies		
Days 1-7 (MRE, Bridgford)	\$10,800	
Total Phase Three		\$22,7
DUAGE FOUR		
PHASE FOUR		
Food Supplies	47.074	
Days 8-15 (freeze-dried)	\$7,871	
Days 16-31 (dry-good products)	\$14,112	#21.0
Total Phase Four		\$21,9
PHASE FIVE		
Propane Supplies		
Hand pump	\$1,700	
Batteries (mainly EPC, staff)	Ψ1,700	
AA (5040 count)	\$1,500	
AAA (512 count)	\$170	
C Cell (620 count)	\$620	
D Cell (144 count)	\$320	
Pets & Waste	Ψ320	
Kennels	\$1,150	
Trash bags	\$554	
Trash incineration (8 units)	\$1,992	
Other Items	41,332	
Tarps, plastic, duct tape, stapling	\$4,000	
Miscellaneous (sanitation, etc.)	\$5,000	
Total Phase Five	\$5,000	\$17,0
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TOTAL - PHASES ONE THROUGH FIVE		\$103,3
Impact: assessment increase of \$30-35 per year		Ψ103,3

### Got a pet? Get it chipped.



If your pet gets loose, especially during a disaster, it may slip its collar and then the chances of you two getting back together are really slim. You can have your pet "chipped" with microchip identification for as little as \$19 at Petco.

In Sequim, the clinics start chipping at 11 a.m. on October 12 and 26

(360.582.9283); in Poulsbo, they start at 12:30 on October 5, 12, 19 and 26 (360.697.7206).

Most vets will do the procedure and other stores will likely do it,



but Petco's price of \$19 is fairly inexpensive.

In a disaster your pet will be frightened, nervous, and probably not very cooperative with strangers. Help them out, get them chipped so you can get them home to you. •

### Kala Point's Annual Food Drive for the Needy

By Ann Bambrick

Every year, Kala Point is asked to participate in the Wave, the annual drive to replenish the shelves of the four food banks in East Jefferson County. Recent newspaper articles have described the increased demand and reduction of supply. National news has stated frightening statistics showing that one in every seven people now live at the poverty level. In Washington state, 11 percent of households live at or below the poverty level.



In Jefferson County, 13.4 percent are living in poverty. This year, the poverty level is \$21,330 for a family of four; \$16,910 for a family of two. When you consider the size of our population in Jefferson County, it doesn't take a genius to figure out that untold

numbers of local residents are very hungry. A drive past any of the food banks on distribution days will serve to emphasize this point; the lines of people waiting for food is staggering. The local food banks work very hard to provide for these families to the extent that they have supplies available; however, with the onset of winter, donations of produce from local farms will slowly cease. Our food banks serve more than 350 families each week. Senior Saturdays have been added to the distribution schedule in an effort to give seniors a chance to get their food without having to wait in the long lines on Wednesdays.

Kala Point has been the top provider of funds for the food banks for a number of years, as a result of our participation in the annual food drive. Last year, our donations totaled 62 percent of the total WAVE cash donations. With your help and generosity, we will continue to maintain this level of support. See the end of this article for details, and keep an eye out for flyers and email reminders.

We ask that you give as generously as you possibly can. We are asking for checks only. In conversations with one the county's food bank managers, we are convinced that this is the best way to go. They are able to buy food and paper products at the same wholesale prices as do the grocery stores. Money will go a long way to replenishing their shelves, while donated food is often outdated and cannot be distributed to the families. Shirley Moss, manager of the Port Townsend Food Bank, states that a \$1 donation will buy 33.3 pounds of food. One recent week's food bank order came to 5.618

pounds of food at a cost of \$168.54. The cost to the food bank of 320 pounds of dairy products is \$9.60.

Huge walk-in refrigerators and freezers have been purchased with donated funds, allowing for safe storage of fresh meats and dairy products. Pet food is not sold to the food banks at wholesale prices. If a family cannot afford to feed themselves, they can't afford to feed their pets. Donations of pet food are welcome year round, or donors can write checks to Jefferson County Food Banks, and note "pet food" on the memo line. Ms. Moss ensures that those requests will be honored.

A "Quick Pick Room" is open for 20 minutes at 8:30 a.m. on Distribution Wednesdays to serve those people whose jobs prevent them from shopping during the regular 10 a.m.—3 p.m. hours of operation. The Elks Club has generously provided a grant for items to be available in an area called "the camping room," making available tarps, gas lamps and battery-operated head lamps for the homeless, in addition to food and paper products. Who knows what new innovations will become part of the services that this caring organization will come up with next?



Food bank volunteers in action.

### **How to Help**

- Make your checks payable to Jefferson County Food Banks
- Mail or deliver them to Ann Bambrick, 260 Fairbreeze Drive, before October 26.

All checks will be delivered to the food drive coordinator on October 26.

If you wish to donate directly from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) as part of your annual required distribution, inform Ann Bambrick (360.385.6634, annandmarty@aol.com). She will ensure that your donation is included in the accounting for Kala Point's total donations to the food banks.

Let's ensure Kala Point is continued to be known, countywide, for its generosity. ◆

### **Labor Day Pickleball Poker Tournament**

By Char Quandt

Pickleball is a very social sport. It is no surprise that nearly 30 Kala Point pickleball players chose to celebrate the Labor Day holiday with a friendly but feisty Poker Pickleball Tournament on the Kala Point pickleball courts.



This tournament was all about having fun and enjoying the camaraderie of pickleball play. All skill levels were encouraged to play.

Each team of two were given five cards to begin their poker hand. Each winning team could exchange two cards to try to improve their hands. The losing team could only exchange one card. The two teams with the best poker hand were the tournament winners.



(Above) Michael Machette awards Bob Longmire and Marcy Harris with their prizes. (Below) Michael delivers the rules to a group of players.



Winning players were Craig Cholvin, Paul Loubere, Marcy Harris and Bob Longmire. Congratulations to all who played!

If you are interested in learning to play pickleball, contact Michael Machette at 360.385.2444. We are currently starting a list for beginner lessons this fall. •

### **Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editors,

Thanks for printing the letter I wrote about the *Laffing Lady* boat in the bay. I appreciated the opportunity to let the KP community know about the boat and accept Willy Stark, the boat builder, being at the beach now and then.

Regards Paul Loubere 250 Saddletree Drive



I want you to know that the *Kala Pointer* is looking pretty spiffy lately; and informative.

Steve Reed 353 Fairbreeze Dr.



Pretty darn impressive newsletter!

Susie Gorski 51-2 Seaview Ct. ◆



### Kala Pointers Helped Disaster Airlift Response Team

By Joe Englander

Kala Point's First Aid Team Captain Terry Rose, First Aid Team Member Dave Pitts, CFO John Oliveira and President Joe Englander joined other volunteers from Jefferson County in a Disaster Airlift Response Team exercise that brought in more than 3,000 pounds of donated goods for area food banks.

Oliveira flew the plane he built to pick up and bring back food in an exercise to determine the feasibility of using volunteer civilian aircraft to support emergency operations in place of the expected lack of governmental and military support for the area.

Rose, Pitts and Englander helped unload arriving aircraft. Flights arrived from Clallam and Kitsap counties as well as Bellingham, Walla Walla, and even California.

Laura Guth, the aviation coordinator for Jefferson County's Department of Emergency Management said, "The idea was to learn whether it's viable to fly stuff in and fly people out in the event of a serious emergency. General aviation was an important asset for disaster relief even before any government agency came on line in the Carolinas, Texas and the Bahamas. Private aviators flew in the first search-and-rescue teams to the Bahamas along with 500,000 pounds of supplies following Hurricane Dorian earlier this month. That wasn't the military; it was volunteers."



(Top) Terry Rose, left, and Dave Pitts, middle, unload an arriving aircraft . (Bottom) Dave Pitts, far right, helps unload an arriving aircraft. John Oliveira, in silver plane in background, prepares for departure to pick up emergency supplies. • Photos by Joe Englander



# Great ShakeOut Drill on 10/17 at 10:17 — Practice Saves Lives!

Anne Englander, EPC Chair

Remember the civil defense drills we had as kids? Our modern-day equivalent will take place on Thursday, October 17, at 10:17 a.m., when Kala Point joins millions of people throughout the state and nation in practicing what each of us, our families, and our neighbors should do when a major earthquake hits.

Again this year we want each of YOU to practice along with our Emergency Preparedness teams. Here, step by step, is what we ask you to do during the ShakeOut drill, beginning at 10:17 a.m. on 10/17:

- React to the pretend earthquake at 10:17 by immediately dropping, covering, and holding on
- Check your own family and home just as you would in a real earthquake
- Put up your OK/Help sign in your window
- Turn on your FRS walkie-talkie radio\* to establish radio communication with your Block Captain as if the phones are out
- Meet your Block Captain at the agreed-upon Gathering Place for your zone\*\*
- At your Block Captain's direction, fan out into your neighborhood, working with your neighbors to identify and report back to your Block Captain any "emergencies" you encounter

Behind the scenes, just as in a real disaster, Block Captains will be reporting in by radio, describing these emergency scenarios to the coordinating Neighborhood Operations Center (NOC) assembled in the Administration building. The NOC team will record the reports, practice providing guidance and dispatching first aid, pet management, or other assistance as needed, and actually keep in radio contact with the county's Emergency Operations Center which will also be participating.

Throughout the drill you'll see and hear unusual things, like PA announcements, EPC teams moving through the neighborhood in their emergency vests, pretend "patients" needing treatment, and traffic cones and directional signs on roads. Nothing to be alarmed about — all part of the exercise, designed to rehearse how Kala Point will mobilize in a disaster. When the drill ends at noon, feel free to join a debriefing session at the Clubhouse to talk through what went well and what needs improvement.

This is the second time we've asked everyone to play a role in Kala Point's ShakeOut, and we'll continue to do these community-wide drills, so that responding to a disaster — individually and cooperatively — becomes second nature for all of us. Being prepared is more than coming up with plans and having the right stuff on hand; in a real emergency, when nothing is normal and action is required, practice matters.

Please watch for more details, and join us on October 17.

- \* Walkie-talkie radios are the most effective and fail-safe way to communicate with your neighbors when other kinds of communication fail. An EPC-approved walkie-talkie is available through your block captain, and comes preprogrammed for your particular zone within Kala Point; the cost is only \$10 including batteries. It's a critical part of your emergency preparations. Get one now!
- \*\* Don't know your zone or your Block Captain and Gathering Place? Click on the links in the previous sentence or go to the Kala Point member website, click on Forms/Documents, Committee Forms & Documents, then EPC to find a current zone map and a block captain/Gathering Place list.

Or email Anne at anne.englander@gmail.com.



# Look Out For The GREAT SHAKEOUT!

Thursday, 10/17 @ 10:17 AM

Millions of Americans will learn what to do when a major earthquake hits.

**Please Participate:** 

**Drop • Cover • Hold On** 

Display your "HELP / OK" sign

Turn on your FRS walkie-talkie

**Meet at your Gathering Place** 

Practice radio communications

Practice • Saves • Lives

### **Committees**

### **Architectural: Reminder**

Thinking of making some changes to your property? Ask permission before:

- Installing fencing
- Constructing new decking
- Painting new exterior colors
- Building a storage shed or other structure
- Re-roofing
- Making exterior additions
- Adding any permanent feature taller than 3 feet
- Laying new paving or stone

Read the Architectural Committee APPs for details. If you have questions, call the KPOA office at 360.385.0814 or the current AC Chair (Caroline McNulty at 360.379.6818) to inquire and submit necessary request for review. Thank you!

### **Grounds: Reminder**

After a storm, it's your responsibility to chop up and cart away the branches and trees that fall in your yard. The Staff has helped in the past to chip debris after storm. But unless you make special arrangements with the Admin Office, you need to haul your own debris to the dump. Hauling debris to the common area along the road is not enough; you need to haul it all the way to the dump or you are in violation of KPOA Rules and Regulations.

For those of you who have a drainage pipe under your driveway apron, make sure that it is clear, free of debris, and ready to accept a deluge from winter storms. This is particularly important for properties that are on a downhill slope, like Baycliff Drive, to avoid a serious water backup at your driveway.

### **Publications: September Meeting Notes**

The Committee met on September 9. The following items were discussed:

- Preparation for the October *Kala Pointer*
- Remembrance of Renate Wheeler's passing
- Print a list of recycle courtesies
- Highlights of the two Jefferson County PUD board meetings
- Cascadia Subduction earthquake potential and leak to EPC website
- Review of the Committee's KPOA website recommendations that was presented to the KPOA Board in September

# EJFR Announces Recruitment of Volunteers for 2020 EMT and Fire Training Opportunities

East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) will test for Volunteers and Volunteer Resident Firefighters on Thursday, October 10, 2019, at 5 p.m. The testing process will include a written exam, physical agility test and interview. In early 2020, the recruits from this testing session will have the opportunity to attend either the local EMT class, hosted by the Jefferson County EMS Council, or the Spring Fire Academy sponsored by the North Olympic Fire Training Consortium.

Volunteers and Volunteer Resident Firefighters can fulfill a variety of roles with the Department, including firefighting, station maintenance, public education, water tender operations and EMT response.



EMT trainee

Once a volunteer has completed the Firefighter 1 Academy they are qualified to fight interior structure fires, rescue trapped individuals, identify and mitigate hazardous material incidents and provide general support to senior firefighters. Volunteers trained as firefighters contribute positively to our WSRB Fire Insurance Rating. Although we are actively recruiting

Combat Firefighting Volunteers, we are also accepting volunteer applications for all positions.

For candidates who wish to prepare for the agility exam, a practice test will be held on October 8, 2019, at 5 p.m. Both the practice and actual exams will be held at EJFR Fire Station 1-5, located at 35 Critter Lane in Port Townsend, next to the County Landfill.

In-District residency is not required.

Completed applications are due in the EJFR administrative offices no later than October 4, 2019, at noon.

For more information and to obtain an application, log on to www.ejfr.org. ◆



EMT class

# Cascadia Subduction Zone Earthquake – What Awaits Us?

By Scott Rovanpera

If you read the article in "The Leader" on September 4, you would have learned that "The Cascadia Subduction Zone is the largest active fault that affects the Pacific Northwest, according to the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management (DEM). Sitting 60 miles off the Pacific Coast, it is capable of producing some of the largest and most damaging earthquakes in the world. It is the only significant fault along the Ring of Fire with no major quake activity in the last 50 years."

The 2016 Cascadia Rising exercise, which served to inform and prepare residents for this catastrophic event, stated "that a damaging earthquake is inevitable on this fault, but we do not know exactly when it will happen."

According to the M9 Project, a University of Washington-based research group studying the hazards and effects of large earthquakes in the Pacific Northwest, the CSZ has produced magnitude 9.0 or greater earthquakes in the past, and undoubtedly will in the near future. The last known megathrust earthquake in the Northwest occurred in 1700. The CSZ may be unique among the world's subduction zones in that it produces very few (if any) earthquakes on the plate interface. But, the CSZ is much more strongly locked than other subduction faults, and thus, has the potential for producing an earthquake that will cause catastrophic damage in Western Washington.

Geological evidence indicates that such great earthquakes have occurred at least seven times in the past 3,500 years — or a return interval of 400–600 years. If you select the minimum interval of 400 years, the next major seismic event may occur by the year

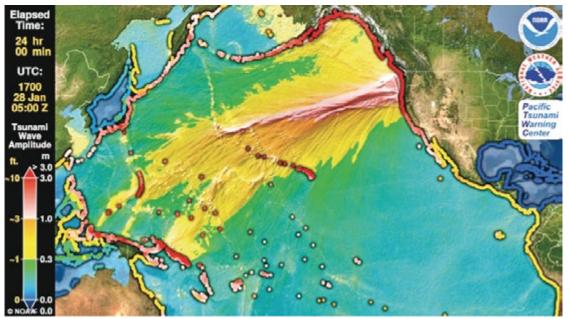
2100. But the deeper Juan de Fuca plate has a seismic event 7 magnitude or greater every 30–50 years, and it may trigger the CSZ to unleash the incredible strain it has been building for more 300 years.

So, what will happen if the CSZ releases a 9.0 magnitude earthquake off the Washington coast? The risk managers are certain that a tsunami will roar down the Strait of Juan de Fuca and seriously damage the Hood Canal Bridge. All low-lying

areas (think Water Street in Port Townsend, Brinnon and the shoreline highway, and our Kala Point beach) will be in harm's way. But Jefferson County DEM worries that a quake of this size will also cut off the Quimper Peninsula from the rest of Washington. With US 101 impassable due to landslides, bridge destruction, and asphalt damage, it will be very difficult to reach Jefferson County.

To learn more about the risk to our home peninsula, read the "The Leader" article that is featured on the Emergency Preparedness Committee website:

epc.kalapoint.org/



The Big One will occur when the Juan de Fuca plate, a 700-mile chunk of the Pacific Ocean, slides under Canada and America. Scientists postulate the entire coastal region could sink at least six feet and possibly trigger a massive tsunami.

Graphic courtesy of NOAA

The Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) is a megathrust fault that runs for more than 620 miles, stretching from Northern Vancouver Island to Cape Mendocino, California. It is a geologic ticking nuclear bomb that separates the Juan de Fuca and the North American plates. The Juan de Fuca Plate moves toward, and eventually is shoved beneath, the North American Plate (aka our continent). At depths shallower than 18 miles or so, the CSZ is locked by friction while strain slowly builds up until the fault's frictional strength is exceeded and the rocks slip past each other along the fault in a "megathrust" earthquake.

### Another great event from the KP Social Plus Committee



# EAT, DRINK & BE SCARY!

Social Plus has been waiting for this night
To practice Mayhem and Mischief and other such fright!
Join us for a happy hour of Halloween fun!

Please bring an appetizer with a Halloween theme to share & of course BYOB! We will supply the plates, napkins & utensils.

Witching hour: Thursday, October 31
 from 5:30–7:30 at the Kala Point Clubhouse

Costumes are optional but encouraged!

If you have any questions, please call the gHosts: Angela George (360.382.7153) or Pattie Horvath (360.385.4458)



### **Neighborhood Classified Ads**

Neighborhood Classified Ads cost only ten cents per word. Please pay at the Kala Point office when you submit your ad.

### **WANTED: RENTAL**

Retired attorneys from Seattle would like to rent a house or condo in Kala Point for the months of July & August. Prefer king (or at least a queen bed). Non-smokers, no pets, and will have no visitors during that time. We've owned unit 21D in the timeshare village since it was built. Please respond by email to LFinegold@gsblaw.com or SharonFinegold77@gmail.com

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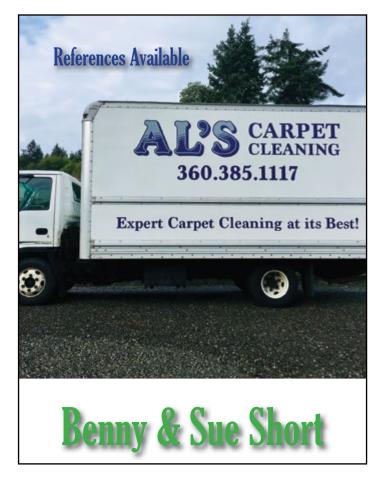
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