

#### President's Message: What Did the Fire Chief Say About Our Safety?

By Joe Englander, President

On behalf of our ad hoc Fire Safety and Fire Hydrant Committee, I contacted East Jefferson County Fire and Rescue with a number questions that were answered by Assistant Fire Chief Brian Tracer and I want to share the answers with all the members of KPOA. Here are slightly edited excerpts from his email with some clarifications from me. Assistant Fire Chief Tracer's answers are in italics.

I have spoken with Eric [Storey] with PUD on several occasions regarding the status of the fire hydrants within Kala Point. As you know PUD has the responsibility to maintain the fire hydrants within Kala Point. It is my understanding that the PUD is working diligently to keep all parts moving. It is my understanding the PUD has replaced two of the three pressure pumps, have maintained the majority of the hydrants, and have placed colored rings on the hydrants indicating pressures as per the NFPA to name a few.

The PUD has contracted with an outside firm to test **all** of the hydrants in Kala Point. Each hydrant will be geo-located, tagged and labeled with the color rings. To my mind, this testing is clearly a result of the efforts of the Fire Hydrant Committee.

Regarding the fire on Pinecrest that destroyed a home, Though the hydrant leaked, it still provided the necessary water needed to suppress the fire... Chief Walkowski and I will be meeting with the PUD to

discuss fire hydrants within our fire district, specifically Kala Point in the near future.

Even if the hydrants in Kala Point are tested, is there some minimum pressure they are required to have and does this vary based on the size of an individual structure? The Fire department does not set requirements. Fire hydrants are governed not only by state law but by the NFPA. There are guidelines set within both the international fire code and the international building code with regard to fire flow. Fire flow is established at the time of construction of each individual residence. How much water is needed, for how long based on square footage.

So, does the fire prevention system in Kala Point seem adequate? The simple fact that you have a hydrant system within Kala Point is definitely a plus compared to true rural residences that have nothing. I believe the system that is currently in place is adequate.

Are there improvements needed in the system? A better question to be asked of the PUD. As with any system, growth (new building construction) will dictate what is needed with regard to additional hydrants and fire flow requirements. With any system there will always be maintenance. Clearing of debris from around hydrants, painting, flow testing, routine maintenance and or replacement.

What steps can the community take to achieve and maintain first rate fire safety? Fire safety as a

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#### February Board Meeting Secretary's Summary

By Kim Titus

Greetings Kala Point residents! Spring feels like it's right around the corner! Before I share a summary of February's Board Meeting, I want to invite you all to the March meeting, scheduled on March 13, at 6 pm in the clubhouse. These periodic evening meetings are intended to make meetings more available to those residents who work during the day. We hope we will see you there.

Members comments or concerns about agenda items Two members shared that the current version of the Architectural APPs did not adequately address concerns about reroofing over trusses designed for lighter roofs. In addition, one member had an interest to modify the proposed preamble to the CC&Rs, which is proposed to describe the intentions of the KP developers when designing the subdivision. The member would like to include a statement to support maintenance of marine views.

Ad Hoc Fire Hydrant Committee President Joe has received a letter from Assistant Fire Chief Brian Tracer answering questions about the condition of our fire hydrants and will share the outcome of the letter. Bill Kaune of the Ad Hoc Committee on Fire Hydrants shared they have accomplished all their goals and have now disbanded. As a result of the committee working directly with the PUD, who owns and maintains KP hydrant system, the hydrants have all been tested and the PUD states that the system is in better shape than we thought. Colored discs have been placed on the hydrants to communicate to fire fighters the pressure that can be expected from that hydrant. All hydrants are working within expected ranges, and Kala Point will have sufficient water should another house fire occur.

**General Manager's Report** General Manager Keith Larson will send a letter to the owner of the burned home on Pinecrest requesting the clean-up of exterior debris.

The board approved the expenditure of funds for new laminate in the fireplace room of the clubhouse, and to add lighting to the clubhouse upper parking lot.

The estimated completion date for the trail leading to the foot bridge is 2/16, and a tree and several stumps were removed from the entrance to Storage Lot A to widen the approach to the lot.

Congratulations to Lynn Schwarz, who is celebrating one year with KPOA on February 20!

**Unfinished Business** – After attorney review, four items have been approved to be on the ballot the July annual membership meeting. The following modifications fall under Article IV of the CC&Rs. They are:

- Firewood stored on the exterior portion of any lot shall be cut and neatly stacked at the rear of the lot. If covered, the cover shall be dark in color and neatly attached.
- Parking of vehicles on private property shall be on

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driveways or approved hard surface extensions and not in the setbacks.

- No vehicles shall be stored or parked within setbacks on any lot except on approved driveways.
- No dwelling on any lot, exclusive of TSUs, shall be rented for a term of less than 30 days.

On advice of legal counsel, the Board rescinded the motion putting the proposed preamble to a vote for inclusion to the CC&Rs, and instead voted to add the preamble to the Rules and Regulations. As requested the "view" statement suggested by a member was included as well.

#### The Preamble states:

Kala Point developers envisioned creating a unique, private, wooded and waterfront community of custom homes and condominiums, some with marine views, within a magnificent natural setting. Kala Point creates its wooded and park-like environment by having underground utilities; by having an absence of street lights and sidewalks; by maintaining and protecting trails, trees and native vegetation; and most importantly, by having homes and structures that are in harmony with the environs. The developers established architectural and landscape-design aesthetics that set the tone for our current standards. Overtime, standards and aesthetics have evolved, but the forming principle have continued to be upheld.

The Board also passed a motion to approve the latest version of the Architectural Committee Administrative Policies and Procedures. While the vote to adopt the current version wasn't unanimous, the committee has made changes to address community concerns and there will opportunities to make modifications over time. Many thanks to the Architectural Committee for their nearly two years of effort.

**New Business** – The Board passed three motions brought forward by the Tree Committee.

Common area trees within 5 feet of a driveway may be trimmed up to a height of 20 feet with the approval of the General Manager. This is to provide clearance for the new garbage trucks.

Tree Committee suggested a non-compliance hearing for an issue they are dealing with.

TC also asked for a change in the name of one of their forms.

#### **Committee report out –**

**EPC** – Working on the "Map your Neighborhood" project and are updating maps of KP for resident names, resident liabilities, propane tanks, water shutoffs and septic tank access.

Team members attended a three-day advanced first aid training on January 17-19.

February 15 – Half-day first aid class for members is full. Next class is May 3, 1-4 pm. Call Terry Rose for more information.

The KP Emergency Radio network test was held on February 12. The morning exercise failed due to a power failure in the KP repeater and team members not understanding the use of back-up channels. The situation has been remedied.

KP now has 7 new licensed Ham Operators: Joe Worrall, Jane Miller, Bob Bergstrom, Frank and Marie Hundley, Joe and Anne Englander.

Block Captains are distributing inexpensive FRS radios to serve as emergency communications within blocks in case all phone and internet service is incapacitated.

In planning - two disaster simulations: one for block captains and another to include all residents. The first exercise, scheduled for April 7, will be a severe winter storm simulation where power and access are cut off for a week. EPC is also planning for a class on pets first-aid and how to handle animals in a disaster.

Finance – Committee will be bringing forward a proposal that will set guidelines for when the GM can accept a single bid. They will also propose a rule that will allow any committee to charge admittance to an event to cover committee costs, w/out Board approval. Lastly, they are reviewing costs to replace the clubhouse in a catastrophic event to update KPOA insurance coverage, and inquire about earthquake retrofitting the admin and clubhouse.

ICC – Committee is doing code reviews. There will be no audit in 2018.

**Publications** – Working on a March issue and a training for website development and maintenance.

#### **Upcoming Events**

March 24, KPOA Potato Bake to Benefit EJ Fire and Rescue.

April 7, KPOA Disaster Simulation

April 28, EPC sponsors fire extinguisher training and servicing in conjunction with EJFR and Tarboo Fire Extinguisher Service.

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Press Release: Feb. 9, 2018

## **Explore the Shore** Learn About our Coastal Landscapes

What lives in the intertidal zone? How do beaches form? Are sea stars recovering from the wasting disease? Do sand fleas (beach hoppers) bite?

Learn all about local coastal landscapes in the 2018 Beach Naturalist Course offered this spring by Jefferson County WSU Extension. This 6-week class is on Wednesdays, March 28 to May 2 from 9 am to 4 pm in Port Hadlock. It's a lively class is designed for anyone interested in shorelines, marine life and natural history.

Students learn about intertidal habitats, coastal geology, kelp, plankton and shellfish. Each session includes classroom lectures by regional experts and field trips to explore new and familiar beaches with fresh perspectives. Class and field trip locations include Port Townsend, Discovery Bay, Dabob Bay and Port Hadlock.

Participants then volunteer 40 hours for local marine-related programs over the next year, connecting with the land while helping to count salmon or Olympia oysters; planting trees to restore habitat; or helping with public outreach.

Registration deadline is March 14, 2018. Space is limited, so register soon. Cost is \$150.

See http://ext100.wsu.edu/jefferson/nrs/beachwatchers/ for more info and registration Some scholarships are available. information. Or contact Cheryl Lowe (360-379-5610 x 230 or Cheryl lowe@wsu.edu).



The 2017 Beach Naturalist course included a weekly field trip, learning about east Jefferson County shorelines. Here they posed for a picture at Discovery Bay.

#### March 2018 Calendar of Events

By Ed Zinser

March 1-10 - Taps at the Guardhouse: Fiber Art Show: 12:00 to 8:00 pm. - Helga Winter along with fellow fiber artists Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry and Cathie Wier have work on display at Taps at the Guardhouse Fort Worden. Location: Taps at the Guardhouse at Fort Worden, 300 Eisenhower Ave. Contact: 360-344-4400 x105.

March 9 - Chimacum Dance Jam: 7:00 to 10:00 pm. The dance is for people of all ages, to explore the energy of movement and sound in a non-judgmental space. We dance what is right for each of us and what brings us joy - a healthy alternative to the club scene. No booze, no shoes! Location Chimacum Grange, 9572 Rhody Dr, Chimacum.

March 10-11 - Fundamentals of Collage and Mixed Media: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Mixed Media and Collage class is for beginners and for collage artists who want to broaden their knowledge base and refresh a variety of skills. The first day of the class is about making papers to use the second day in creating two original, abstract, collage-mixed media creations. Papers will be created using acrylic paints, stencils, mark making tools, ghost prints, marbled paper and specialty papers. We will discuss prepping substrates, composition styles, colors, and demonstrate the process of tearing, layering and adhering papers. Location: Building 306 at Fort Worden. Contact: Anne Schneider, 360-379-8752. Website: Fundamentals of Collage and Mixed Media with Anne Schneider.

March 10 - Jim Page in Concert: 7:30 to 9:30-pm. Jim got his start in the bars and coffee houses of the lower Bay Area in 1966. Wherever there were people he would play. And in 2007, Jim was included in an all-star cast of the 50 Most Influential Musicians In Seattle History, a position shared with Jimi Hendrix and Nirvana. To date, Jim's songs have been covered by The Doobie Brothers, Christy Moore, The Moving Hearts, Dick Gaughan, and many more. Location: Rainshadow Recording Studio, Battery Way, Fort Worden. Contact: 360-301-0291, centrumrecording@gmail.com.

March - 15 - PT Public Library: Adventure Photography with Christian Coxen: 7:00 pm. Christian Coxen is a photographer and adventurer from the Olympic Peninsula. His work portrays his love and devotion to the ocean, mountains, forests, and rivers where a never-ending pursuit of new horizons keeps his soul alive. Examples of his work

can be found at www.christiancoxen.com. Location: Port Townsend Library. Contact: 360-385-3181, ptlibrary@cityofpt.us.

March 18 - Concerts in the Woods: Scott Cossu: 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Scott Cossu is an internationally-known composer, pianist and recording artist. Scott was up front when New Age was just beginning over 30 years ago. He was one of the first Windham Hill Artists to join with founder Will Ackerman and Alex de Grassi, in their new label out of Palo Alto, California. Location: Laurel B Johnson Community Center, 923 Hazel Point Road, Quilcene. Contact: www.coyleconcerts.com/contacts.html.

March 20 - David Lindley In Concert: 7:30 to 9:30 pm. Multi-instrumentalist David Lindley is returning to the Wheeler Theatre. Lindley will perform solo, but don't let that fool you as he will have many of his closest friends on stage, as he brings along an incredible array of stringed instruments including the Kona and Weissenborn Hawaiian lap steel guitar, the Turkish saz and chumbus, as well as the Middle Eastern oud and Irish bouzouki. Location: Joseph F Wheeler Theater, Eisenhower Avenue, Fort Worden. Contact: 360-301-0291, centrumrecording@gmail.com.

March 24 - Kala Point Potato Bake and Chili Cook-Off: 5:30 pm in the Clubhouse. This annual event is a fund-raiser for the East Jefferson Fire and Rescue. The proceeds go to our local stations and are undesignated. That allows the firehouses to use the funds at their own discretion for items that may not fit into their annual budgets. This is always a fun event and we get to meet our favorite First Responders. \$10/person at the door. Reservations March 1-22. See page 5 for complete information.

April 28-29 - Kala Point Art and Photography Show: See page 10 for details.

#### **Kala Point Recurring Events**

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

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

Bridge Every Monday at 11:00 am ,Clubhouse

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

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

rural community is a great question. I truly believe you have the best fire department in the State that serves you well! A better question may be how does the individual property owner best protect their residence and property? And then how does the community of Kala Point protect its assets? I believe it starts with prevention. First from a residential perspective: Smoke alarms, fire extinguishers, routine maintenance of exterior machinery such as heat pumps. Routine clearing of gutters and debris from roof tops, to name a few. From a property prospective: The creation of a buffer between residence and woods. Removing ladder fuels and taller brush from around a residence to include such things as stacked fire wood. As a community. The edge or shoulder of all roadways should be mowed and maintained. Tall trees around buildings should be trimmed, pruned and cut back. Smaller vegetation or ladder fuels should be cut back away from buildings.

One point I'd like to reiterate, do not stack firewood next to your home. It may be more convenient on a cold winter night, but that convenience comes at the price of increased danger to your home. Pretty green bushes of salal are also fire hazards and ignite quickly. So far, we've been fortunate not to have suffered wildfires, but that fortune doesn't mean we shouldn't continue to be vigilant. California should have taught us that fortunes can change in an instant. Use common sense and be prepared.

#### **Kala Point Reading Group**

By Maxine Peirson

A Reading Group, like a Book Club, is for those who love to read and talk about it! How is a Reading Group different from a Book Club? Members in a Book Club select a book to be read by all, Reading Groups can share from writings of authors, with members reading, or not. Discussion can be about the writer, their craft, themes, and invite responses. We meet at the Kala Point Clubhouse on the third Wednesday of each month from 3:30 pm -5:00 pm.



#### It's Time for the Annual East Jefferson Fire & Rescue Fundraiser!



## March 24, 2018, 5:30 pm at the KPOA Clubhouse

Debbie Burk and Nancy Machette, Potato Bake Co-Chairs

The Kala Point Social Plus Committee will hold its annual **Potato Bake and Chili Cook-Off** Fundraiser on Saturday, March 24, at 5:30 pm in the Kala Point Clubhouse. The entire proceeds from your donation will go to the East Jefferson Fire and Rescue. This is your time to let the Firefighters and EMTs of EJF&R know how much they are appreciated. This is the stellar team that provides fast and professional responses to Kala Point emergencies.

Donations start at \$10.00 per person and will be taken at the door. If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation to this important fundraiser, please drop off your donation or mail your donation to Patti Biazzo at 295 Foxfield Drive. Make checks out to East Jefferson Fire & Rescue.

There are nine entries in the Chili Cook-Off and they will be judged by "Chili Masters". If you wanted to enter but didn't, keep it in mind for next year, as we cannot accept any more entries this year.

Reservations begin March 1st. Please call Patti Biazzo at 360-385-3262 or email her at pabiazzo@yahoo.com. You will be asked to contribute a salad or a dessert. Bring your table place settings and a beverage of your choice. Space is limited, so be sure to mark your calendar for March 1st and call Patti to make your reservation. Last day to accept a reservation is March 22 (if space is still available).

If you would like to volunteer to help the committee with the Potato Bake, please call **Debbie Burk** at **360-385-9459** or **Nancy Machette** at **360-385-2224**. We still need help for set-up and clean-up.

## A Message from the Elections Committee

By Mary Ann Schulte

The Elections Committee is once more searching for Kala Point members who are willing to run for one of the three open KPOA Board positions this year. This community has maintained its beauty because of over thirty years of volunteers who have stood up and helped to manage it. Our incredible staff could not possibly handle all the work done by our committees and our board members. Volunteers are our life blood and we need you. This place has grown and evolved over the years and is still one of the most beautiful communities in this area because of people like you who love Kala Point and want to protect it. As you consider serving, you should consider these points:

- 1. It is **your** neighborhood and **your** association.
- 2. Kala Point has remained a vibrant and beautiful place to live for decades because of the involvement and contributions of volunteers like **you**.
- 3. We need good and informed people on our board who understand what makes Kala Point a great place to live and will work to keep it that way.
- 4. Many of your friends and neighbors have served in the past.
- 5. Serving on the board is the best place to learn how the KPOA functions: The role of the directors, the relationship between the board and the committees, the interdependence of the governing documents and how our professional staff is motivated and managed.
- 6. As a board member, you will have an opportunity help implement improvements in our community.
- 7. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and interact with many more of your neighbors.
- 8. You will earn the gratitude of the vast majority of Kala Pointers who have either served in the past or are unable to serve for a variety of reasons.

It does take some time, but most of us have not made it this far in life without making a commitment. You work for what you believe in and most of us believe in and care about this place we call home. As a board member, mediating between neighbors or

enforcing a KPOA rule or regulation that you may not personally favor is part of the job. You may face criticism for decisions made by the board, but you will do what reason and your conscience tell you is right.

As a previous board member, I felt that I developed a better understanding of our community and how it operates. It is a good feeling to have contributed my time and effort to Kala Point. This place has thrived because of its volunteers, so I urge you to step up and take your turn. It is very rewarding.

### The deadline for a timely-declared candidate is the close of business on April 15, 2018.

Send an email or a note to the office by then to declare your intention to run for the board. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Elections Committee member.

#### **Compost Workshop**

By Linda Lemanski

Turn your food and yard waste into treasure! Join your fellow Kala Point residents for an engaging hands-on workshop with instructor Laura Tucker from Jefferson County Public Health. Learn how to create and maintain a healthy compost system with food and yard waste. Create compost to amend your soil, retain moisture, provide essential nutrients for your plants and **more**! The workshop is free, but registration is required. To RSVP, contact Linda Lemanski at 360-643-9262

Participants may choose to receive an Earth Machine composter for \$25 (\$125 value!). One per household, please. These are designed to be dog and critter-proof, with no offensive smell. Pre-purchase your composter by going to: https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3338946. Participants **must** attend the full workshop to receive their composter. Available to Kala Point residents only.

#### **Helpful Household Hints**

From Nancy Leeds

Use a traditional can opener with a short blade to open blister packs and avoid cutting yourself.

Fill cut daffodil stems with water and stuff a cotton ball in the stem before placing in a vase of water. This helps keep flowers fresher longer.

#### Did You Know?

By Michael Machette

#### Nine things about Irondale, our next-door city:

- 1. In 1879, investors established the Iron Company of Jefferson County on the southern mouth of Chimacum Creek.
- 2. As one of only two iron mills on the west coast, there was speculation that Irondale would become the "Pittsburg of the Pacific."
- 3. Stock was sold to East Coast investors and reincorporated into the Puget Sound Iron Company of California in 1882. It failed several times but came back as The Western Steel Company, which produced rolled steel in 1910.
- 4. Owners claimed the ore came from 2 to 4-foot thick bog iron deposits in Chimacum Valley [Machette no such deposits exist or should be there].
- 5. The company built a 600-foot wharf, had 400 feet of water frontage, three miles of track with two locomotives and 35 ore cars. They had 20 large charcoal kilns each holding 75 cords of wood. At least 180 cords of wood were needed each day to produce 180,000 bushels of charcoal each month. The area was clear cut.
- 6. From 1910 to 1917 the town was home to 200-1,500 residents with three hotels, a mercantile, post office, newspaper, hospital, schools, hundreds of homes, and a church. There were telephone, telegraph, water and sewer lines well as.
- 7. By 1919 the mill had failed, fire had destroyed most vacant buildings, and most inhabitants had left. Except for a row of original company homes on Hadlock Avenue, dismantling crews only left brick and concrete foundations that still lurk beneath blackberry brambles today.
- 8. In 2001, the County purchased the beach as parkland and in 2005 discovered that the soil was contaminated with creosote, slag and toxic heavy metals. After years of clean up and restoration by Washington Department of Ecology and partners the Irondale Beach County Park reopened in 2013.
- 9. Now the 130-year old town site is home to and part of the greater Irondale-Hadlock community.

(Abstracted historical records and from remarks by Kathleen Kler at the Grand Reopening Celebration of the park).

May 10, KPOA First Aid Training Class, 1-4:30 September 15, EPC Expo

Kala Point is setting the bar in Jefferson County for disaster preparedness and community participation. Many thanks to all of you who work on committees, participate in events and stay connected to your neighbors. Our community is engaged and that will make all the difference when a disaster happens.

We hope to see you all at the March 13 Board meeting, at 6 pm.

"Strength lies in differences, not in similarities" — Stephen R. Covey

#### First Aid Class at the Clubhouse

By Terry Rose

The next basic First Aid class for residents will be held on Thursday, May 3, from 1:00 pm to 4:30 pm at the Clubhouse. These fun and informative classes are sponsored by KPOA and our Emergency Preparedness Committee. The free class is limited to 15. If you are interested, contact Terry Rose 360-385-1940 or rosenkatz@wavecable.com, to reserve a spot. The February class filled up quickly! Here are some photos:





#### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

I love living in Kala Point. My husband Doug and I have been here since 2000 and every year at this time we experience the tingle of a metamorphosis coming on as Winter becomes Spring. The days don't have such a pewter cast to them. The tulips and daffys are pushing their way to the sunshine. The walkers and their dogs start earlier; go longer.

The little place we choose to call home is picturesque from the moment one enters the gate. We see tall, magnificent trees instead of skyscrapers. We see charming islands, and striking mountains and scenic sail boats on sparkling waters. We have neighbors that wave to us as we drive by. We have an endless supply of engaging things to do and see. It's no wonder Kala Point is an uplifting place to call home. I hope this special corner of the peninsula, as it heralds in spring, enlivens your senses and puts a smile on your face.

Nancy Leeds, Fairbreeze Drive

#### Like for Like Replacement and Repair

By Caroline McNaulty

A new concept was adopted by the Architecture Committee and approved in February by the Board of Directors. If you have any questions call the KPOA office or the Architecture Chair.

The like-for-like concept addresses replacement or repair projects that a homeowner may undertake that **do not** require approval from the Architectural Committee. The concept is based upon the assumption that the replacement or repair type and location has been approved previously and the replacement or repair is consistent with that which has been previously approved. The following are examples of items that fall under the Like-for-Like Replacement/Repair concept:

• Heat Pump: Replacement of the same, smaller or similar-size heat pump in the same location as the former. Conditions: Must be shielded with foliage or wooden surround so that it is not visible from street or to neighbors. If attached to home, surround is to be painted the color of the body of the house. If located away from the house, the surround is to be painted or stained a color that harmonizes with

- the landscape foliage or left to weather naturally. It may not be placed in the setbacks and any required permits must be obtained.
- **Propane Tank:** Replacement of a tank of the same size or similar size in the same location. Conditions: Must be shielded so as to not be visible from street or to neighbors using same materials or foliage as a heat pump. It may not be placed in the setbacks.
- Windows and Skylights: Replacement of windows even if design or size changes. A change in size may require a building permit.
- **Gutters:** Replacement\_of gutters. Condition: color must blend or harmonize with the main body or the trim of the house.
- **Doors:** Replacement of front doors design and color is member choice. Other exterior doors -design and color is member choice but should blend with main body or trim of house.
- Garage Doors: May be wood with natural or wood-colored stain or painted to blend with the main color of the house. They may be prepainted metal with a color that matches or blends with the main color of the house.
- Decks and Wooden Walkways: Replacement and Re-staining in clear or same color. Conditions: Left to weather or if stained or painted, it must harmonize with the color of the exterior of the home. Replacing with composite decking or other materials is allowed if size of deck does not increase. May not be placed in the setbacks. Jefferson County states that permits are commonly required for any deck more than 5 years old due to continually updated earthquake code requirements.
- Exterior Home Lights: Replacement of fixtures attached to home. Conditions: Lumens do not exceed 900 lumens maximum and are not intrusive to neighboring properties.
- Landscape Lighting: Replacement of fixtures in the landscape. Conditions: Lumens are 100 or less and are not intrusive to neighboring homes. May not be placed in the setbacks with exception of driveway.

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## Calling all Kala Point Photographers and Artists

## Social Plus' Spring Art & Photography Show

Saturday, April 28, 12 to 4 pm Sunday, April 29, 1 to 3 pm

To participate, please contact:

Phyllis Wurscher

pjwurscher@gmail.com

This is a non-juried event.

#### Document Shredder Day Spring 2018

By Michael Machette

The Board has agreed to underwrite our second annual Document Shredding Day for Kala Point residents. American Data Guard (ADG) of Seattle, which we currently use for the safe removal of our data records and other sensitive paper documents, will provide this same service for our residents at no charge to us.

This is an **early warning** for the event, which is scheduled for later in the Spring. Residents can bring boxes of documents on a specified day and they will be shredded on site by the company's mobile shredder.

So as you prepare for Tax Day (April 15), take advantage of this opportunity to cull out the old stuff from you files like tax records, bank statements, divorce papers, etc. For more information, contact Michael Machette, KPOA Board member

kpoaboard\_machette@kalapoint.org

#### SAN JUAN TAQUERIA

**Corner Prospect Drive & Highway 19** 

Under New Ownership Same Great Food & Nice Atmosphere Cocktail Bar is now Open

> Monday – Thursday 11 am - 8 pm Friday – Saturday 11 am - 8:30 pm Sunday – 12 pm - 8 pm

### **Neighborhood Ads**

Neighborhood Classified Ads cost only \$0.10 cents per word.

Please pay at the Kala Point Office when you submit your ad.

## One of a Kind Doll Clothing for 12" to 30"dolls

See my designer/hand-sewn collection on Etsy at "wonderful doll clothes". More than 100 choices for that special person. Special orders welcomed. Call Sharon Ross at 360-385-2365.

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- Landscape Structures: Any temporary or permanent landscape structure less than thirty-six (36) inches in height.
- Repainting exterior same color: If repainting/ staining the same approved color no application is needed. Condition: Owner must contact KPOA office to verify same color (manufacturer & number) is documented in the property file. If so, verbal approval is given, and no application is necessary. Many colors are no longer made and lack documentation in files; if there is no documentation, then a new application shall be submitted for full Architectural Committee approval.

If any of the above is new to the property, an application must be submitted for approval before work may begin. All re-roofing and fence replacement or additions must have an application.

**Remember:** You live in an HOA, and have agreed to and are obligated to, maintain an approved and established set of exterior rules that enhances the look and value of all our real estate. Thank you for your cooperation.

#### **New Operators in Kala Point**

By Joe Englander

One of the ways that the EPC prepares for emergencies is make certain we have a way of communicating when phones aren't working, not only from house to house, block to block, and within Kala Point but also to the outside world, especially the Jefferson County Office of Emergency Management. This requires radios. Radios between houses in a single block are the FRS walkie-talkies that the Block Captains are working to distribute. Radios between Block Captains and our Emergency Center operate on Kala Point's business channel. Radios between Kala Point and Jeffco OEM are operated by licensed HAMs. The number of licensed HAMs in Kala Point increased in February by lucky number seven. And we are lucky to have them at our service:

Jane Miller, Joe Worrall,
Frank and Melanie Hundley,
Bob Bergstrom, and Anne and Joe Englander.

## EPA Says Dog Poop is an Environmental Hazard on Par with Pesticides\*

**Bv** Pat Miles

Man's best friend has a dirty little secret, and the Environmental Protection Agency is concerned. The agency estimates that just 2-3 days' worth waste from only 100 dogs can contribute enough bacteria to temporarily close a bay and all watershed areas to swimming or shell fishing within 20 miles.

Consider this: There are now more than 77 million pooches living in the United States, and the average dog deposits about <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> pounds of waste each day. What first appears as a small amount quickly adds up. Picture 267,500 tractor-trailers filled with dog poop. Lined up they would stretch 3,800 miles, from Boston to Seattle. That's 10 million tons each year.

Dog poop is more than just a gross and unsightly mess, it's an environmental pollutant and a human health hazard. When left on the ground, waste eventually breaks down and washes into the water supply, polluting our rivers, streams, creeks and other local waterways.

- Pet waste carries a number of bacteria, parasites and other diseases that can be transmitted to humans, according to the Centers for Disease Control. Dog droppings can transmit different worms that can affect us, especially children. Roundworms, for example, are common in dogs, and can remain alive in the soil for years. According to the CDC, 14 percent of Americans test positive for these worms.
- Another hazard is campylobacter bacteria. Although infection can cause transient gastrointestinal problems in healthy adults, they can cause life-threatening infections in infants, older persons, and people with weakened immune systems. Dog waste can also carry E.coli, parvovirus, and salmonella.

The problem is compounded by rats and other rodents. Dog waste is often a leading food source for rats. Rat urine and feces have been linked to a number of diseases that can easily be passed to humans, including leptospirosis, typhus, and salmonellosis.

Please help our community by bagging and disposing of your dog's waste in the garbage!

\*Excerpted from an article published on line by doodycalls.com (really).

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#### Who to Call When the Phones Don't Work

Anne Englander, EPC Co-Chair

The Kala Point Emergency Preparedness
Committee has launched a new drive to get an EPCapproved walkie-talkie radio into every home in Kala
Point. These will work when other forms of
communication—telephone, cell phone, email,
SMS—won't. You can't afford not to have one. EPC
will take orders, purchase the radios in bulk, and
provide them to residents at cost (currently only \$10
each), pre-programmed and ready to go.

Why it's important: When other methods of communication fail, these simple and inexpensive walkie-talkie radios (FRS or Family Radio Service radios) will allow you to communicate with your block captain and the neighbors within your zone during a disaster. You'll be able to ask for help, let people know you're OK, hear if neighbors need help, and report emergency situations to your block captain.

How it works: The walkie-talkie radios have limited, line of sight range - good enough to allow short-range communication within your immediate neighborhood, on a specifically assigned channel for your zone. In a disaster our Kala Point Block Captains, using specialized radios that reach across Kala Point, will roll up reports by zone to the EPC decision-making team. The EPC team will then work to address emergencies and relay urgent requests by ham radio to the county's Department of Emergency Management.

Why order from EPC? We are encouraging each family to order an EPC approved walkie-talkie. That way we will all be using the same type of radio. Your walkie-talkie will be delivered to you ready to use. All you will need to do is turn the unit on in the event of an emergency.

How do I get one? Contact your block captain and let them know you want one. EPC will program your radio, your Block Captain will deliver it to you, and you'll fork over \$10. A small price to pay for additional peace of mind.

Don't know who your block captain is? Contact Anne Englander, EPC Chair, at anne.englander@gmail.com or 360-316-9339. Your volunteer block captain is an important lifeline; get to know them, share information about your family (special needs? pets? supplies/tools on hand?), and be ready to help in the event of an emergency.

#### First Things First: Preparing for an Emergency

By Anne Englander, Co-Chair Emergency Preparedness Committee

We've all seen the terrible and disruptive toll that recent hurricanes, fires, earthquakes, and storms have taken on our state, the U.S., and countries around the world. Remember that in a major disaster affecting our peninsula, we've been told we will be YOYO (you're on your own) for some time - perhaps even several weeks. It's up to each of us to stock our own home with 30 days' worth of basic items that will help us shelter in place and see us through until outside help and supplies arrive.

What are the top five, most important things you can do? Here are the priorities, if you haven't begun your emergency preparations, this is your starting point:

- 1. Water Store one gallon of drinking water per person per day. That's 30 gallons per person. And that's no joke. If we don't have electricity in Kala Point, we are not going to have water either. Inexpensive, sealed 2.5-gallon containers of water that will last for years are available at most grocery stores. Larger containers are available from Costco and Amazon, among others.
- 2. Food Store a 30-day supply of non-perishable food per person. Select foods that require no refrigeration and limited cooking or preparation, and that meet your dietary restrictions. Rotate the food supply based on the expiration date on the containers.
- **3. Medications** Keep a 30-day supply of vital medications on hand; rotate the medications as you refill the prescriptions.
- 4. Sanitation If water pipes and septic systems fail, you'll need to use a twin-bucket toilet system: have on hand two five-gallon buckets with lids, a seat that fits the buckets, and supplies such as toilet paper, soap, disposable gloves, hand sanitizers, wipes, garbage bags, and personal hygiene items. If you don't know what a two-bucket system is, consult your Kala Point Emergency Preparedness Handbook or come to an EPC meeting and we'll explain it.
- 5. **5. First aid** kit and instruction booklet. If you don't know first-aid, EPC is offering a free course Thursday afternoon, May 3rd. There may

be a few places left. Contact Terry Rose, 360-385-1940 or rosenkatz@wavecable.com.

If you can't pull 30 days worth of these items together right now, focus first on stocking a seven- to ten-day supply, and then add to it on a regular basis.

It's up to you to take action now. As generous as your friends and neighbors are, it's not feasible or fair to rely on them to provide the basic supplies that will keep you alive and well when you can do it for yourself and your loved ones. You must take responsibility for being as self-sufficient as possible, with an adequate supply of these high-priority items on hand for you and your family. The better prepared we *all* are, the better our Kala Point community will fare in a disaster.

#### Who Ya Gonna' Call?

By Nancy Leeds

The first thing most people think about after an emergency is to let friends or families know they are ok. How wise of you to have made pre-arranged plans on who to call as your out-of-the area-contact! Just be sure your contact knows who they are and who you would like them to pass the information to. An "out of the area contact" is someone who lives in a different time zone or, at least, resides outside the Olympic Peninsula area.

The best way to make contact is by texting on your phone because even though cell towers may be down, text messages keep trying to go through via different routes. If you do not have the ability to text, you can try phoning. If phone service is down, go to one of the ham radio operators in Kala Point to get your message to your contact, who will in turn let your family and friends know you are okay. Setup a specific time of day that you will report back with an update. Do not text or call on the hour because lines are typically much busier then. Try to limit your call to one time a day to keep phone lines available to our first responders.

Another valuable piece of information is to inform the KPOA office of the name and phone number of your contact. That way, if you are injured, someone else has the information to make the call.

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