
Kala Pointer

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From the Desk of KPOA President

Mark Lannon, Board President



Wild Honeysuckle
by Sharon Bastian

A couple of months ago I wrote a piece about pedestrian and driver safety. I want to give you a progress report.

The Board recently resurrected a final report on pedestrian safety that was the product of an ad hoc committee in 2021. That report, with a wide range of recommendations and various costs, was presented to the current Board for discussion. Some action items resulted from those discussions.

First, a small new ad hoc committee was formed. This committee will review the 2021 final report and discuss additional options that will promote pedestrian safety here in Kala Point. That committee includes two Board members and two Kala Point members.

Second, the Board will provide the committee with initial financial parameters for them to work within — obviously the sky is not the limit.

If you have expertise in this area or in the area of communications and would like to join the committee, please contact [myself](#) or Board members [Michael Machette](#) and [Kim Titus](#). Remember, safety is *everyone's* business. ♦

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The Kala Point community is a common-interest residential homeowner association (HOA). When purchasing or building within Kala Point, homeowners agree to follow the HOA's governing documents, which include: Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions of Record (CC&Rs); Rules and Regulations; Bylaws; 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.

August Board Meeting Summary

[Dan Nordlund](#), Board Secretary

The August KPOA Board Meeting was held August 11 at 3 p.m. It was a hybrid meeting held in person at the Clubhouse and over Zoom. Directors in attendance: M. Lannon, president; J. Reeves, vice president; D. Nordlund, secretary (on Zoom); K. Skolrud, CFO; and Directors S. Stanton, P. Miles, K. Titus, and D. Moses. Also in attendance were Keith Larson, general manager; and Felice Thompson, executive assistant; and 24 attendees: 20 in person and four by Zoom.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. The August 2023 agenda was approved (as amended).

Under member comments, Marilyn Berry pointed out that the KPOA Calendar and meeting schedules need to be updated and synchronized on all platforms. There are inconsistencies that make attending committee meetings difficult.

Under director comments, M. Lannon asked to move the appointment for the open Board of Directors seat to the beginning of the agenda. The revised agenda was approved.

The Board then took up the task of filling the vacant Director position. After introduction of the two candidates, the Board voted by secret ballot and Michael Machette was elected to fill the vacant position. He was then seated as a director.

The only announcement was the usual notice that the deadline for submissions to the September *Kala Pointer* was August 19.

The minutes of the July 2023 Board meeting were then approved.

General Manager's report

The Board voted to set the Date of Record for October 15, 2023, for the Annual Membership/Budget Ratification Meeting. The date of record is the cut-off date for new owners that can vote. No new owners after the date of record are eligible to vote unless the previous owner(s) signs a proxy to the new owner(s).

Next, the Board voted to set the 2024 Budget Presentation for Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse and by Zoom. The Board then voted to set the Annual Membership & Budget Ratification Meeting for Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 3 p.m. Supporting documents for the Annual Membership/Budget Ratification Meeting will be mailed Monday, November 13, 2023. Elections Trust (a third-party election service) is being retained again to handle voting for the upcoming Annual Membership/Budget Ratification Meeting.

GM Larson also presented updates on scheduled and upcoming reserve projects. For details, check the minutes or the recording of the August 2023 meeting which can be found on the Board of Directors landing page of the [KPOA website](#).

The Grounds report noted that storage lot lines, Clubhouse parking lot lines, and handicap markers have been painted. The pressure washing for Tennis Courts 1, 2, 4, 5, and the Sports Court has also been completed.

Old business

KPOA is seeking bids for a marine structural engineer. A statement of work and request for proposal (RFP) was sent to four firms. One firm declined the project, one has returned an RFP, and two other bids are expected.

New business

1. The Board approved the 2024 committee budgets as presented by the Finance Committee
2. The Board approved the 2024 Draft Budget as presented by the Finance Committee for review by the membership
3. A discussion about pedestrian safety in Kala Point is being revived; the 2021 Pedestrian Safety report provided some good options for changes
 - Geoff Genter volunteered to co-chair an ad hoc committee with Kim Titus
 - Phil Brodt, who has DOT work experience, has also volunteered to join the committee along with Mark Lannon
 - If you have experience in this area and are interested in helping, contact Kim Titus or Geoff Genter
4. A first read of the revised [APP XVI Strategic Planning](#) was presented
5. There are three, three-year positions up for election at this year's Annual Membership Meeting; announcements have been placed in the *Kala Pointer* and on the bulletin boards

There being no further business, the Board voted to recess until the September 12 meeting.

Note: For more details about the meeting, supporting documents, and a recording of the board meeting, visit the [Board of Directors landing page](#) (login required) on the website. ♦

Executive Session to Review Maintenance Staffing

Dear KPOA Members,

Currently, Kala Point is seeking to fill two maintenance staff positions. Resignations from these positions are unrelated. One maintenance employee submitted their resignation, and the other employee is moving out of the area and will be resigning soon. There has been no question as to the quality of work provided by either employee recently or over many years. The Board joins you in wishing them much success in their future endeavors.

The full Board of Directors met in Executive Session on Monday, August 28, 2023, to review recent personnel actions taken by the general manager and the Board's Personnel Committee. The Board found that the process undertaken was appropriate and in keeping with accepted personnel practices.

The Board is dismayed with the number of emails and social media postings on this matter, which were both malicious and ill informed. We hope this brief statement will serve to quiet rumors and reassure our members that the right thing was done by our organization.

It is the commitment of the KPOA Board to follow KPOA policies, laws and regulations of employment in Washington State. Doing so is in the best interest of past and current employees, and the members of Kala Point.

KPOA Board of Directors

Pier Project Webpage

Keith Larson, general manager

Dear KPOA Members:

We have recently added a new page under the Amenities tab on our KPOA website for the [Beach Pier Project](#). You must be logged into the website to use this link.

KPOA will be posting the latest information concerning the Pier Project on this page. On this page are:

- The photos of the Pier Project damage
- Request For Information (RFI) document
- The initial report from the 2012 Wood Care Systems pier inspection report and the 2023 Evergreen Wood Restoration inspection report
- The list of marine structural engineers who were solicited
- The three structural engineering firms who have submitted their responses to the RFI

We will use this page to keep the membership updated as we receive further information. ♦



Kala Point's floating pier in summer 2022. Photo by Kevin Smith

A Revision to Our CC&Rs: Care and Appearance of Premises

Patsy Mathys, chair, Elections Committee

Our Board is proposing a revision to our CC&Rs that will be voted upon by the membership during December's Annual Membership Meeting. Similar to many state and local elections, a "for" and "against" argument may be presented in our voters' packet for the benefit of our membership per our Elections Committee's APP.

An argument "for" this resolution has been prepared. If you, individually or with a group of like-minded members, would consider submitting an "against" argument, please call me at 360.643.1326 or [email me](#) before September 19.

Below is the proposed change to [CC&R](#) Article IV, Chapter B. The red type represents the proposed deletions and additions.

Section 7. Care and Appearance Premises: As to Lots, the Lot owners, and as to Condominiums and Time Share Condominiums, their respective Owner Associations, shall maintain the improvements located on their premises and the grounds of such premises in a neat and attractive manner, and in particular, shall keep the grass and weeds cut, ~~shall control the growth and spread of alder trees,~~ shall keep the shrubbery pruned, and shall promptly remove dead trees, shrubbery and plants. Such Owners and Owner Associations shall maintain the exterior of improvements on their premises in a good state of repair and condition. If neglected, ~~the Grounds Committee of~~ the Board shall give written notice to the Owner or Owner's Association, setting forth the corrective work required to be done. If such corrective work has not been completed by such Owner or Owner's Association to the ~~Grounds Architectural Committee's Board's~~ reasonable satisfaction within thirty (30) days after notice from ~~such committee the Board,~~ then the ~~Committee Board~~ shall have the right to remove any objectionable materials, plants or trees, and to submit billings to the Owners or Owner Associations for the cost and expense of such work. Firewood stored on the exterior portion of any lot shall be cut and neatly stacked at the rear portion of the lot. If covered, the cover shall be dark in color and neatly attached.

Section 15. Common Area Vegetation: View paths and shrubbery growth in the Common Areas shall be maintained by the Association. The ~~Board Architectural Committee or the Grounds Committee~~ shall review and approve all requests for clearing, tree removal or limbing in the Common Area. The Board or a duly appointed committee of the Board shall determine the party responsible for the cost of such removal, clearing, or limbing. ♦

Clubhouse Updates

Felice Thompson, executive assistant, Kala Point Administration

Jefferson Health Department came for a site visit of our

Clubhouse facility a few weeks ago. We had excellent scores for our pool and Jacuzzi chemical and temperature maintenance, and cleanliness of the facilities.

It was noted we did not have an emergency phone poolside, and the exit doors from the locker rooms and the clubhouse main room were not up to code. These doors allowed young children to access the pool and possibly incur injury.

We have refitted our locker room doors and main room exit door at the Clubhouse with latching handles located 60 inches above the base of the door. Only an adult can push them open. The emergency phone was moved from the Clubhouse's office area to a new poolside location.

These changes meet with the State's requirements, and the inspector will be coming to sign off on these safety precautions. ♦



Word for the day:
Hurkle-durkle
a 200 year-old Scottish
term meaning to
loungue in bed
long after it's time
to get up.
Happiness is
hurkle-durkling.

Submitted by Bill Hasan



Going Solar

Story and photos by Michael Machette

Recently, Kala Point residents Gary and Gay Eisenberger of Kala Heights Drive expanded their solar array to a full-house application. Previously, [Cascadia Solar](#) (a division of Frederickson's Electric) had installed 14 400-watt panels on the garage roof. This worked so well for the Eisenbergers that they had Cascadia Solar add 12 panels more to the main house.

Both applications have south-aspects for maximum efficiency. At full capacity, the solar panels generate 10 kilowatts per hour. In addition, a Tesla Solar Wall (battery bank) was installed in the garage to recharge their Tesla vehicle during the night.

In 2022, Congress enacted the 25C Tax Credit through 2032, which enables homeowners to claim a federal tax credit equal to 30 percent of energy-efficient home-improvement costs. This constitutes real and substantial savings; if interested, contact an installer about your individual case.

This full-house application has allowed the Eisenbergers to be off grid at most times and to feed excess power back to the PUD. As far as I know, they are the first Kala Point residents to be energy independent. Congratulations! ♦



The Eisenberger array of solar panels takes full advantage of the sun.

KPOA International Dinners are Back!

Social Plus



Cuban-themed dinner at the Brewster-Erreca home. Photo by Phyllis Wurscher

We are now accepting signups for the KPOA International Dinners. Couples and singles are welcome. The deadline to sign up is September 20, 2023. Call Pat Wrobel at 360.643.7022 or email her at wrobocof@gmail.com.

For those new to the KPOA International Dinner group, this is how it works. There are three international-themed dinners planned over a span of nine months. The first timeframe is scheduled for October through December 2023, the second is from January through March 2024, and the third is from April through June 2024.



*German-themed dinner at the Machette home.
Photo by Michael Machette*



*Indian-themed dinner at the Donnelly home.
Photo by Katharine Donnelly*



*German-themed dinner at the Gorski home.
Photo by Patti Biazzo*

Residents must sign up for all three dinners. Residents who sign up are asked to host one of the three dinners. Each dinner will have four to six guest diners assigned to a host. If a resident wants to participate but is unable to host or unable to commit to all three dinners, then that resident will be on the alternate list to fill in as a dinner guest when needed.

The International Dinner Committee has selected New England as the theme of the first dinner. Ukraine was selected for the second dinner, and Korea for the last dinner. Dinners consist of appetizers, main dish, side dishes (soup/salad or vegetable) and a dessert. The host will be responsible for the main course and the dinner guests will be asked by the host to bring the other dishes. Beverages can be decided by the host.

After the signup deadline, each participant (couple) will be assigned to host one dinner. Each host and dinner guest will be assigned to a different host with different dinner guests for each of the three dinners. The host and dinner guests will determine the date of their dinner within the three-month period. The hope is for residents to meet new neighbors at each dinner. We sometimes have repeats of guests, but we try not to do so.

Once the hosts are selected, they will receive more information about who their guests will be and may be provided with a suggested menu and a few recipes.

Please sign up with Pat by September 20, 2023. If a single resident wants to come with another single, sign up as one party, but give both names.

When you sign up, you will be asked for the following information:

- Name(s)
- Address
- Phone number
- Email address
- Number of guests you can accommodate in your home

If you email the above information to Pat (wrobocof@gmail.com), she will send you an email confirmation. If you don't receive confirmation, please resend your email or call her. ♦

Kala Point Pétanque Group

George Engelbeck

The Kala Point Pétanque Group was recently given a set of beautiful pétanque boules (balls) from KP resident Janine Cortell.

Janine used to play pétanque and was happy to have her boules be used. The boules are at the Clubhouse in the office; feel free to borrow them to play at the court by the beach gazebo.

If you don't know what pétanque is, here's some info: Pétanque is a French game that is similar to bocce ball. It is played with metal balls called boules, which are thrown at a smaller target ball called the jack. The goal of the game is to have your boules land closer to the jack than your opponent's boules.

The game is low impact and easy to learn, but difficult to master. If you are interested in learning more about pétanque, or if you would like to play pétanque, please email me at gengelbeck@gmail.com.

Here are two links to the rules of the game:
[Simple rules for Pétanque](#)
[Official rules for the sport of Pétanque](#)

There is a court by the beach gazebo where the group meets to play. We would love to have you join our group of pétanque players! ♦

(Top photo) Pétanque set donated to Kala Point by Janine Cortell

(Middle) Whit Porter lets a boule fly as a visiting friend (left) and George Engelbeck (right) watch

(Right) Whit Porter readies his throw.

Photos by Laurie Engelbeck



Architectural Committee Guidelines

Pat Miles, chair, Architectural Committee

Garage Doors

Guidance for replacing garage doors falls under "like for like" provisions of the APPs. "Like for Like" projects come with conditions. Replacement garage doors must be painted the color of the body of the house or something very close to that color. This helps garage doors blend seamlessly into the home, which is meant to blend into the wooded, parklike landscape.

White garage doors are not authorized unless having been approved by a previous AC. Unless you have documentation that shows the door you are replacing was authorized to be painted white, you will need to paint the replacement garage door. (See [Article III-2, Modifications to Existing Homes](#), Para 5 - "Maintenance and Repair", Subpara b. "Like for Like," Section vi - "Doors.")

Fencing

Need to restrict the movement of children or pets, and/or protect vegetation from wildlife? The Architectural Committee will work with you to accomplish those goals.

To maintain Kala Point's parklike, wooded landscape, every fence application is evaluated on a case-by-case basis taking into consideration visibility from the street, neighboring properties, and unreasonable restriction or blocking of the view from any adjoining lot.

Because lots vary to a great degree, what may have been approved for one property doesn't form a precedent for any other property. (See [Article III-2, "Modifications to Existing Homes," Paragraph J, "Fences and Pet Enclosures"](#)). ♦

It ~~Can't~~ Can Happen Here

Mark Miller, chair, EPC

On August 1 a serious brush fire broke out on Beaver Valley Road, just 10 miles south of Kala Point, requiring immediate evacuation of area homes. Within minutes, a thermal imaging drone was deployed that could see the fire spreading rapidly through dry brush under the tree canopy.

Mutual aid was called in from as many as 10 agencies: firefighters from as far away as Bremerton responded, and water drops by a DNR helicopter responding from Olympia were necessary to bring the fire under control. Fortunately, no homes were lost, and no one was injured.



Crews assemble to fight the fire on Beaver Valley Road last month. Photo courtesy of East Jefferson Fire Rescue

On August 9, Fire Chief Bret Black met with an assembled audience of approximately 50 Kala Point residents at the Clubhouse and presented a timeline of the Chimacum fire event, from the initial report of a 30-by-60-foot roadside fire, to a fire covering an estimated dozen acres and involving dozens of firefighters, to eventual stand down. Although the meeting was to be available by Zoom to watch online, technical difficulties prevented it from being accessible; however, it was recorded and may be watched by going to [youtube.com/watch?v=dhGoErLM7AU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dhGoErLM7AU).

Among the many questions Chief Black addressed were:

How was information about the fire and evacuation disseminated to the public? By the NIXLE alert system and by the Wireless Emergency Alert System (WEA). While WEA alerts are received on most cellphones automatically, similar to Amber Alerts, Chief Black stressed how critical signing up for NIXLE alerts is to receiving emergency notifications. (See the following article on how to sign up for NIXLE alerts.)

What caused the fire to spread so rapidly? Firstly, access is always an issue when there is only one road by which to access a fire, making it very difficult for the fire engines. Traffic was stopped for miles in both directions, there is no shoulder for vehicles to move over or turn around (semis had to back up for miles to clear the road!). Secondly, the wind was gusting in rapidly changing directions, making access to the fire lines unpredictable and very dangerous for firefighters. And thirdly, there was significant tinder-dry underbrush, exacerbated by our current drought conditions and below-average rainfall in July (average is 2.7"; July 2023 was only .01").

What are the odds of such a fire happening in Kala Point? Very difficult to say. We can no longer rely on history to guide us because climate is changing. Temperatures are higher, humidity is lower, rainfall patterns are changing. Under the right combination of circumstances — an ignition source to start the fire, dry plant material to burn, and wind to fan the flames — it certainly could happen in Kala Point. What residents can do to minimize the risk to their homes is to follow the “Firewise” recommendations at [firewise.org](https://www.firewise.org), including clearing a defensible space around their houses, keeping gutters and roofs clean, and reducing “ladder fuels” that cause brush fires to become tree and house fires.

And, Chief Black added, “If you even *think* it might be a good idea to evacuate, don’t wait to be told — evacuate!” ♦

Knowledge is Power in a Crisis

Mark Miller, chair, EPC

How will you know if something is occurring that requires an immediate response on your part? If an earthquake occurs, you'll feel it. But if a tsunami is on its way, or the smoke you smell has become an imminent threat of fire that requires evacuation, the sooner you have reliable and actionable information, the more time you will have to prepare and respond. Below are some critical means of obtaining timely and accurate information.

KPALERT

KPAAlert is a Kala Point-focused emergency notification system. Urgent messages from the Kala Point Board, Administration Staff, or the Kala Point Emergency Preparedness



Alert: Large brush fire at 6037 Beaver Valley Rd. All residents approx. 1/2 south on east side of road advised to evacuate.

Large brush fire at 6037 Beaver Valley Rd. All residents approx. 1/2 south on east side of road advised to evacuate (approximately Templet Drive to Tall Tree Lane)

Instructions:

Residents advised to evacuate immediately if in affected area. Contact Jefferson County DEM at 360-385-9368 with questions. Call 911 for life threatening emergencies.

Alert Details

Severity:

Severe - Significant threat to life or property

Urgency:

Expected - Responsive action SHOULD be taken soon (within next hour)

Certainty:

Observed - Determined to have occurred or to be ongoing

Category:

FIRE: Fire suppression and rescue

Event Description:

Wildfire

A sample NIXLE notification

(EPC) may be sent by text message to your cellphone. Messages may include such things as major road closures within Kala Point, fire evacuation instructions, emergency "boil water" notices, etc.

Residents are not automatically enrolled in KPAlert. Sign up by going to app.mobile-text-alerts.com/subscribe/kalapointtextalerts

Or simply text the word "KALA" to 360.200.0205 from each cell phone you wish to receive notices. To unsubscribe at any time, reply to any text message with the word STOP.

NIXLE

County-wide alerts, advisories, and warnings are issued by the Dept. of Emergency Management, Port Townsend Police, Jefferson County Sheriff, and PUD through the NIXLE alert system. Sign up for Jefferson County text message alerts by going to co.jefferson.wa.us/1066/Alerts-Warnings

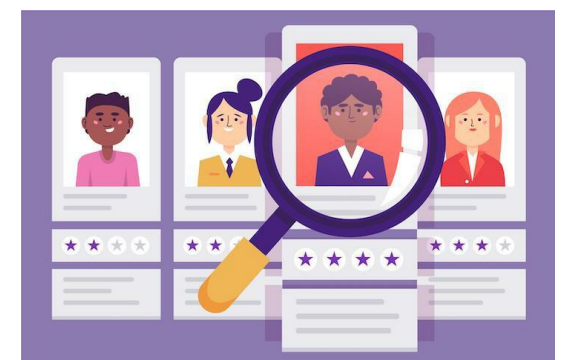
Or simply text our zip code "98368" to the six-digit phone number 888777. To unsubscribe at any time, reply to any text message with the word STOP. ♦

Kala Point Really Needs You!

Patsy Mathys, chair, Elections Committee

What motivated you to move to Kala Point? Maybe it was our beach, much used by walkers, pets, and boaters. Perhaps it was our greenery: the majestic firs, hemlocks, cedars, and beautiful landscapes. Or maybe you simply appreciate our well-maintained custom home aura. Once here, you may enjoy our potlucks, newcomer events, and Clubhouse for exercise, spa, bridge, yoga, and pool.

We have good staff maintaining our amenities. We also have about 80 member volunteers on various committees such as Grounds, Architectural, Publications, EPC and Elections. Overseeing all are our nine dedicated board members, a crucial element to making Kala Point a desirable neighborhood.



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The Elections Committee takes this opportunity to invite you to become a member of our important Board of Directors.



You may feel hesitant to accept this invitation or concerned about time commitment. Serving on our Board of Directors will involve a monthly board meeting, ideally less than two hours attending in person or via Zoom.

Board members also serve as a representative and an alternate representative on a committee. There are occasional meetings such as variance hearings.

There are great rewards to serving on our Board:

Making Kala Point a nicer place to live: Your analysis and decision making as a Board member enhance our community.

Bringing your valuable skills to the table: Our Board needs a diversity of skills — including finance, legal, operations, and communication — among its members to improve our community.

Protecting your investment: You will have significant influence on assessments, community improvement projects, and future vision of our community, all of which affect our property values.

Interaction with Kala Point members: Listening to membership ideas and learning what matters to them, you can help bring those priorities to life. Also, your involvement with Kala Point members may form unexpected friendships and camaraderie.

A strong homeowners' association always needs new volunteers with fresh ideas. We will be electing three new Board members for a three-year term in December. Please consider volunteering to be a Board candidate. Chat with one of our Elections Committee members listed below. Deadline for declaring your candidacy is **September 15**.

Yes, Kala Point needs you!

Elections Committee Contacts:

Patsy Mathys, chair: 360.643.1326

Paul Fleischman: 972.839.9497

Charla Jean Lo Reaux: 510.677.0820

Jani Weller: 360.821.1336

Dale Moses, Board rep: 360.385.5530 ♦



Get to Know Your Neighbors

Story and photo by Laurie Engelbeck

**Dominic and Stephanie Svornich
Alderwood Place**



Dominic and Stephanie with Crumsley

Dominic and Stephanie Svornich bought their home on Alderwood Place in December 2020, and moved in the following February.

Prior to that, they lived in uptown Port Townsend for eight years, and owned the Cellar Door, a downtown bar and music venue, until they sold it in 2019. While looking for a house to buy, they found out someone they knew was selling. They jumped on the opportunity.

Since they bought their home, they have been working on updating it and the yard. They have done much of demolition themselves and enjoy “tinkering” on the house and making it their own.

They say they miss their neighbors uptown, but are getting to know people in Kala Point now. What they *don't* miss? Having the high school football team and band practicing nearby early in the morning.

They have found an “immense change” in the quality of life here. They love their quiet cul-de-sac, having a garage and space to garden. They both are getting to know the local birds.

Dominic and Stephanie have been together for 12 years and married for nine. They both grew up on Bainbridge Island and went to the same high school, but at different times. They met through mutual friends when Dominic was living in Port Ludlow. They have a bunny named Crumsley and a cat named Chowder.

For fun, Stephanie likes to do watercolors, play with her bunny, and garden. Dominic loves to cook and read. They both enjoy travel and going to concerts and music festivals. They especially like to go to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico, and would like to travel more in Central and South America.

In Kala Point, they enjoy being close to the state park and say the Kala Point beach is “without parallel.” They love seeing dogs on the beach and wild animals like bobcats in the neighborhood, though they worry about their cat being outside.

When they worked in the bar, they worked seven days a week until 2 a.m. Dominic has worked on nonprofit boards for 15 years. Now they are “redirecting our energies into our own pursuits.”

Dominic is a loan officer for a mortgage company and Stephanie is a real estate agent. They enjoy working with people who have had trouble getting loans, and find it rewarding when clients are able to get a home of their own.

They also produce music events and rent gear for music at weddings and other events, including Concerts on the Dock. They hope to produce more events and small music festivals. ♦

Walking in Wild Beauty: Up the Hoh River to Mount Olympus

Story and photos by Bob Hare

Like its namesake in Greece, our Mount Olympus radiates spiritual power and evokes awe. Rising like a mighty axis at the heart of the Olympic Peninsula, five of Mount Olympus’ seven glaciers nurture the diverse life of the Hoh Rain Forest with its milky blue glacial melt water. Wanting an up-close experience of Olympus and its spectacular Blue Glacier, I obtained a wilderness permit for a five-day, 37-mile roundtrip solo backpack up the Hoh River to the lateral moraine of the Blue Glacier at 5,130’ above the Pacific.



Day 1: July 30, 2023

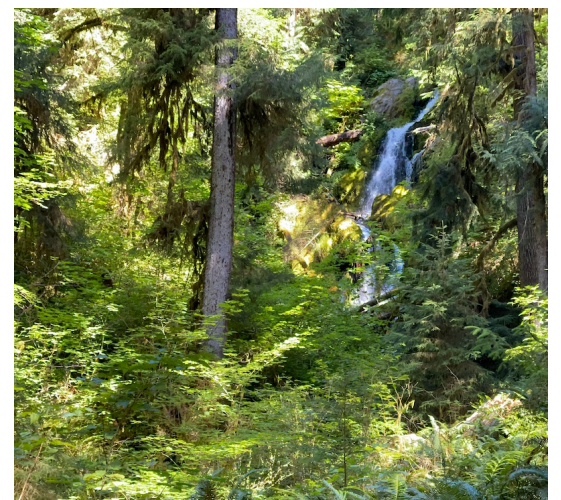
Five miles: Hoh River Trailhead to Five Mile Island

After an hour in traffic, inching my way toward the entrance station and begging for a parking spot, I shouldered my pack and hiked 1.6 miles on the wrong trail! When I found the trailhead, it was late afternoon, and my planned first-day hike of nine miles shrank to five. I gladly pitched my tent at Five Mile Island Camp on the banks of the Hoh River.

Day 2: July 31

Ten miles: Five Mile Island to Martin Creek

Today, I made up the missing four miles from yesterday, passing the Olympus Guard Station, crossing the High Hoh Bridge, and climbing the steep forested canyon wall of Glacier Creek. The singing of Martin Creek Falls welcomed me to my camp for the next two nights. I pitched my tent behind a huge mossy boulder, filtered my water, and reconstituted my dehydrated dinner. Tired but happy, I relished my hot meal, my butter cookies, and my solitude.



Day 3: August 1

Three-mile roundtrip day hike: Martin Creek to Blue Glacier Overlook

Today offered both great challenges and rewarding vistas. Carrying only water, lunch, and a jacket, I passed Elk Lake Camp and carefully descended the 100-foot “Jemrod Gully Ladder,” bridging a landslide. Beyond Glacier Meadows Camp, I surmounted two steep rocky slopes to the top of the lateral moraine. Suddenly, the restricted rocky ravine opened to the sublime panorama of Mount Olympus’ three peaks, its ice falls, and the grand sweep of the Blue Glacier below me. For an hour, it was just me, the mountain, and the glacier rumbling with the sounds of falling rocks tumbling off the black ice onto the base of the moraine.



Day 4: August 2

Returned to Five Mile Island

Day 5: August 3

Returned to my car, exhausted but safe. My trusty trekking poles and cautious study of every rock and root on my route kept my 74-year-old self upright.

In those five glorious days, I found more than I sought — miles of silent sauntering through the emerald light of the Hoh Rain Forest, climbing among ancient conifers, marveling at the colorful faces of wildflowers, meditating with a living glacier, falling asleep to the song of the Hoh, and awakening to the high cry of osprey. Everyone I met was an instant friend. We were all walking in wild beauty and singing the song of the Hoh weaving together mountain, forest, and sea! ♦



Big Rock in Your Yard?

Michael Machette

Some Kala Point residences have big rocks in their yard, but they weren't put there by mankind. If you have a rock that is more than about three feet long, chances are it was deposited by a glacier about 15,000 years ago as the ice melted away. The glaciers, some 4,000 feet thick here, extended from Canada south through the Puget Sound and west down the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Like giant bulldozers, they carried all manner of rock and sediment with them. As the ice wasted away, that material was deposited as glacial till, most of it coming from Canada.



These rocks are not native to the area; for example, there are no granites in this part of Washington. The large boulders are termed erratics, the Latin term *erraticus* meaning "wandering, straying, or roving."

Glacial erratics are found throughout the region, on the Quimper Peninsula and here in Kala Point. Sometimes they are used as landscape objects, other times they lurk, unmovable, in unnoticed areas surrounded by vegetation. The largest I've found here is a 23-foot-long behemoth named "Libby's Rock" on Sulgrave Place. If you have one more than six feet long, please [email me](#). I'm keeping track of them — we don't want them to wander off. ♦

Gerald Ballein

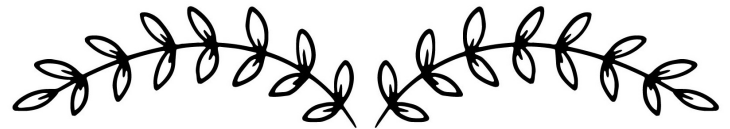
Gerald passed away on August 24. According to wife Lorna, he was born in Pennsylvania 82 years ago. Gerald pastored seven churches, and was the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Port Townsend for seven and a half years. Gerald and Lorna were married for 59 years.

Lorna and her children are hosting an open house on Sunday, September 3, from 2-5 p.m., at 240 Foxfield Dr.

"People who knew Gerald and our dog, Kia (who has also passed) might want to come," says Lorna. ♦

Remembering Jake

Tom and Vivian McFarling



Jake, known for his gentle nature, eager whine, and wagging tail as he greeted dogs and people alike, is gone. He will be sorely missed.



Sharing the Good Life

Story and photo by LeeAnn McMillen

Our glorious Port Townsend summers bring bounty to the garden — vegetables and flowers, oh my! One of the easiest flowers to grow is calendula. Bees and native pollinators are drawn to these carefree flowers that grow in irresistible waves of yellow and orange, brightening our gardens and our days.

Calendula's medicinal properties have been used since the Middle Ages, ranging from tinctures to treating jaundice. It is also a culinary plant; both the leaves and the flower petals are edible. The citrusy, slightly peppery petals can be used in both savory and sweet recipes — try them in salads, to color pilafs, and to add a festive touch to baked goods. These shortbread cookies are one sure way to delight in this garden treasure.

Calendula and Thyme Gluten-Free Shortbread Cookies

Ingredients

- 6 tablespoons (85 grams) unsalted butter, softened slightly but still cool
- ½ cup (100 grams) granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 4 tablespoons roughly chopped calendula petals, use orange and yellow
- 1 tablespoon roughly chopped fresh thyme - if possible include thyme flowers
- 2½ cups (280 grams) finely ground almond meal/flour



Instructions

- Using an electric mixer, cream together the butter and sugar until well combined and creamy. Scrape down the sides of the bowl.
- Add the lemon zest and mix on low speed until combined.
- Add the salt and lemon juice and mix on low speed to combine, scraping down the sides of the bowl as needed.
- Add the almond flour in three parts, mixing on low after each addition until combined. The dough will be crumbly at first, but continue to mix on low speed and it will come together. Once the dough begins to stick together, stop mixing.
- Add the calendula petals and thyme. Mix to incorporate.
- Divide the dough in half. Shape each half first into a ball and then into a log that is 1½ inches in diameter; wrap in plastic wrap. You can roll the dough log a bit more after wrapping it in the plastic wrap to smooth it out. Refrigerate for at least two hours and up to 24 hours.
- When you are ready to bake the cookies, preheat your oven to 350 degrees F. Line two baking sheets with parchment paper.
- Using a sharp knife, cut the dough into ¼-inch-thick slices. Place the cookies on the prepared baking sheets, spacing them about one inch apart. Bake for 7-10 minutes, until the cookies are barely golden on the edges and bottoms. Be very careful not to overbake the cookies. If you are baking two pans of cookies at once, rotate the pans from top to bottom and front to back halfway through the baking time.
- Let the cookies cool on the baking sheet for 10 minutes before transferring them to a wire rack to finish cooling.
- Store cooled cookies wrapped airtight at room temperature for up to five days or in the freezer for up to three months. ♦

Do you have a food or cocktail recipe you'd like to share?
[Email us!](#)

Events In and Around Port Townsend



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Through the Lens



On a Cloudy Day...



Kala Point Spit from the Water by Sharon Bastian



(Above) Day's End by Sharon Bastian

(Right) Textured Sky by Alison Ebbott



A Study of Contrasts



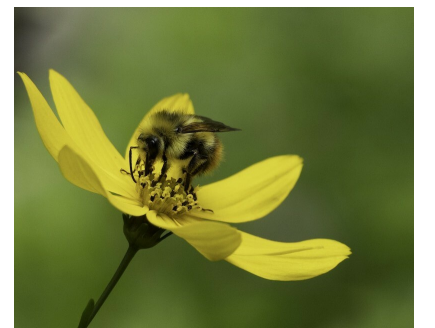
New Boat, Old Boat photos by Kate Lore

The Secret Life of Bees



(Above) Melissodes Bee

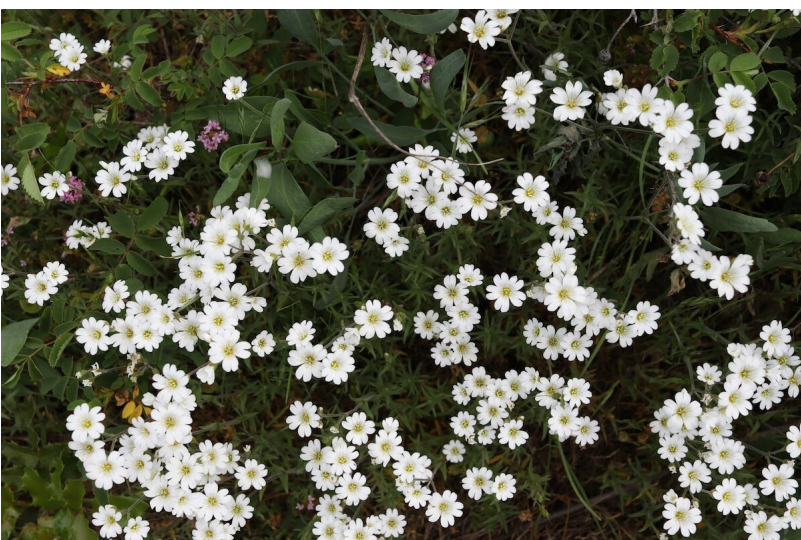
(Right) Cellophane Bee on Ocean Spray



Bumble in The Garden

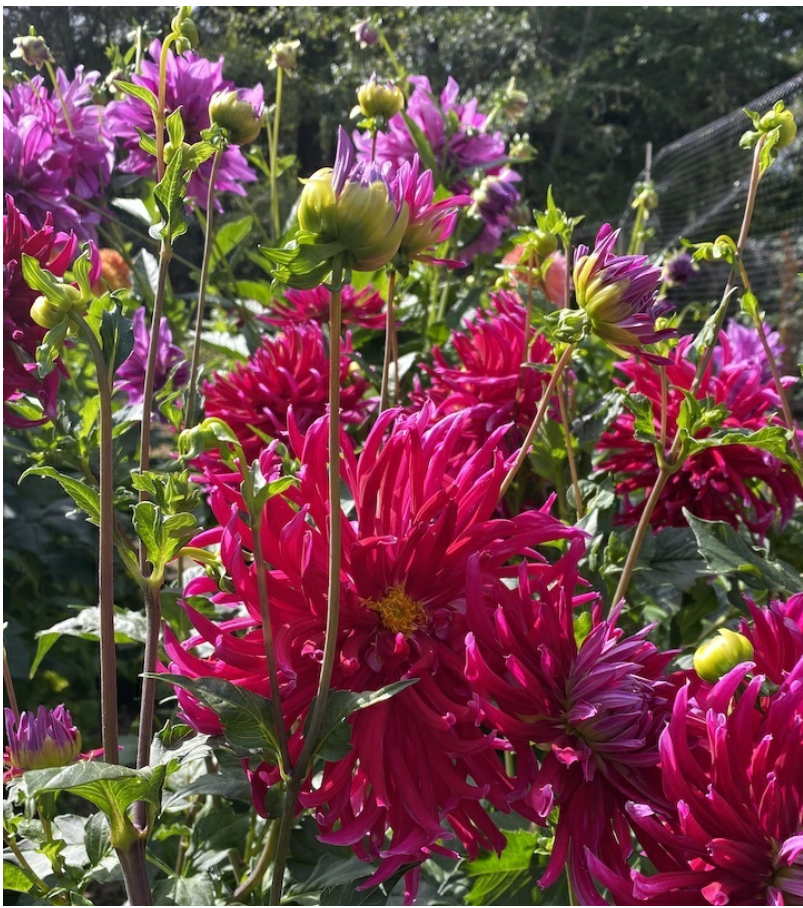
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Bloom Time



Field Chickweed by Sharon Bastian





(Above) Kniphofia aka Lily Torch by Victoria Miller

(Left) Dahlia Madness by Suzanne Eggleston

Life on the Water



(Above) Curious Harbor Seal

(Right) Dave Ethington and Daniel Miller Enjoying the Good Life

Photos by Kris Ethington



The Deer Among Us





(Above) Queen B and twins by Donna Abear, (right) Rigo Keeps a Close Watch on Visitors by Alison Ebbott

Send Us Your Photos!

Do you have images that showcase the character of Kala Point? New images that highlight the natural setting, facilities and people of Kala Point will be featured in the *Kala Pointer* or on KPOA website. Please submit your full-resolution jpegs, one at a time, to photos@kalapoint.org by the **19th of the month**. Thank you! ♦

Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting on August 17, 2023

The minutes of the July 20, 2023, meeting were amended to correct “vice” to “versus” for lot 180 and then approved by the AC members.

Administrative Issues:

- Patsy Mathys invited AC members to suggest suitable candidates to the Election Committee for the upcoming elections in December; the deadline to file as a candidate is September 15
- P. Miles noted that elections for AC officers will be held at the December 2023 meeting
- Two articles were submitted for the August *Kala Pointer* by P. Miles, and M. Machette contributed one on solar panel installation

Non-Compliance:

- **Lot #64:** P. Miles expressed disappointment that the owners of this lot have failed to communicate with the AC regarding their 2019 dog pen and 2022 hot tub installation
 - The dog pen is slowly being shielded by vegetation, and the hot tub was screened with a bamboo curtain
 - J. Polley moved that the dog pen and hot tub be accepted by the AC as installed; M. Lannon provided the second and the motion carried
- **Lot #5010:** P. Miles wrote a letter to the owners, inviting them to the August AC meeting to offer a new plan on their fence placed in the setback; the owners opted not to attend
 - M. Lannon noted that the owners have three options:
 1. Comply with the APPs and recommendations of the AC
 2. Suggest a revised fence installation that is not located within the setback
 3. Appeal to the Board of Directors by the August 20 deadline noted in the letter sent to them by the AC Chair

- M. Lannon moved that the Chair send a final letter to the owners, noting the three options presented; S. Rovanpera provided the second, and the motion passed

Current Project Status:

Dick Anderson recorded the project updates from the case managers and will make the additions to our Excel database. Dick has become familiar with the database and will continue to maintain it as Machette unloads this task.

Future Business:

M. Berry noted that the lot on Oak Shore Dr. that Anderson Homes had proposed to build on still has exposed percolation pits from the septic field tests and flagged lot boundaries. Keith will follow up with Anderson.

Next Meeting: September 21 at 9:30 a.m., Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Elections

Meeting on August 3, 2023

Board Vacancy Voting Process: Assigned tasks to each Elections Committee member to conduct secret ballot voting process

Encouraging Members to Be a Board Candidate: Three-year term: December 2023–2026; would like to see some newer KP members on the Board

2023 Annual Meeting: The three new Board members will be announced. The committee agreed to not announce candidate vote count; this will be a kinder method than what was done previously

Next Meeting: September 7 at 1 p.m., Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Emergency Preparedness

No meeting in August

Next meeting: September 7 at 9:30 a.m., Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Finance

Meeting on August 1, 2023

- Patsy Mathys, chair of the Elections Committee, made a short presentation urging those in attendance to consider running for Kala Point's Board of Directors.
- Bill Hasan and Terry Rose from the Emergency Preparedness Committee presented their budget request. A good discussion followed with Bill and Terry answering questions from the Finance Committee members.
- A proposed draft budget was approved by the Finance Committee to be submitted to the Board of Directors at their August 8 meeting. If approved, the draft budget will be available to the members for comment from August 15 to September 15.

Next meeting: September 5, 9 a.m., Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Grounds

Meeting on August 24, 2023

Chair Report:

Approved the June 22, 2023, minutes

Director's Report:

- 2024 Draft Budget approved by the Board
- Pier remediation information posted on the KPOA website

GC Oversight:

- Third-quarter zone monitoring due at the September meeting
- "Kala Natives" are now "Friends of the Kala Lagoon"

Old Business:

Due to many RVs parked on driveways, an article regarding the parking rules and regulations will be submitted for the October *Kala Pointer*

New Business:

- Reviewed the complaint regarding a backyard on Wellington Ct. and determined there is no violation of GC regulations
- The beach sanitary toilets are serviced twice a month, provided the septic pump truck can access the gate; vehicles parked in front of the gate prevent the servicing of the toilets
- Discussed unusual signage found throughout Kala Point
 - Residents displaying “No PT Pool Tax” on their property will be asked to remove them
 - The “Pie Day” sign on Pinecrest Drive has been removed
 - Estate Sale signs do not violate GC regulations, provided they are taken down at the end of the day
- A GC team of three have volunteered to repair the eroded beach trail below Bluffs Drive

Next meeting: September 28 at 9:30 a.m., Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Publications

Meeting on August 14, 2023

- Patsy Mathys, chair of the Elections Committee, made a short presentation urging those in attendance to consider running for Kala Point’s Board of Directors
- Michael Machette is the new alternate Board representative for the committee now that he is on the KPOA Board
- For the August issue of the *Kala Pointer*:
 - 559 emails were sent
 - 67.8% were initially opened.
- In the email reminder to those who hadn’t opened from the first emailing:
 - 46 more were opened
 - Paper copies also were made by the KPOA office
- Proposed content for the September issue was reviewed
- The committee would like to have more owners volunteer to be featured in the “Neighborhood” feature of the *Kala Pointer*
- We get virtually no letters to the editor and would welcome some inputs
- A survey of *Kala Pointer* readers is in progress; we would like to have every Kala Point citizen respond

Next meeting: September 11 at 1:30 p.m., Administration Building conference room

Strategic Planning

Meeting on August 1, 2023

Old Business:

- Discussion and modifications were applied to the draft of the APP for submission as a first read to the Board at the next Board Meeting on August 8, 2023
- Discussed an already existing effort to standardize the APPs format

Director Orientation Document

- The committee reviewed and discussed input from those who worked on assigned subjects for the document
- The committee revisited the audience of the document: current/new Board members, the full membership and/or prospective Board candidates
- The final format of the document was explored
- Each section will have a brief narrative of the subject matter providing a link to detailed information
- The committee will reach out to the office manager to learn the best approach in attaching links to each subject on the document
- Each committee member was assigned a section of the document to bring to the next meeting

2023 Survey discussion and critique

- Be clearer in communicating the purpose of the survey
- The question structure was confusing
- When answering questions, the format was inconsistent
- Make them all the same versus various formats (e.g., check all that apply, check one, comment, etc.)
- The cost of the survey is minimal
- Suggestion to have an outside person(s) read the survey and provide input
- Seek a person who is a survey writer to compile questions

- The survey needs to be shorter and simpler
- Membership comments asking what is done with the results
- Individual comments revealed ongoing community concerns

Next Meeting: September 5 at 3 p.m., Clubhouse Fireplace Room ♦

Tree

Meeting on August 10, 2023

Eco-friendly tape for tree tagging

It was suggested that we switch from using plastic tape to eco-friendly tape when tagging trees for trimming, removal and other actions requested by residents. A rough cost estimate was discussed for various types of eco-friendly tape. All agreed that it would be a positive change. LeeAnn will provide Mike with online ordering sources.

New Cases

- Case #2023.07.07 Lot 363 (Case Mgr McMillen): approved 11 trees limbing, 10 were under 15 feet from ground; no site visit required
- Case #2023.07.03 Lot 417 (Case Mgr Twiford): Tree Committee made site visit — dead cedar approved for removal, limbing of two firs approved, limbing of cedar up to 15 feet approved, limbing of dead branches of fir approved. Final approval pending second Board member site visit/approval
- Case #2023.07.27 Lot 71 (Case Mgr Harte): single dead tree; approved, no site visit required
- Case #2023.08.01 Lot 171 (Case Mgr Titus): not in scope for committee; homeowner was provided contact information and referred to Scott from BMAC. No site visit required
- Case #2023.08.02 Lot 243 (Case Mgr Arnestad): committee site visit conducted. Three sets of tree-hedges approved; final approval pending second Board member site visit/approval
- Case #2023.08 Lot 433 (Case Mgr Harte): corn row of western cedar trees about two inches was addressed and resolved; any trees above six inches will require Vegetation Request
- Case #2023.08 Lot 429 (Case Mgr Harte): one eight-inch Doug Fir confirmed dead, and request approved; no site visit required

Next meeting: September 14 at 9 a.m., Administration Building conference room ♦

Around the Neighborhood

Buckhorn Block Party



Kate Lore photos

Changing Creative Themes of a Pinecrest Address Post Topper



Photo above by Suzanne Eggleston



Photos left and above by Bob Eggleston

The address box in front of David Green and Susan Barrington's home routinely features seasonal or current event themes. Many of the characters and props are made by the couple. (Left above) July's tableau featured an eagle nest. (Middle) August's theme — with actual water! — was dock closed. (Right) A surprise awaits when you open the hinged front of the letterbox. ♦

Neighborhood Ads

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KPOA Book Club!



Each year the Book Club publishes a list of books for those of you wishing to join the discussions. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room in the Clubhouse.

Please join us to discuss the following books:

- September 11, 2023: *Trust* by Hernan Diaz
- October 9, 2023: *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See
- November 13, 2023: *Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese
- December 11, 2023: *Gone with the Wind* by Margaret Mitchell
- January 8, 2024: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson
- February 12, 2023: *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
- March 11, 2024: *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
- April 8, 2024: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
- May 13, 2024: *Dinners with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg
- June 10, 2024: *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov

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December's Potluck meeting is at Mary Brunner's home: 54 Trafalgar Dr.

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