

Kala Pointer

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From the Desk of KPOA President

Mark Lannon, Board President

In the summer, the Kala Point Board of Directors formed an ad hoc committee to investigate solutions in support of pedestrian safety. At the November Board meeting, that committee made several recommendations that were approved by the Board. Some of those recommendations include:

- Removing vegetation along Kala Point Drive that encroaches into the common area easement
- Establishing where we might have marked crosswalks on Kala Point Drive
- Conducting a line-of-sight survey on curves and at intersections to determine driver and pedestrian visibility
- Scheduling town hall meeting(s) to inform Kala Point residents of their rights and responsibilities as walkers, bikers, or drivers on our roads

In addition, the Pedestrian Safety Committee is conducting a feasibility study for the purpose of creating a dedicated walking path along Kala Point Drive. Kala Point residents will be kept informed as additional information is gathered. In the end, the residents will decide if a dedicated walking path is something they support. ♦



Dramatic Skyline at our Lovely Beach by Kevin Smith

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December 19 for the
January Issue

Submit your articles to:

YourKalaPointer@kalapoint.org

[Our Letter to the Editor policy](#)

Look under section H.

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.

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November Board Meeting Summary

[Dan Nordlund](#), Board Secretary

The November KPOA Board Meeting was held October 10 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; K. Skolrud, CFO; and Directors M. Machette, P. Miles, D. Moses, and S. Stanton. Also in attendance were Keith Larson, general manager; and Felice Thompson, executive assistant. There were also Zoom attendees and more than a dozen in-person attendees.

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. The agenda for the November meeting (as amended) and the minutes of the October 10, 2023, Board meeting were approved.

It was announced that the deadline for articles for the December *Kala Pointer* was November 19. Also, because of the need for mail-in ballots this year, the results of the annual elections won't be known by meeting time, so the meeting will be recessed until 1 p.m. on December 13, 2023. Following this extended meeting, the newly elected Board will be seated and will have their organizational Board meeting.

Next, the consent calendar was passed which approved the appointment of Fred Wilson and Rebecca Carroll to the Elections Committee and Whit Porter to the Publications Committee.

General Manager's financial report

It appears that we will finish 2023 with expenses under budget. With the approval of the budget resolutions at the annual meeting, the unspent money will be credited to the 2025 annual assessments.

Grounds report

The sweeper unit for the tractor is operational, but necessary warranty repairs on the tractor delayed street cleaning. This produced delays in testing the snowplow and sanding equipment and delayed some mowing and weeding.

Tree and brush removal is scheduled along the easement adjacent to Storage Lot A.

The diver scheduled to inspect the buoy anchors at the beach found no problems with the anchors themselves, but a lashing chain had broken on one buoy resulting in the loose buoy. The lashing chains on both buoys will be replaced in the spring.

Several dead trees have recently been removed from Sailview Drive, Baycliff, and the Foxfield/Kala Point intersection.

Old business

1. Pacific Engineering was hired to do an analysis of the pier to determine its structural integrity. KPOA will be receiving a report from them by December 11, 2023.
2. The Pedestrian Safety Committee gave a report on their recommendations for improving safety. The Board adopted several of the recommendations since they were deemed low cost and capable of being carried out by KPOA staff. The committee was tasked with gathering more information on the recommendations that were not adopted, which the Board may consider in the future.
3. The Board adopted the "Board Orientation Package" proposed by the Project Study Committee for use in providing an orientation for new Directors (and a refresher for continuing Directors) as to how the Board functions.

There was no new business.

Committee reports

D. Moses reiterated the request from the Publications committee that directors continue to use bulleted lists to summarize their committee meetings, and to be careful with punctuation and spelling, especially of members' names.

There being no further business, the Board voted to recess until the December 13 meeting time.

Note: For more details about the meeting, supporting documents, and a recording of the Board meeting, visit the Board of Directors landing page on the website at

kalapoint.org/board-committees/board. ♦

Kala Point Employee Appreciation Fund 2023

Susie Gorski and Patti Biazzo

Dear Kala Point Neighbors:

This fund is a means to say "Thank You" to our Kala Point Employees for the excellent service they provide throughout the year in maintaining our beautiful neighborhood and administrating all of Kala Point.

If this is in your budget, we hope you will consider donating to this holiday bonus.

Our current employees for 2023:

Keith Larson, General Manager
Felice Thompson, Executive Assistant
Candace Bjur, Administrative Assistant
Cody McMahon, Lead Maintenance
Justin Brown, Maintenance Tech
Connie Morgensen, Clubhouse attendant

We are the volunteers that collect these gifts of money to hand out to our Employees in mid-December. **DEADLINE: Friday, December 15, 2023.**

If you would like to join in this expression of appreciation, please make your check payable to K.P.E.A.F, (Kala Point Employee Appreciation Fund) and you can drop off or mail to:

Patti Biazzo: 295 Foxfield Drive, 651.214.5930
Susie Gorski: 51 Seaview Court #2, 907.317.5562 ♦



Photo by Manuel Cosentino on Unsplash

Well-Attended Candidates' Forum

Patsy Mathys, Elections Committee Chair

Thanks to all who attended our November 11 Candidates' Forum. There were 67 attendees in person or via Zoom, which doubles last year's attendance. Elections Committee member Jani Weller moderated our event. She did an excellent job of candidate introductions followed by member questions to our six candidates: Donna Abear, Marilyn Berry, Michael Conner, Geoff Genter, Bob Goldstein and Dan Kimball.

Thanks also to our members for their excellent questions which gave insight about each candidate.

If you missed the forum you can view a recording at kalapoint.org/board-committees/elections/. ♦

Status of a "Kinder Election"

Patsy Mathys, Elections Committee Chair

In August, a KP member made a suggestion regarding announcing Board Candidate election results. The suggestion was to publicly announce names of the top three vote-getters who will become the new Board Members rather than the vote counts for each candidate. The Elections Committee evaluated the concept and sees merit.

Our October newsletter article requested member input. After an email link error was discovered, a followup email blast was sent by the KPOA office. Based on member response by 100 households, 91% of the membership recommended announcing the names of the three new Board Members rather than the vote tallies for each candidate. For transparency, full vote statistics would be available at the Admin office.

The Elections Committee will continue moving forward on this concept which may include a minor APP change in 2024. Thanks so much for your comments. Stay tuned. ♦

New CERT Graduates

Kala Point Emergency Preparedness Committee



New CERT graduates Pam Hicks and Melody Stewart stand to the left of EPC chair Mark Miller. To the right of Mark is Dan and Libby Nordlund, and previously certified members Anne and Joe Englander, and CERT instructor Jim Little.

Search and Rescue Capability in Kala Point Expanded

On November 18, the Kala Point Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) welcomed a new graduating class of Kala Point residents to its CERT team. The nationally recognized Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course, which had begun here in Kala Point just months before the COVID lockdown, had been put on hold for two and a half years, until it was finally able to resume in early October.

The course covered team operations, disaster preparedness, disaster fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster medical operations. With this training, EPC's Search & Rescue teams will know if it is safe to enter and how to search a collapsed

structure. If victims are found, they are trained to assess them medically and determine how best to extricate them from the building for further evaluation and care from the Kala Point First Aid Team. ♦

Question: How do Items Get Onto the KPOA Bulletin Boards, and Who Approves them?

Dale Moses, KPOA Board Member

Answer: The general manager approves all postings on KPOA's bulletin boards. Please don't post anything yourself. If you want something posted, please send an email to the general manager at GM_larson@kalapoint.org. When he receives a proposed flyer or notice, he makes a judgment whether or not the item is of general interest to all of Kala Point. If he has a question about this, he consults the Board president (his boss).

Commercial solicitations typically would not be accepted, nor would information that doesn't pertain to our residents. Library events, public classes of interest, performances, and events inside of Kala Point would normally be allowed. All postings will have a time limit where they would be removed from the boards after a short time.

Do *you* have questions you'd like answered about Kala Point? Send them to yourkalapointer@kalapoint.org. ♦

Galloping Crabs and Phantom Flounders

Paul Loubere



Photo by *Frances Loubere*

You have probably seen crab shells on the beach, resting there like a relict suit of armor from some medieval battlefield. Have you ever wondered what the animal was like when it was alive and roaming the seafloor? Similarly, have you looked at the crabs moping in the display tank at the seafood outlet, or the fish with a bleary eye staring upwards lying on the ice table, and wondered what they were like in their natural setting?

Here are two short videos which offer a peak into their world in Port Townsend Bay. I have been taking underwater video of the Bay seafloor for personal interest in geological issues, but along the way I have been able to capture the life that exists there. Both the

geology and biology of the Bay are diverse, and they interact.

The first video (tinyurl.com/GallopingCrab) shows a crab reacting to my video camera apparatus traveling above the seabed. I believe the animal is winded by the end of this episode.

The second video (tinyurl.com/PhantomFish) gives us a view of a flounder's world, rudely interrupted by a camera landing. It also shows the exquisite operation of local natural selection as the fish and bottom converge in appearance. This bottom type is only found in certain parts of the Bay, and elsewhere the fish would stand out like a sore thumb.

These are only fragmentary glimpses of the action below the waves. So much must be happening there, and most of us have little idea as we stand on the shore looking out over the water. ♦

Get to Know Your Neighbors

Article and photo by Laurie Engelbeck



Lisa and Scott Schoneman, Upper Bluffs Dr.

Lisa and Scott Schoneman recently moved from Seattle to Kala Point. They lived in Seattle for eight years, and previously lived in Phoenix. They still have a small place in Patagonia, Arizona, south of Tucson. Since retiring in early 2020 just as COVID hit, they feel that they are just now really getting to enjoy retirement. They say they are not sure what this phase of retirement will bring but they look forward to finding out.

Lisa and Scott visited Port Townsend over the years to bring their boat to the boatyard and to look around the area. Two years ago, they started thinking about buying a place in this area, but the market was so high that they didn't find what

they wanted until spring of 2023. While their new condo is a little smaller than their place in Seattle, Lisa is excited to have a space for her art studio in the condo.

Lisa and Scott have been married for 28 years. Scott went to Cal Poly Pomona where he got a degree in Aerospace Engineering, and then earned his MBA from Arizona State. He worked for Spaceflight, Inc., (now Firefly Aerospace) in Seattle, putting small satellites on bigger rockets. Before that, he worked for Orbital Sciences Corporation in Arizona, launching satellites. Lisa got her degree in Art History from U.C. Riverside, but most of her career has been in software management and project management. She still enjoys art as a hobby and does watercolor painting, collage, sewing, and pen and ink drawing.

Lisa and Scott enjoy traveling around the sound in their Ocean Alexander 1987 42-foot power boat. They have been all around Puget Sound and to the Canadian Gulf Islands. They hope to go on longer boat trips next year. They have also traveled to England, France, Germany, Cuba, Mexico, and Canada as well as all over the U.S. They haven't traveled much in recent years but are hoping to travel to Italy.

In Port Townsend they enjoy the boating community, the arts community, and the wooden boat traditions. They also enjoy music. Scott previously played French horn in a community band and is thinking of getting involved in music here. He also took classes in improv and performed in Phoenix and Seattle. Lisa is teaching herself to play the ukulele and learning more about boating. She enjoys reading murder mysteries and biographies. They both enjoy cooking.

In the future, they look forward to making new friends, enjoying cultural activities, and the outdoors. ♦

Something New for Newcomers

*Katharine Donnelly and Vicky Miller
Co-Chairs, Social Plus Newcomers*



The Clubhouse Fireplace Room at the Clubhouse was the ideal setting for newcomers to socialize and to review Social Plus' Yearly Calendar of Events.

One goal of the Social Plus committee is to welcome new residents to Kala Point. Traditionally we hold a Newcomers' Social once or twice a year. This is an all-community event and the invitation appears in the *Kala Pointer*. Our last was on May 24, 2023. We will continue with this tradition and recently we added something new.

What's new? On November 19, we held our first Newcomers' Social just for newcomers. As we began compiling a mailing list to send out invitations, we discovered finding out who you are wasn't as easy as we hoped.

It's important to note that until you return the form you received from our KPOA Administration office that gives or declines permission to publish your phone number and email address, the only way Social Plus can contact you is through your mailing address or a home visit.

If you moved here in 2023 but didn't receive an invitation, please send us your contact information so we can add you to our list. You can do so by emailing donnely2@mac.com.

We are working to improve and expedite the process so that in the future we can be sure every new resident receives a warm and timely welcome. ♦

Thanksgiving Potluck 2023 Kudos

Social Plus

We were all grateful to gather once again for the annual Kala Point Thanksgiving Potluck, held November 12, sponsored by KP Social Plus. Kala Point neighbors and many new residents enjoyed an abundance of delicious food and camaraderie together.

It takes a village to have an event like this. Many thanks to all our awesome volunteers: Patti Biazzo, Mary Foster, Pattie Horvath, Karen Putterman, and Phyllis Wurscher for all the setup and decorating, and to all the folks who stayed to help clean up! Also, many thanks for KP employees Connie, Candace and Felice for all their work and support!

Turkeys were baked & carved by Vicky Miller, Michael and Nancy Machette, Dick and Diana Zinn, and Jim and Char Quandt. Participants were assigned potluck dishes, and they did not disappoint! We are blessed to have a lot of great cooks here in Kala Point and fortunate so many of them share their talents!

Thanks to everyone who participated by contributing to the feast or lending a helping hand when needed to make this a successful event. We could not do this without you! ♦





Sharing the Good Life

Katharine Donnelly

This cookie was a big hit at the Newcomers' gathering. It was suggested I submit it to the *Kala Pointer*.

Almond and Cherry Amygdalota (Greek Christmas Cookies)

Ingredients

- 2 egg whites
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup (170g) granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon pure almond extract
- 2½ cups (250g) blanched almond flour
- 14–16 Maraschino cherries, drained (preferably Luxardo or Trader Joe's Amarena cherries)
- Confectioner's sugar
- ¼ cup or more of sliced almonds

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 350° F. Line a



Photo Credit: [Dimitra's Dishes](#)

baking tray with parchment paper.

Beat the egg whites with the salt on high speed until frothy. Add the sugar and beat until thick and shiny.

Add the vanilla and almond extract along with the almond flour and beat until a dough has formed.

Place about a cup of confectioner's sugar in a bowl.

Take about a tablespoon of dough and form it into a ball. Roll the ball in the confectioner's sugar.

Place the balls onto the prepared pan.

Press the center of each ball down with your index finger to create a little well to hold the cherry.

Pat the cherries dry and place one cherry into the center of each ball.

Nestle a few sliced almonds around the cherries.

Bake on the center rack of the preheated oven for 15-18 minutes.

Allow the cookies to cool completely. Transfer them to a serving platter and serve with coffee. *Kali Orexii!* ♦

Toys for Tots

Sponsored by Social Plus



KP Social Plus will be participating for the 11th year in the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. This program partners with many individual donors, local businesses, and

volunteers who step up in support of the cause each year. Strong partnerships have been developed with Marine Corps Toys for Tots and Kiwanis Club of Port Townsend. Other partnerships include Jefferson County Fair Board, Port Townsend Elks Lodge #317, and Sunrise Rotary Club of Port Townsend, all working in tandem with local food banks, DSHS, and Dove House Advocacy Services. The program strives to reach those who self-identify that their family is in need of gifts for their children.

Between November 27 and December 14, please donate new UNWRAPPED toys to the Toys for Tots boxes located in Kala Point. Donation boxes will be located at:

Jean & Steve Reed's home: 353 Fairbreeze
Char & Jim Quandt's home: 55 Terrace Drive

*Please note, for those who have participated in the past, there will be no tags for *Christmas for Children* this year.

If you have any questions, please contact Char Quandt 360.531.4226. ♦

Kala Point Holiday Cocktail Party

Sponsored by Social Plus



Photo Credit: *Picjumbo.com*

Plans are underway for the annual KP Holiday Cocktail Party! The event is on **December 10, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.**, and is for all Kala Point residents.

It is a festive time of the year, and a wonderful chance to dress up and enjoy the company of fellow Kala Pointers as the holiday season kicks off! Newcomers to our community are particularly encouraged to participate as this affords a perfect opportunity for us to meet one another.

We are looking for five to six volunteer hosts for the Holiday Cocktail Party to be held in homes throughout Kala Point.

If you are interested in being a host/hostess, please call Char Quandt at 360.531.4226 as soon as possible.

Reservations for the event, which will be limited to the number of host homes available, will be taken until **December 4**. A waiting list will be used if necessary.

Kala Point residents who have made reservations will join neighbors and gather at 5:30 p.m. for cocktails and holiday appetizers at the "Cocktail Host" home.

Guests will bring a hearty appetizer to share and BYOB.

Please call your reservation to Michael Kubec at 360.385.2041 or email Michaelkubec@gmail.com. Please leave your name, phone number and email address. We will notify you by email as to the name and address of your host home. We hope you will join us as it is always a memorable evening! ♦



Caroling in Kala Point

All ages are welcome! Children must be accompanied by an adult. Depending on weather, we will carol on **December 21**, from 3-5 p.m. **Interested singers, meet at 2 p.m.** at the Clubhouse to review a few popular songs.

Take a picture of the QR Code below or click [here](#) for the lyric book.



THE ELDER BERRIES



A KALA POINT SOCIAL PLUS EVENT

Celebrating on New York time

BRING:

Hearty Appetizer to share

BYOB

Tips appreciated!

**5:30-9:00 PM
KP Clubhouse**

**Sunday
Dec. 31**

Follow us on

RSVP TO PATTI BIAZZO VIA PHONE OR TEXT: 651-214-5930

New Year's Day Plunge

Natalie Wilson, Social Plus

Plunging has several health benefits and can feel exhilarating, which is probably why so many people continue to do it. According to an article from *The New York Times*, plunging can increase certain brain chemicals that regulate mood. Plunging can also

activate the parasympathetic branch of your nervous system, which can in turn help a person to feel calm and can alleviate inflammation. Of course you don't want to overdo it, or stay in the water too long.

We look forward to seeing you down at Kala Point Beach this New Year's Day!

For more information reach out to Natalie Wilson and Social Plus. nataliecarolle@gmail.com, 303.775.0558. ♦



Photo by *Natalie Wilson*

Looking for Things to Do in Port Townsend?

Check out enjoypt.com and ptscene.com for art, events and Port Townsend activities. ♦



Kala Cares

Marie Doyle



Our Humane Society Urgently Needs Help

Cheri Muller

So many of us here in Kala Point love animals, especially dogs and cats. Did you know that within Jefferson County, there is only one Humane Society? We are fortunate that it's right here in Port Townsend. They provide a safe place for homeless, abandoned, unwanted dogs and cats, as well as offering (when they can) low-cost vaccinations, microchipping, and spay/neutering.

The Humane Society of Jefferson County, however, depends solely on money raised through services, adoptions, and of course, donations. They receive no funding from either the county or the national Humane Society. At this point in time, their financial situation is precarious, running at a deficit of \$200,000.

Donations are sorely needed. As the only Humane Society in Jefferson County, they are a critical resource for the community.

They need our help. If you can find it in your heart and budget, here's how to donate:

- Write a check to Hsjcwa and drop off at the home of Cheri Muller, 441 Pinecrest Drive
- Donate directly through their website page link at hsjcwa.org
- Mail your check payable to Hsjcwa to: Hsjcwa, P. O. Box 845, Port Hadlock,

WA 98339-0845

The Humane Society of Jefferson County, WA and its Animal Shelter on Critter Lane in Port Townsend is a 501(c)(3) non-profit, EIN #26-3626-34. Your donations are tax-deductible to the full extent of the law. ♦

ADOPT!

Companion animals available at the Humane Society of Jefferson County 11/16 Call 360-385-3292 or visit hsjcw.org.



Juno



Zeke



Harold



Max



Victor



Jake & Elwood



Gwen



Sabrina



Gracie



Milo Niki&Nora



Kate



Ichabod



Barn cats



Squeaky Elvira



Kittens!



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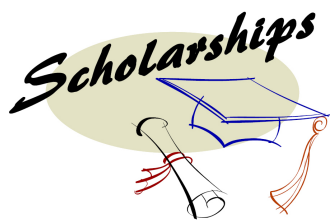
Pepper



Brinn

Scholarships Available 2024-2025 Academic Year

Nancy Machette



The University Women's Foundation of East Jefferson County is offering scholarships for women to pursue post high school education. Applications must be postmarked by March 8, 2024.

The scholarships available are:

- \$11,000 Elmira K. Beyer Endowed Scholarship
- \$8,500 Virginia Wolf Endowed Scholarship
- \$6,000 Lisa T. Painter Endowed Scholarship
- Environmental Scholarship (one or more up to \$7,500) depending on funding
- \$5,300 in Memory of Constance Anna Pash Endowed Scholarship
- \$4,400 Susie Pool Moses Medical Endowed Scholarship
- Technical Career Endowed Scholarship (one or more up to \$5,000)

Who is Eligible?

- Women residing in East Jefferson County
- Each Scholarship has different criteria

What are the criteria for selection?

- Academic excellence
- Financial need
- Educational goals

To download complete criteria and application forms go to our website: aauwpt.org. Use the scholarship button, or email uwfscholarship@aauwpt.org for any questions.

Sponsored by University Women's Foundation Of East Jefferson County 501(c)(3), the philanthropic arm of American Association of University Women of Port Townsend. ♦

Recycling Reminders



KPOA Members,

Just as a reminder **Please do not** leave any recyclable items at any of the KPOA mail stations.

Plant pots can be recycled at the Port Townsend Landfill. Otherwise please place unwanted pots in your garbage bin for your upcoming weekly pick up.

It is an unsightly and inappropriate way to dispose of recyclables. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

KPOA Management

Styrofoam Recycling

Michael Machette



Port Townsend StyroCyclers, a Local 20/20 Beyond Waste Project, collects CLEAN and DRY white Styrofoam (EPS), all colors of polyethylene (LDPE-4), white EPS food trays, and separated biodegradable (squishy) vs EPS (crispy) packing peanuts (no mixtures) at Fort Worden Battery Putnam (next to Alexander's Castle, 229 Alexander's Loop), USUALLY on the first Tuesday and third Saturday of the month (except holidays).

Check our Facebook page (Port Townsend Styrofoam) to confirm each collection date or email PTStyroCyclers@gmail.com

Kala Point Making a Difference

*Char Quandt & Jean Reed
Social Plus Food Drive Co-Chairs*

Kala Point residents compassionately participated once again in The WAVE, which is the annual fundraiser for East Jefferson County's four food banks. WAVE stands for "What a Valuable Experience" meaning the experience of giving to another in need. Kala Point neighbors rose to the occasion donating a total of \$16,115 to this year's fund drive. (*Editor's note: Jefferson County Food Bank Association President Deisy Bach reports below that the total donated was \$20K, so KP donated a lot!*)

The food banks of Jefferson County continue to face more challenges over the past couple of years as needs have increased due to the economic impact of the pandemic, and inflation. As providers of basic human needs, the important services the food banks provide cannot be overstated.

We want to thank the Kala Point community for their wonderful monetary support. Our community has really come together to help meet the needs of our county's most vulnerable. We thank everyone for their generous donations and all the volunteers who helped distribute flyers in the neighborhood for the event. Thanks also to KPOA office staff for their assistance notifying residents of the fund drive and approaching deadlines. We could not do it without all of you! We also were very touched by the expressions of gratitude given to us by those who took time to drop us a note along with their donation.

Thank you all for once again making a difference. ♦

Letters to the Editor

Dear Jefferson Community,

I hope this email finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your incredible efforts in organizing and participating in the recent WAVE fundraiser. Your dedication and commitment to our cause have had an extraordinary impact on the Jefferson County Food Bank Association, and we are overwhelmed with gratitude.

The WAVE fundraiser's remarkable success, raising over \$20,000, is a testament to the strength of our community and the power of coming together for a common purpose. We are profoundly grateful for the support you've provided to our organization, which serves as a lifeline to the individuals and families in our community who rely on our four food banks.

In the aftermath of the pandemic, the needs of our clients have grown exponentially. Unfortunately, our donations have not kept pace with the increasing demand, making your recent contribution all the more critical to the success of our association. The funds raised through the WAVE fundraiser will enable us to continue our mission to provide nutritious food to those who are struggling, ensuring that they have access to the basic necessities they need to lead healthier, more stable lives.

Your generosity has not only touched the lives of our clients but has also provided hope and comfort to our entire community. We are inspired by your commitment and dedication, and it reminds us of the incredible impact that can be achieved when we work together.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to all the volunteers, donors, and members of your congregation who supported this event. Without your collective efforts, this fundraiser would not have been possible. Your kindness and selflessness serve as a shining example of what can be accomplished when we join forces to make a positive change in our community.

Once again, thank you for your unwavering support and for standing with us in the fight against hunger. We look forward to continuing our partnership and working together to ensure that no one in Jefferson County goes to bed hungry. With warm regards and heartfelt appreciation,

Sincerely,

Deisy Bach
President, Jefferson County Food Bank Association ♦

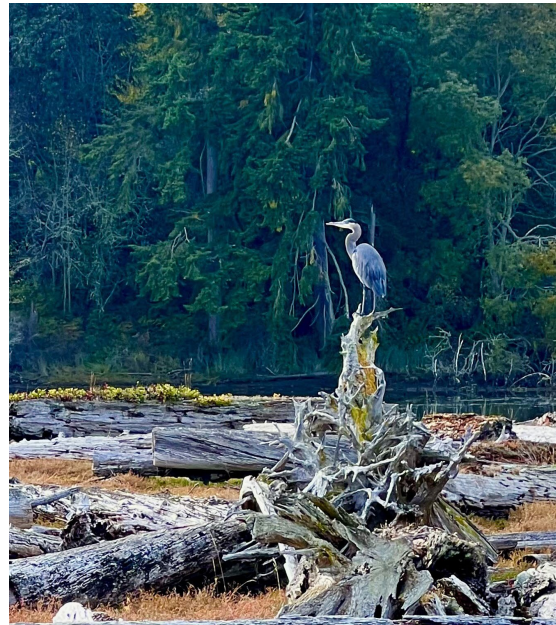
We Need A Minimum Vote!

KPOA is voting on lots this Fall including four votes for changes to our *Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions* (CC&Rs). Because this document is senior to virtually all our other documents except one, it has a very high bar to meet for changes – namely that 50% of our total ownership has to vote (301 owners of the 601 total) and two-thirds of that is needed to make any changes. This means that if fewer than 301 owners vote, it doesn't matter what they want...the vote fails. I am particularly interested that we regain our electronic voting method, one of the four changes proposed. Over the past decade, we have had nine times with less than 301 owners voting (out of a total of 21 voting sessions). So this year, everyone, please vote. Let's get these good changes made and make all our votes count!

Dale Moses
161 Bluffs Drive, Unit 1 ♦



Through the Lens



Blue Heron by *Cheri Muller*



Flower Wannabe Mushroom
by *David Pitts*



First Frost by *David Pitts*



Elfin Saddle Mushroom by *Alison Ebbott*





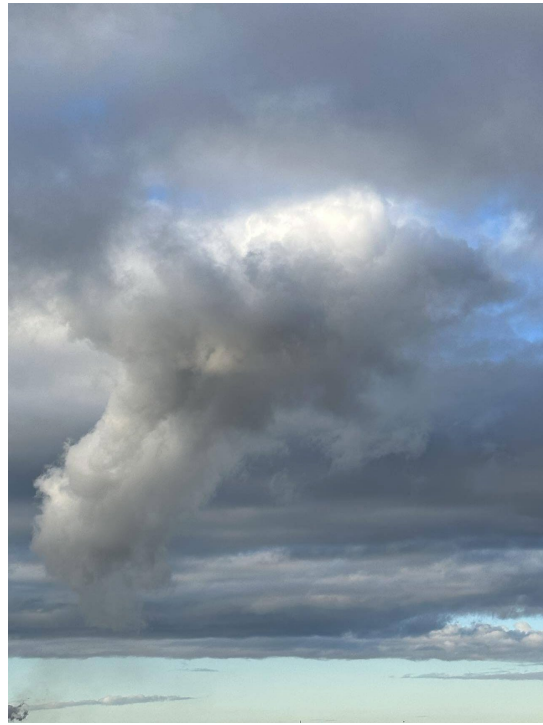
Lovely Fall Colors in Kala Point *by Karen Gavin*





Autumn at the Dungeness River by Ann Kirby





Cloud Emulating Smoke from the Paper Mill by *Pamela Thompson*



Fiery Sky over Lagoon by *Molly Porter*

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 November 16, 2023

Submitted by Mark Lannon, Board Representative

- The minutes for the October meeting were approved
- Board members M. Lannon and Pat Miles indicated interest in being on the Architectural Committee (AC) next year
- Pat Miles reminded everyone that the election will be conducted by mail-in ballot this year
- The AC will elect a new committee chair following the Board Organizational Meeting
- P. Miles is planning to develop a training guide for new AC members
- Lot 5010: Member with non-compliant fence and AC are still in discussions
- Lots 1 and 2: Fence project application has been withdrawn
- B. Abear suggested that neighbors adjacent to a planned AC project be notified when the project has been approved using a variance

Next meeting: December 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Bluffs Management Advisory

Submitted by Scott Love, BMAC Chair

Do you want to prune some trees to improve your view?

The Bluff Management Advisory Committee (BMAC) will be working with residents of the KPOA Central Section in February 2024 to submit tree pruning and removal requests. Residents of the Central Section and Baycliff Place may submit Tree Action Proposals starting February 1, 2024, through February 29, 2024. A blank Tree Action Proposal document can be found at [Tree Action Request Form](#)

A good way to familiarize yourself with the process of requesting a tree action is to visit [BMAC Tree Request Workshop](#)

This year Baycliff Place residences will be included in the Central Section. Central Section Map can be found online [KP Bluff Sector Map](#)

The BMAC committee and I are available to work with you to submit requests starting February 1, 2024. Contact me at slovebug74@gmail.com

Elections

Meeting on November 2, 2023

Submitted by Patsy Mathys, Elections Chair

November 11 Candidates' Forum: at the Clubhouse. Candidate introductions followed by members asking questions of the candidates. Discussed tasks, meeting format, and publicity.

Oversee/Validate Election Process: reviewed EC's role per APP IX — certify the election, act as impartial election commissioners and ensure integrity of voting process. Tasks include verifying eligible voting units and receiving "cc's" on all communication to/from Election Trust. Desire Election Trust final election results be emailed to GM with a "cc" to EC.

Annual Meeting Voting Process: discussed member options:

- 1) by mail
- 2) in person
- 3) by proxy

New Members: Submitting request to the board to add Rebecca Carroll and Fred Wilson to EC.

Next Meeting: December 7 at 1 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Emergency Preparedness

Meeting on November 2, 2023

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board Representative

October 5, 2023, minutes were approved as written

New block captains were introduced and welcomed by the committee

CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

- CERT training continues for new and renewing CERT people. An additional class is tentatively scheduled in January 2024.

The Great ShakeOut

- Over 260 households participated in the exercise. Overall, positive feedback from community members, participating block captains and EPC members. Post-event review included future education on the use of the walkie talkies, information about how to sign up for KP Text Alert system. Planning for the 2024 Great ShakeOut hopes to include practicing focal points addressed at the 2024 Expo.

Expo 2024

- Planning will begin in January 2024 with a tentative date in April 2024.

Additional Training

- There will be a class offered to EPC members who sign up for "Stop the Bleed" and Naloxone training tentatively scheduled for November.

Next meeting: January 4 (no meeting in December)

Finance

Meeting on November 23, 2023

Submitted by Kevin Skolrud, Board Representative

- Internal Control Committee report: Maria Mendes gave a report for the Internal Control Committee. Ledger entries are correct and up to date.
- Larry McDowell's accounts reconciliation showed that KPOA's records and our bank statements agree.

- The committee reviewed October 2023 financial statements. Keith noted that KPOA has earned over \$6,000 in interest year to date.
- The 2024 fee schedule was approved by the Finance Committee.

Next meeting: December 5 at 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Grounds

Meeting on October 26, 2023

Submitted by Joseph Reeves, Board representative

- GC approved the minutes of the 8/24/23 GC meeting
- There was no quorum in September ,so no official minutes were recorded or approved

GM's Report

- The pier was inspected by a marine structural engineer on October 24, 2023; the report will be received by December 11
- A diver determined the chain had broken on one of the buoys, which will be replaced
- Road cleaning has been delayed awaiting new sweeper brushes
- Parking issues on Oak Shore and Windship have been resolved
- An owner who had been observed feeding and trapping animals for relocation was told to stop as such activity is illegal in Washington

GC Oversight

- Quarterly inspections for third quarter; no specific issues to report
- Members continue to place debris, branches, and duff piles in Common Areas; removal is the responsibility of homeowners

Parked RVs

- The GC and GM are monitoring RVs periodically parked in the covered area for compliance. While trailers and large RVs with a wheelbase over 180" are not permitted beyond the 72 hour preparation rule, there have been a number of smaller vans parked in both driveways and parking areas.
- A homeowner will be notified that their vehicle parked in the setback and on non-approved surface is in violation.

Get out the vote signs

- The GM discussed a request to post signs encouraging members to vote in the upcoming election

Next meeting: December 28 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Internal Control

Meeting on October 18, 2023

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

- July minutes approved as corrected
- Expense reviews have been completed through August 2023
- External audit has been completed and taxes have been filed
- Asset review and physical inventory verification for 2023 and 2024 will be scheduled for January 2024
- Board Resolution to waive the Audit for 2023 has been approved, and will be

- included in the annual vote of the membership
- Update to expense review procedures and Internal Control APPs will be drafted for review
- The committee secretary announced resignation effective at the close of the April 2024 meeting
- The committee agreed to resume in person meetings beginning in 2024

Next meeting: January 17, 2024

Project Study Committee (formerly Strategic Planning)

Meeting November 7, 2023

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Director/Secretary to PSC

Old Business

- **Director Orientation Package.** The committee discussed feedback received from members of the community.
- **Directory Orientation Work Session.** Upon approval of the Board, the orientation package will be used as part of the orientation work session in January.

New Business

- Discussion regarding standardizing APP documents will be championed to the Board for its direction to the committee.

Next Meeting: December 5 in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Publications

Meeting on November 17, 2023

Submitted by Dale Moses, Board representative

- For the November 2023 issue of the *Kala Pointer*, 578 emails were sent and 63.3% were initially opened
 - In the email reminder sent five days later to those who hadn't opened the first emailing, 47 more were opened
 - Paper copies also were made by the KPOA office
 - The Special Elections edition of the *Kala Pointer* had nearly identical stats
- Reviewed the proposed content for the December issue
- Discussed the survey of *Kala Pointer* readers and the summary that appeared in the October *Kala Pointer*
- Committee would like to have more owners volunteer to be featured in the "Get to Know Your Neighbors" feature of the *Kala Pointer*
- Discussed the variability of Committee Summaries, and the need to get more consistency. Each should have: (1) when the committee met, (2) who wrote the summary, (3) when the committee will meet next, and (4) have most of the information in bulleted form. We also are having problems with the accuracy of some of the information provided!
- We would welcome letters to the editor
- We discussed two new features for the *Kala Pointer*: a KPOA committee to be featured each month, and questions/answers about KPOA

Next meeting: December 11 at 1:30 in the Administration Building's conference room

Tree

Meeting on November 9, 2023

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Alternate Board Representative

October 10, 2023, minutes approved as motioned

Discussions:

- The reports from the Board and General Manager are running agenda items each month. Moving forward, a report from the board and general manager will be addressed as pertinent to the committee.
- The committee budget balance sheet will be a part of each meeting's agenda.
- The committee's arborist resource has been beneficial to KPOA members and the tree committee as well as cultivating positive interactions between KPOA members and the committee.

There will not be a Tree Committee Meeting in December.

Committee meeting adjourned for site visits.

Next Meeting: January 11 at 9 a.m. in the Administration Building

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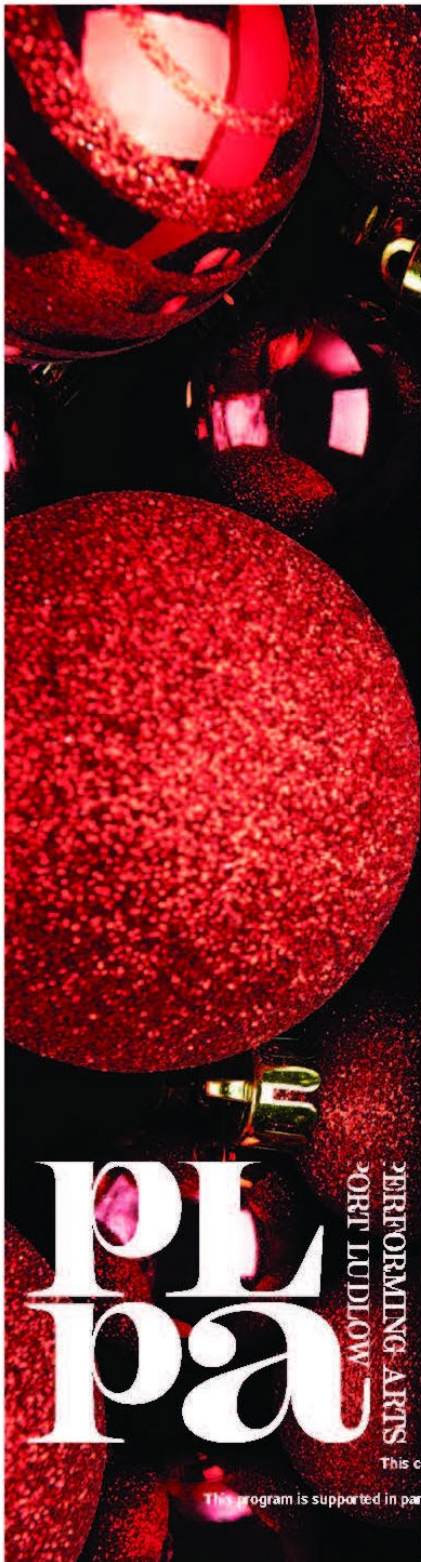
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