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From the Desk of KPOA President

[Joseph Reeves](#), Board President

Thanks to all of you who voted in the recent election for the Board and resolutions. This was the best turnout in years with 375 members casting their ballots. Kudos to the Elections Committee for organizing the election, hosting the candidates' reception, and reminding people to vote through the signs on the mailboxes, and the emails. Community participation takes many forms, and voting is one we can all take part in.

We have three new board members: Marilyn Berry, Dan Kimball and Bob Goldstein. They have all participated in KPOA and bring experience to the table.

Dale Moses and Pat Miles are in their final year on the Board. Both have served in the past and have a wealth of knowledge and history about our community.

Officers are Joseph Reeves (me), president; Mark Lannon, vice president; Sue Stanton, secretary; and Kevin Skolrud continuing as chief financial officer.

Dan Nordlund, Kim Titus and Michael Machette have finished their terms. We know they will continue to participate in different ways in the future. It was great having them on the Board.

We will be seeking your input on the Pier Project and Pedestrian Safety in the coming year. Take a look at the KPOA website's "amenities" landing page for current information on the Pier Project. Current information on the Pedestrian Safety material can be found in the November meeting packet and is also available on the website. A link from the agenda will provide a list of recommendations by the ad hoc committee. By the way, there are free high-visibility vests available at the office if you are a walker.

I hope all of you had a great New Years and look forward to a fun and productive year at Kala Point in 2024. ♦



Lenticular Cloud over Mt. Baker (December 15) by Bill Hasan

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[Our Letter to the Editor policy](#)

Look under section 8.

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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December Board Meeting Summary

[Sue Stanton](#), Board Secretary

The December 13, 2023, KPOA Board meeting was held following the Annual Membership meeting. A quorum was established. In attendance were Board members 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 13 in-person attendees and two Zoom attendees.

The agenda was approved as submitted and the minutes of the November 14, 2023, Board meeting were approved. The General Manager's report was deferred to the January Board meeting. Committee reports can be found on the [Board of Director's](#) landing page under "Committee Reports."

New Board Officers

At this point in the meeting, the outgoing directors left their places, and the new directors were seated. The main business of the rest of the meeting was the election of corporate officers, and the assignment of committee representatives. The new Board elected Joseph Reeves as president, Mark Lannon as vice president, and Sue Stanton as corporate secretary. Kevin Skolrud was appointed to continue as CFO.

Board Rep Committee Assignments

Next order of business was assignment of Board representatives (rep) and alternates (alt) to committees.

The following assignments were made; **Architectural:** M. Lannon (rep), P. Miles (rep), M. Berry (alt); **Grounds:** K. Skolrud (rep), J. Reeves (rep), D. Moses (alt); **Tree:** S. Stanton (rep), B. Goldstein (rep), D. Kimball (alt); **BMAC:** P. Miles (rep), J. Reeves (alt); **Elections:** D. Moses (rep), P. Miles (alt); **EPC:** S. Stanton (rep), P. Miles (alt); **Finance:** J. Reeves (rep), M. Lannon (rep), K. Skolrud (alt); **Internal Control:** D. Moses (rep), D. Kimball (alt); **Personnel:** J. Reeves, (chair), M. Lannon (rep), K. Skolrud, (rep); **Project Study:** M. Lannon (rep), S. Stanton (rep), D. Kimball (rep), M. Berry (rep); **Publications:** D. Moses (rep), B. Goldstein (alt); **Social Plus:** M. Berry (rep), B. Goldstein (alt).

Motion for financial affairs relating to Board officers' duties and responsibilities was approved.

There being no further business, the Board voted to adjourn until the January 4, 2024, Board Orientation Work Session. The next regular Board meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2024.

Note: If you would like more detail about the meeting, supporting documents and a recording of the December Board meetings, visit the [BOD landing page](#), or email the Board directly at kpoa_board@kalapoint.org. ♦

2023 Budget Ratification and Annual Membership Meeting Summary

[Sue Stanton](#), Board Secretary

The 2023 Annual Membership Meeting for budget ratification, election of new Board members, and other membership resolutions was held December 12, 2023. The meeting was called to order and a quorum declared with 375 eligible voting units out of 601 eligible voting units (62.4%). The meeting was an in-person/Zoom hybrid. In attendance in the Clubhouse were Board members M. Lannon, president; J. Reeves, vice president; D. Nordlund, secretary; K. Skolrud, CFO; and Directors M. Machette, P. Miles, D. Moses, S. Stanton, and K. Titus. Also in attendance were Keith Larson, general manager; and Felice Thompson, executive assistant. In addition, there were 11 members attending in person, and 38 members on Zoom.

Elections Trust Report

The main business of the annual meeting was the report from Elections Trust. Patsy Mathys presented the report for the Elections Committee. There were three budget-related resolutions, four CC&R-related resolutions, one bylaw-related resolution and the election of three new directors. The last call for proxies and last call for ballots was announced.

Minutes of the December 13, 2022, Annual Membership Meeting were approved.

Board Candidates

Board candidates Donna Abear, Marilyn Berry, Michael Connor, Bob Goldstein, Geoffrey Genter, and Dan Kimball were introduced as well at the current Board of Directors: Mark Lannon, Joseph Reeves, Dan Nordlund, Kevin Skolrud, Pat Miles, Michael Machette, Dale Moses, Sue Stanton, and Kim Titus.

President M. Lannon and General Manager K. Larson gave their annual reports.

Farewell to Outgoing Board Members

The Board bid farewell and thanked the outgoing board members: Dan Nordlund, secretary and director; Michael Machette, director; and Kim Titus, director.

Member Recognition

The Board recognized and thanked the following individuals for their volunteer service:

- **Suzanne Eggleston**, Publications Committee chair
- **Geoffrey Genter**, Tree Committee chair
- **Maria Mendes**, Internal Control Committee member
- **Pat Miles**, Architectural Committee chair
- **Kim Titus**, Board director
- **Scott Rovanpera**, Distinguished Service Award recipient

There being no further business, a request was approved to continue the meeting on December 13, 2023, to allow time for the ballot count to be completed.

Member comments were heard from the floor. It was announced that the 2024 Annual Membership Meeting will be on December 10, 2024, and the meeting recessed. ♦

Continuation of the 2023 Budget Ratification and Annual Membership Meeting Summary

Sue Stanton, Board Secretary

Upon completion of the ballot count by Elections Trust, the continuation of the 2023 Annual Membership Meeting for budget ratification, election of new Board members, and other membership resolutions was held on December 13, 2023.

2023 Election Vote Count

Resolution #2023-1: Budget Ratification Resolution — **Passed**

Total votes for: 333

Total votes against: 26

Resolution #2023-2: Resolved that any excess of membership income over expenses for the year ending December 31, 2023, will be applied to the assessments for 2025 as provided by IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604. — **Passed**

Total votes for: 359

Total votes against: 7

Resolution #2023-3 Resolved that the requirements to conduct an independent audit of the 2023 KPOA financial statements be waived. — **Passed**

Total votes for: 311

Total votes against: 49

Resolution #2023-4: Care and Appearance Premises; Resolved that the KPOA Board of Directors adopted the following amendments to CC&R's Article IV, Chapter B. Section 7 for approval by the KPOA Membership. Proposed by KPOA Board of Directors; approved by KPOA Board of Directors September 12, 2023. — **Passed**

Total votes for: 301

Total votes against: 58

Resolution 2023-5: Care and Appearance Premises; Resolved that the KPOA Board of Directors adopted the following amendments to CC&R's Article IV, Chapter B. Section 7 for approval by the KPOA Membership. Proposed by KPOA Board of Directors; approved by KPOA Board of Directors September 12, 2023. — **Passed**

Total votes for: 313

Total votes against: 45

Resolution 2023-6: Common Area Vegetation; Resolved that the KPOA Board of Directors adopted the following amendments to CC&R's Article IV, Chapter B. Section 15 for approval by the KPOA Membership. Proposed by KPOA Board of Directors; approved by KPOA Board of Directors September 12, 2023. — **Passed**

Total votes for: 314

Total votes against: 44

Resolution 2023-7: Amend CC&Rs Sections 40 and 41 of Article 1: Resolved that the KPOA Board of Directors adopted the following amendments to CC&R's Sections 40 and 41 of Article 1 for approval by the KPOA Membership. Proposed by KPOA Board of Directors; approved by KPOA Board of Directors September 12, 2023. — **Failed**

Total votes for: 218

Total votes against: 143

Resolution 2023-8: Amend Bylaws Article V, Section 7 & Article II, Section 3: Resolved that the KPOA Board of Directors adopted the following amendments to Bylaws Article V, Section 7 & Article II Section 3 for approval by the KPOA Membership. Proposed by KPOA Board of Directors; approved by KPOA Board of Directors September 12, 2023. — **Passed**

Total votes for: 213

Total votes against: 150

New Board Directors

The following individuals (with vote totals) were elected to three-year terms (2024-2026):

- **Marilyn Berry:** 241
- **Bob Goldstein:** 177
- **Dan Kimball:** 179

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. ♦



Photo by Patti Biazzo

Left to right: Keith Larson, general manager; Connie Morgensen, clubhouse attendant; Felice Thompson, executive assistant; Candace Bjur, administrative assistant; Justin Brown, maintenance. Not pictured: Cody McMahon, lead maintenance

The Kala Point employees would like to thank the KPOA membership for their support and generosity. Here's to another year of dedicated service to the community. We appreciate KPOA and the members we serve.
Thank You!

Letters to the Editor

Thank you!

I would like to take a moment to thank everyone who voted for me in our recent Board election. Your confidence in me as one of your directors has humbled me.

As stated before... my door is always open for a five-minute discussion of whatever KPOA issue is on your mind. I am here to represent you.

Regards,
Marilyn Berry
130 Fairbreeze Dr. ♦



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A Record Year Election for Kala Point

Thanks to all community members who made 2023 a *record year* election. Thanks also to our Board candidates. Initially 10 members volunteered to be Board candidates. Usually we have three or four candidates.

I joined the Elections Committee wondering if I could be helpful. What I discovered was committee members working hard to bring awareness about the voting and recruitment process for Board candidates. Much of 2023's election success is due to our dedicated Elections Committee members Rebecca Carroll, Paul Fleischman, Charla Jean Lo Reaux, Fred Wilson, and Patsy Mathys.

Publicity: There were many newsletter articles, bulletin board postings and email blasts about the importance of voting, recruiting Board candidates, voting procedures, Candidates' Forum, and the annual meeting. This is the first year we've published a newsletter focusing solely on the election. Topics included: encourage voting, calendar of events, candidate bios, Candidates' Forum announcement and voting procedures.

Candidates' Forum: 73 members attended, *doubling* last year's attendance; 177 viewed our online Candidates' Forum recording.

Annual Meeting: 58 attendees, **150%** more than last year.

2023 Voter Turnout: 375 voted = 62% voter turnout. This is the *highest turnout in the past 10 years*. Typical turnout = 50%.

If you have any suggestions regarding 2023's election process (Candidates' Forum, newsletter articles, voters' packet, etc.), please email ElectionsCommitteeK@gmail.com. We'd appreciate your feedback.

Committee mission:

- Encourage members and residents to be Board candidates
- Certify member elections
- Serve as impartial election commissioners to ensure integrity of the voting process

Committee goals:

- Continue encouraging members to be on the Board to offer members several Board candidates to choose from
- Increase member attendance at Candidates' Forum and our Membership Meetings
- Increase voter turnout at membership elections
- Continue to request community feedback and involvement on election issues such as "kinder elections"
- Standardize forms for voting education and membership outreach

Jani Templin-Weller
170 Fairbreeze Dr. ♦

Something on Your Mind?

Send a letter to the editor! The easiest way to do so is by emailing yourkalapointer@kalapoint.org.

To review the submission guidelines for letters, refer to Section 8 in the [Publications Committee's APPs](#). ♦

Problems Logging in to KP's Website

Patsy Mathys, chair, Elections Committee

Have you ever tried to log into Kala Point's website, kalapoint.org, but weren't able to? Did you get a message that says "CAPTCHA" in a red box?

This happens to me at least once a month. As a dutiful committee member, I am on Kala Point's website often, so it was important to resolve this dilemma. I checked with our staff, but they did not have a solution. They contacted our website coordinator, but unfortunately they didn't have an answer either.

First, I Googled "CAPTCHA." It stands for "Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart." CAPTCHAs are tools to differentiate between real users and automated users, such as bots.

You have probably tried to log onto some websites when they have shown you various pictures asking you to checkmark those pictures which show crosswalks, bridges, stoplights, etc. Our website doesn't go to that level, but it is the same concept: are you a real person or something else?

A possible solution: This process has worked for me. Evidently typing my user name and password quickly has been the trigger. So I have typed these in slowly which seems to be the solution. If this doesn't work for you, there may be a counting mechanism that freezes us out.

If typing slowly doesn't work, give it 24 hours and retry, but type slowly. Hope this helps. ♦

Question for the Board: What's the policy on smaller RVs and camper vans parking in driveways?

From the Grounds Committee report in the December 2023 *Kala Pointer*: **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 nonapproved surface is in violation. We would appreciate clarification about why some vans are allowed and some are not. *Question submitted by Laurie Engelbeck*

Answer: Our rules haven't changed. Yes, vehicles with greater than a 180" wheelbase are not allowed except for short periods to allow for loading and unloading. That's about it — except, of course, any size vehicle parked on setbacks or grass wouldn't be allowed. The real issue seems to be RVs or other vehicles that are under the 180" rule and are parked long term in legitimate places.

In theory, this shouldn't be a problem per the rules; however, some residents still don't like seeing the large and sometimes clunky vehicles in their view, particular in the condo areas. The Grounds Committee was asked to review this different issue and hasn't yet come to any conclusions or proposals for any rule changes.

If there is such a proposal, we would certainly want to air it to all residents for comments and reactions. Meanwhile, at least one condo area (Kala Bluffs) is asking their owners if they want more restrictions than KPOA-wide rules that would apply just to that condo area. *Answer submitted by Board Member Dale Moses ♦*

Thank You: Holiday Cocktail Parties

"Neighbors Creating Community"
Social Plus

The 2023 Kala Point Holiday Cocktail party was once again a fun and festive event for the neighborhood thanks to many wonderful volunteers who stepped up to host and to all the guests who signed up for the holiday cocktail party.

Photo provided by Phyllis Wurscher



Thank you to our fabulous hosts: Mike Blankenship and Margaret Woodcock, Dick and Anne Schneider, and Satyavelan and Lansil Nithya. Thank you all who signed up and joined the fun!

Photo provided by Char Quandt



The Holiday Cocktail Party would not be possible without the work from the committee that put this altogether. The committee consisted of Nancy Machette, Michael Kubec, and Char Quandt.

Photo provided by Char



Photo provided by Satya Nithya

We welcome your feedback about the event and ideas for future events! For those who missed it, we hope you will consider joining us in 2024!

Happy New Year from Social Plus! ♦

Calling All Newcomers

Katharine Donnelly, Social Plus

Are you new to Kala Point? Come meet other KPOA newcomers and learn about the calendar of events sponsored by the KP Social Plus Committee.

Where: Kala Point Clubhouse

When: Sunday, February 11, 2024, 4-6 p.m.

Please bring your preferred beverage and an appetizer to share.

RSVP to Katharine Donnelly at donnely2@mac.com or 206.816.2285 by February 10 so we know how to set up the space. ♦



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Weight Loss Support Group

Suzanne Eggleston

Are you interested in joining a weekly informal weight-loss support group? Now that the holidays are in the rear view mirror, many of us are ready to shed the extra pounds that have unfortunately accumulated in the last few weeks.

During a typical weekly meeting, members would weigh in privately and record weight, share (or not) successes and failures with the group, discuss plans and goals for the upcoming week, and share recipes.

Meeting time will be Fridays at 11 at a location that has yet to be determined. If interested in

being part of this support group, contact [Angela George](#) or [Suzanne Eggleston](#). ♦



Kala Cares

Lucy Hladecek



Remembering the Sheltons

Norman Wayne Shelton (March 3, 1925–December 13, 2023) and
Frances Karnicnik Shelton (December 29, 1927–June 13, 2022)

Article and photos provided by Barbara Shelton



Norm Shelton (called Bud or Buddy in his youth) was born in Santa Monica, and grew up during the Depression in Southern California, and in Arizona on a homestead and in the small town of Vicksburg, with his parents Eli and Eva Shelton, brother Bob, and sister Shelly. He attended a one-room schoolhouse in the desert and then Montebello High School in Los Angeles, where he was captain of the tennis team.

Buddy (Norm) and Honey (Fran) in their younger years

Norm enlisted in the Marines in 1943 during WWII, and was stationed in the Marshall, Hawaiian, Marianas, and Ryukyu Islands. He was with the first wave of Marines to hit the beach at Okinawa, and also saw action on Kwajalein Atoll. He worked as an anti-aircraft gunner stationed at the airport on Okinawa, and also volunteered as a machine gunner for 28 bombing runs due to a crew shortage.

Norm was a professional-level athlete. Baseball Hall of Famer Gil Hodges was in Norm's anti-aircraft battalion during the war, and Norm played third base with Gil on a team during and after the war years. Norm later received a contract offer from the Brooklyn Dodgers, but was unable to pursue it. Norm was also a practice partner for tennis great Pancho Gonzales.

Prior to and following the war, Norm attended college, and worked at a bank and in early television installation. He attained degrees in electrical, mechanical, and chemical engineering, and worked as a manufacturing engineer in the aerospace industry at ITT Gilfillan for 30 years. Norm was known for his intelligence, strength, solid character, kindness, and bantering sense of humor.

Fran Shelton (known as Honey in her youth) was born and raised during the Depression on the Karnicnik family farm near Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, with her Slovenian emigrant parents Mary and Albin, and siblings Mitzi, Helen, and Albin (Bucky or Red). The family later sold the farm and moved to Los Angeles.

Fran's interests and activities included working as an administrative assistant, earning a college degree, running two family businesses, writing a novel, caring for elder family members, gardening, cooking and canning, sewing and quilting, reading, and charitable endeavors. Fran loved visits with family and friends, impromptu parties, and traveling. Fran embraced life, laughed often, and believed in helping and sharing with others.

Norm and Fran on Norm's 90th birthday in 2015



Honey and Buddy met in Los Angeles, and married in 1949. They raised three daughters — Georgia, Barbara, and Becky — in Southern California, and had homes built each time they

moved (Los Angeles, Orange County, and Simi Valley).

Norm and Fran traveled throughout the U.S, Europe, Mexico, Canada, and New Zealand. They enjoyed dancing, bowling, camping, card games, and visiting with their extended family and friends.

After retirement, Norm and Fran relocated to Port Townsend, Washington, where they built their final home, a cottage in the beautiful forested neighborhood of Kala Point.

Norm was a volunteer fire fighter and Fran started an annual dinner for the firefighters. They volunteered at the local Food Bank, and Norm helped engineer neighborhood improvements. Norm and Fran lived a full life in retirement, visiting with neighbors, friends, and family, including grandchildren Bruce and Genna, square dancing, bridge club, quilting and Red Hatters clubs, music, fishing, and vacation trips. They were married for 73 years. ♦

Get to Know Your Neighbors

Article by Laurie Engelbeck, photo by Ron Gentry



**Ron Gentry and Caryl Fallert-Gentry,
Baycliff Place**

How did a retired chemistry professor living in Port Townsend connect with an artist living in Paducah, Kentucky? The modern way — online through eHarmony, according to Ron Gentry. They met in person in 2011 and have not been apart even a single day since April 2012.

Ron says, "When we became a couple, we agreed to share our time between Port Townsend and Paducah. That worked for a while, but then we were lucky to discover there was a house for sale on Baycliff Place that was large enough to accommodate all of Caryl's creative needs, and it happened to be on a double-size lot right on the bluff overlooking Port Townsend Bay."

After a facelift of the 1989 house which included a major kitchen overhaul, finishing the large basement, and installing a three-stop elevator, Ron says it's a perfect fit for Caryl's studio, gallery, and both of their art collections. The large garden has also become an art project.

Ron was a professor of chemistry and chemical physics at the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota from 1970 to 2005. He and his first wife visited Port Townsend in 1999 and bought a house in Kala Point where they lived as he transitioned into retirement. They were boaters and had been looking for a coastal location.

Caryl lived in the Chicago area for 56 years, and then for nine years in Paducah, Kentucky, the home of the National Quilt Museum and the huge annual show of the American Quilters Society. Her work and her fun activity are making contemporary art quilts (the kind you hang on the wall). For 30 years she traveled all over the world teaching art quilting at conferences and seminars. While living in Paducah, she built and ran a gallery and workshop center. Prior to that, and in the early days of her professional art career, she was a flight attendant for United Airlines.

Caryl has been sewing and making art since she was very young. She discovered her love of quilts and making art with fabrics in the 1970s. She has made about 500 art quilts, many of which are in museums. One of her recent quilts will be shown at Northwind Arts Center beginning in January, along with work by other members of the Peninsula Fiber Artists group.

A 50-year retrospective exhibit of Caryl's work will be shown at the National Quilt Museum April through October 2025. She

designs her own fabrics which are dyed, painted, or designed on the computer. The detail in her work is amazing. See her website Bryerpatch.com for more information.



Caryl created Duet #5, a 30"x30" quilt, in 2020

Caryl had visited Port Townsend nearly every year from the late 1980s through the early 2000s when she was invited to teach at an international quilt conference held at Fort Worden called Quilting by the Sound. Caryl now says, "When people ask me where I live, I say, 'I live in Paradise.' I have traveled all over the world and no place is more beautiful than the view out our living room window. I truly appreciate the temperate climate too. I don't miss the snow and ice of Chicago or the intense heat of Kentucky."

Ron describes living here as "as close to paradise as I have found anywhere. It is beautiful, quiet, and comfortable — yet has arts and culture far beyond what one would expect to find in a town of this size." He adds, "Neighbors make the neighborhood, and we have been blessed with the best of neighbors in Kala Point." Ron has been an art collector for years and has many pieces he collected on his travels. Ron is also the chef of the family and has a gourmet kitchen. He likes to make spicy foods including Indian curries, but he also has worn out his copy of Julia Child's first cookbook.

For fun, Ron says, "We go to a *lot* of quilt shows and fiber art exhibitions. I do some photography, and sometimes the photographs inspire the quilts. We enjoy participating in Kala Point events such as the International Dinners. We're big fans and supporters of Centrum and go to all the events we can. The Rose Theater is very special, and we greatly appreciate Northwind Arts, the Northwest Maritime Center, the Marine Science Center, and the Olympic Music Festival. The Wooden Boat Festival and the Kinetic Sculpture Race are always fun. We love the Farmer's Market and the annual Woodworker's Show."

Before the pandemic, the couple did a lot of traveling and are now beginning to do international trips again. Ron says, "In the last five years, we have done the following cruises on Regent Seven Seas, Silversea, and Pearl Seas: Stockholm to St. Petersburg to Copenhagen, Santiago Chile to Los Angeles, Cuba circumnavigation, Dubai to Singapore, Toronto to Portland, Maine, Sydney to Auckland, and Iceland circumnavigation. In addition, we traveled to Hawaii, Patagonia, and Oaxaca, and participated in photography workshops in the canyons of the American Southwest, north Vancouver Island, and Antarctica. There are photos of many of these travels on Caryl's website." ♦

Resolve to be Prepared in 2024

Mark Miller, chair, Emergency Preparedness Committee

It's the start of a new year, and many of us are crafting our latest and greatest New Year's resolutions. We might be planning to cut back on streaming TV at home and take long walks more regularly; organize that home office space; and incorporate more fresh vegetables into a diet that has most recently been comprised of holiday cookies and candy canes. While these are all great resolutions, they can also be challenging to maintain. So, here's another potential resolution for you — one where even the smallest effort can make a big difference: *be ready*.

Resolve to be Ready

In terms of billion-dollar disasters in the U.S., 2023 was the worst year on record. We experienced record rainfalls and flooding in places that normally get minimal rain, disastrous wildfires, severe drought, tornadoes in places that never get them, record heat waves, U.S. record cold temperatures, record snowfalls, and more. Worldwide, we saw disastrous earthquakes and tsunamis. The old belief that it won't happen here because it never has, no longer applies.

It's no secret that climate change has resulted in more severe weather and disasters. The impacts of climate change are being felt all across the country. Preparing for the increased frequency of threats will help you make your home more resilient, as well as help you learn how best to respond and react when the time comes. Some easy ways to prepare are:

Sign up for emergency alerts. Register for Jefferson County NIXLE alerts by texting our zip

code (98368) to the six-digit phone number 888777. Sign up for Kala Point specific emergency alerts via KPAlert by texting the word KALA to 360.200.0205. Obtain a Kala Point walkie-talkie from your block captain so you can communicate your needs when cell phones and internet are out. Also, get to know your [Block Captain](#).

Make a plan. Having a well-thought-out plan in place can be a lifesaver for you, your loved ones, and your pets. When faced with a disaster, it's common to feel overwhelmed and unsure of what to do. By preparing in advance and planning how to respond during an emergency, you can alleviate some of the fear and uncertainty that comes with such situations. It's crucial to gather your family and discuss a plan together. Determine how you will stay in touch and reunite if you become separated. Designate a familiar and easily accessible meeting point for everyone to gather. Make a list of what you will want to remember to grab and take with you if you have to evacuate on short notice (valuable papers, irreplaceable items, et cetera). Remember, your pets are part of your family too, so make sure to include them in your preparations.

Assemble shelter-in-place supplies and a grab-and-go kit. After an emergency, you may need to survive for several days — or weeks — on your own, with extremely limited access to resources. Jefferson County says it may be up to 30 days before help arrives in our rural county. This is why it's vital to have emergency kits as part of your plan: one for your home, and one for your car. Ensure that your kits are well-stocked and readily available for immediate use. Kits should contain items such as food, one gallon of water per person per day, medications, cash, radios, flashlights, and other necessary supplies.

More information is available at mil.wa.gov/preparedness, ready.gov and from your Kala Point [Block Captain](#). ♦

Kala Point's Pedestrian Corridor: What if...?

Phil Brodt, chair, ad hoc Pedestrian Safety Committee

What if... our community improved the primary corridor of Kala Point Drive with an asphalt walking path? The path would be located within the association's right-of-way (common area), and offer members and guests a safe place to walk separate from roadway vehicles, including bicycles.

What if... motorists driving on Kala Point Drive could avoid being distracted and interrupted by pedestrians walking in the traffic lanes which were designed for motorized vehicles? And motorists would no longer have to drive into oncoming traffic lanes to avoid pedestrians walking on their side of the roadway? The only remaining distraction on the road would be our wandering neighborhood deer!

What if... our Kala Point neighborhood could avoid a costly legal matter resulting from a member or guest suffering a vehicle/pedestrian accident? KPOA owns, maintains, and is ultimately responsible for all the roadways within Kala Point. Which means all of us could be financially responsible for any litigated accident that occurs within our association's right-of-way.

Is it time we focused on the above points and transformed our primary corridor into an appealing parklike setting enhanced with a walking path and improved landscaping? It would be a pleasant welcome to our visiting guests, and a touch of pride for those of us who live in Kala Point.

There was a recent (November 2023) vehicle traffic tabulation prepared by Jefferson County Public Works which indicated that approximately 1,450 vehicles per day enter and/or exit Kala Point during a mid-week period. Maybe it's time we recognized that our neighborhood's primary corridor needs some safety improvements to accommodate this level of traffic volume, especially while pedestrians share the roadway with vehicles. Pedestrians should expect an acceptable level of safety when walking within the corridor, especially when walking between Trafalgar and Baycliff Drives. And motorists should expect traffic lanes to be free of pedestrians so vehicle movement can be maintained at a steady and safe pace without unnecessary distractions.

Research is underway to consider the feasibility of developing a dedicated walking path within the right-of-way/common area of Kala Point Drive. The due diligence of this research involves talking with utility representatives, reviewing topography and construction complexities, discussing drainage issues with Jefferson County Department of Community Development, determining a reasonable financing plan to pay for this corridor improvement, and getting a favorable endorsement from Kala Point members.

This pathway project should be viewed as more than just a safety investment for our



neighborhood; it is also a long-needed upgrade in the overall corridor design. Additional benefits of the project include opening up the tree canopy to allow more sunshine and air passage within the corridor, which should also result in less tree debris during windstorms. Sight distances would be improved for greater visibility for both vehicles and pedestrians. Improved landscaping would also be featured where none exists now.

To introduce the pathway plan to membership, there will be a town hall meeting in the near future to discuss the details of the project and invite any questions from attendees. Stay tuned to this publication and bulletin board postings for the date and time of the town hall meeting. I hope to see you there. ♦

Thinking About a Shed?

Pat Miles, chair, Architectural Committee

Considering a shed to solve your storage problems? Be mindful of a few rules:

1. Big box store resin/plastic or metal-roofed sheds are **not** permitted
2. Some pre-built wooden sheds or kits may be permitted *if* they meet the Architectural Committee requirements for sheds

Before you build or purchase, please review the KP rules on sheds: "[Guidelines for Exterior Structures](#)" on the KP website. You can also contact any member of the Architectural Committee (AC) for information.

Remember: with very few exceptions, any change, modification or addition to the exterior of your home or landscape (other than foliage) requires advance approval by the AC.

[Application forms](#) are available on the Kala Point website or from the Administration Office. ♦

Garage Door Guidance

Pat Miles, chair, Architectural Committee

Good news: replacing your garage door falls under the "like for like" provisions. This means you need only to notify the AC by email or phone at any time — there's no need for an application and approval.

However, "like for like" projects come with conditions. Replacement wood doors must be stained or painted a wood color, the color of the house siding, or close to that color. Metal/vinyl doors may also be wood colored but, if not, must be painted the siding color. If pre-painted, the door should be a color close to the siding color. This helps garage doors blend seamlessly into the home, and your home to blend into KPOA's wooded, parklike landscape.

There are only handful of approvals for white garage doors, mostly for older homes from the 1980s era. White garage doors stand out and grab one's attention — not unlike an outdoor movie screen effect, which defeats the AC goal of having the homes blend into the wooded, parklike environs.

If you currently have a white garage door, there should be documentation in your Lot File indicating AC approval. If not, the AC encourages you to update the white color to the siding color or something close to it.

For replacement garage doors, the AC asks that you comply with the policies for replacement garage doors under [Article III-2, Modifications to Existing Homes](#), Para 5, "Maintenance and Repair," Subpara b., "Like for Like," Section vi, "Doors."

♦



The AC discourages white garage doors (example above) in Kala Point, and instead encourages doors (example below) that blend into KPOA's wooded landscape.



Photos from [Fagan Door website](#)

Scotch Broom Found in Kala Point

Article and photo by Leslie Weertman



Scotch Broom is an invasive perennial plant that is taking over roadsides in Washington. It is on the noxious weed list nwcb.wa.gov/ where you can read more about this plant.

At left is a picture of the rogue plant we removed in December from beside the Sailview tennis courts. If you see Scotch Broom, remove the roots, don't let it go to seed, and get it before it spreads into the community.

Please call me (Leslie Weertman; I'm in the KPOA directory) if you need guidance, or help in identifying or removing Scotch Broom. ♦

Let's Make "Good Trouble" in 2024

Social Plus: "Neighbors Creating Community"

Char Quandt

Happy New Year! Are you looking for fun things to do this year? Kala Point Social Plus Committee is gearing up to create a fun new year ahead for our community!

Natalie Wilson, Social Plus chair, and the Social Plus Committee, would like to invite all residents in Kala Point to join in creating a fun community environment by attending the first meeting of the year, on **Monday, January 8, 1-3 p.m.** The meetings are held at the Kala Point Clubhouse.

The January meeting will be all about planning events for 2024. New ideas are welcome! We are asking all attendees to bring ideas and/or suggestions that might be of interest to share. We are especially interested in getting new folks involved. If you have children, we *need your voice and help* to incorporate fun events they can enjoy as well!

Quarterly Meetings

Please mark your calendar for meetings — all from 1-3 p.m. — on the following dates:

- Monday, January 8
- Tuesday, April 2
- Tuesday, September 3
- Tuesday, December 3

Our Mission

The mission of Social Plus is to promote fun social activities and/or coordinate community activities including charitable works, classes in areas of interest to the members, and to encourage participation of all members of Kala Point Owner's Association in community and social activities.

Make 2024 a Year to Remember

Together, let's make this a fun year to remember in Kala Point! If you would like more information regarding Social Plus, please contact Natalie Wilson at Nataliecarolle@gmail.com. ♦



On December 21, Social Plus organized a caroling event and serenaded the neighborhood. Photo by Suzanne Eggleston

Looking for Things to Do in Port Townsend?

Visit enjoypt.com and ptscene.com for art, events and Port Townsend activities.

Kala Point resident Pamela Thompson is also excited to announce the relaunch of her events website discoverporttownsend.com. Please check it out! ♦



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Submitted by Jean Reed

Through the Lens



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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 December 14, 2023

Submitted by Mark Lannon, Board representative

Administrative Issues:

- The election results for the new KPOA directors in 2024 include Marilyn Berry, Bob Goldstein, and Dan Kimball
- The 2024 KPOA Board Reps to the Architectural Committee (AC) will be Mark Lannon, Pat Miles, and Marilyn Berry
- P. Miles indicated that she will continue as chair of the AC until a resolution is achieved regarding the non-compliance issue at Lot 5010
- Terry Stewart has resigned from the AC

Non-Compliance:

- Lot #5010
 - P. Miles notified the owners that the fence relocation be completed by October 31, 2023
 - P. Miles had extended the deadline to January 31, 2024, at the November AC meeting
 - The owners are out of the country at this time
 - P. Miles will update the AC at the January meeting

New Submissions:

- Lot #415
 - The owners wish to install a hot tub on a wooden platform in their backyard
- Lot #363
 - The owners wish to replace their wooden garage door with a metal door, and paint it the same color as the siding when temperatures allow

- Chair approved the application as a “like-for-like” replacement; no quorum required

Future Business:

- P. Miles will start the training pamphlet/guide for new AC members
- P. Miles suggested that the AC, Grounds and Tree Committees jointly broadcast “helpful hints” via the KPOA text messaging platform
 - Hints may include “When should you contact a committee?”

Next meeting:

January 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Elections

Meeting on November 27, 2023

Submitted by Patsy Mathys, Elections chair

Welcomed New Members to the Elections Committee: Rebecca Carroll and Fred Wilson

December Annual Member Meeting: assigned tasks accepting ballots and proxies, establishing quorum, last call for proxies and ballots, closing election, and announcing 2023 election results

Membership Voting on New Business at Annual Meeting: discussed interpretations of By-law “Members may also transact such other business of the Association as may properly come before them at such annual meetings”

Oversee/Validate Election Process: discussed five procedures needed for the Elections Committee to validate the election process

Next Meeting: January 3 at 1 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Emergency Preparedness

No meeting in December

Next meeting: January 4 at 9:30 in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room and Zoom

Finance

Meeting on December 5, 2023

Submitted by Kevin Skolrud, Board representative

- The committee reviewed November 2023 financial statements
- Certificates of deposit made in early 2023 will begin maturing soon
 - The committee discussed options to renew the CDs and purchase additional CDs in early 2024
- Management anticipates a budget surplus for the year ending 2023
 - There was a consensus of the Finance Committee that anticipated budget surpluses should be used to offset future years’ assessments
 - Purchases using currently budgeted surpluses for operating expenses should be made only when there is a financial incentive to do so
- There was a discussion of options to make the operation of the Clubhouse more efficient and user-friendly
 - The committee will have a work session on January 11 to discuss the Clubhouse, and to develop committee goals for 2024

Next meeting: February 6 at 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Grounds

Meeting on December 28, 2023

Submitted by Scott Rovanager, Grounds chair

- 2024 Board Representatives: Dale Moses, Joseph Reeves, and Kevin Skolrud; Marilyn Berry, new director, also attended the meeting
- The October 26, 2023, Grounds Committee (GC) minutes were approved
- The GC continued the discussion of RV parking in Kala Point
 - A motion to have the GC clarify and develop a proper definition for the term “RV” was

approved and will be presented at the January 2024 GC meeting for Board Rep approval

- Due to the recent membership vote to delete the Grounds Committee from any authority within the CC&R, Article IV, the Chair presented new revisions for the GC Administrative Policies & Procedures (APPs)
 - The revisions affect the *Authority and Jurisdiction, Procedures*, and suggest the removal of the *Sample Letter* in Appendix A
 - The proposed APP revisions will be discussed at the January 2024 GC meeting before eventual submission to the Board
- It was also pointed out by the chair that the GC has no authority to implement the “Sign Policy” in the GC APP VIII-3 (real estate and political signs) because CC&R Article IV, Section 5, clearly assigns this responsibility to the Architectural Committee
 - This dilemma will be discussed at the January GC meeting
- The new signs at the Kala Point entrance are deteriorating due to weather; the GC will discuss a suitable replacement with the general manager in January

Next meeting: January 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Internal Control

No meeting in December

Next meeting: January 17 at 9 a.m. in the Administration Building’s conference room

Project Study (formerly Strategic Planning)

No meeting in December

Next Meeting: January 2 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Publications

Meeting on December 11, 2023

Submitted by Dale Moses, Board representative

- For the December 2023 issue of the *Kala Pointer*:
 - 582 emails were sent; 58.9% were initially opened
 - A second email was not sent five days later (as it typically is) to those who had not opened the first email
 - Paper copies were made by the KPOA office
- We reviewed the proposed content for the January 2024 issue
- The Committee would like to have more owners volunteer to be featured in the “Get to Know Your Neighbors” feature of the *Kala Pointer*
- We would welcome letters to the editor
- We discussed two new features for the *Kala Pointer*: a KPOA committee featured each month, and questions/answers about KPOA
- Committee changes:
 - Suzanne Eggleston is stepping down as the chair after four and a half years, but will continue as part of the committee
 - Laurie Engelbeck will serve as 2024 chair
 - Pamela Thompson will continue to serve as photo editor
 - Margaret McGaughey will continue as secretary
- Monthly meetings of the committee are on the second Monday of the month

Next meeting: January 8 at 1:30 in the Administration Building’s conference room

Social Plus

Meeting on December 7, 2023

Submitted by Dan Nordlund, Board representative

- September 2023 minutes were approved
- Committee will continue quarterly meetings in January, April, September, and December
 - Meetings will be expanded to two hours as needed
- Social Plus Facebook group has 100 members
 - Guidelines for content were discussed
 - People may post content that they have created (like art), but no direct sales
- Events for the last quarter of 2023 were reviewed:

- International Dinners are going well and will continue in 2024
- WAVE Food Bank drive was a big success in Kala Point: the total amount raised area wide was about \$20,000 with \$16,115 coming from Kala Point residents
- Halloween TGIF had limited attendance (18 residents) but a fun time was had by all; the committee will consider options for engaging more people for 2024
- Halloween trick-or-treating had low participation this year; options for next year included changing up times, events for kids at the Clubhouse, and organizing a parent group for kids' activities
- Thanksgiving potluck received only good comments, 47 people attended, and will be scheduled again for next year
- Home for the Holidays Cocktail Party scheduled for December 10
- Caroling in Kala Point scheduled for December 21
- New Year's Eve party scheduled for December 31 in the Clubhouse
- Events for 2024 are in the planning stages and will include "tried and true" events, but new events are being considered

Next meeting: January 8 at 1 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Tree

No meeting in December

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

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