

Kala Pointer

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From the Desk of KPOA President

Joseph Reeves, Board President

We received the findings from the marine structural engineering firm contracted to look at the pier, and there is some good news to report. Pacific Engineering Technologies performed an assessment of the wood pier and aluminum gangway at a low tide in November and provided a detailed report to the general manager in December.

Their summary shows the wood pier is in fair to good condition, aside from a few decayed pile caps, guardrails and couple of beams. The engineers found no significant distress to the gangway, which is rated good to very good. At first, I thought the term “fair” was an issue, but it turns out that in the engineering world it is a decent rating. Good is even better.

There is no need to consider a full pier replacement. In fact, they said with proper maintenance and the repairs they have noted, the pier has a useful life of at least 25 years.

Pacific Engineering Technologies’ Kyle Bozick Zoomed into the January Board meeting to provide an overview and answer questions about the report. Three questions of concern for me were whether the pier was safe to use now, estimated costs for repair, and the next steps in the process.

The pier is safe to use as it stands. You can walk on it, at least to the gate. I asked Mr. Bozick to give a broad estimate of the cost of repairs and his response surprised me and everyone else in the meeting. His estimate was about \$35,000, which includes all labor, travel, and material costs. This is exclusive of local, state and federal permits and fees the firm would charge for their services. Those services are what the Board needs to consider next.

The initial phase is engineering design, which essentially is creating a plan for any repairs and having that as part of the documentation for the next phase, permitting. The permitting process, if we proceed, could take up to two years to complete. Nothing is going to happen soon.

The Board wants to get input from the community on the project. The challenge is having sufficient information to pass on to KPOA for reasoned input and decision making. Engineering design is probably the best starting point for that information.

The entire report from Pacific Engineering can be downloaded on the Amenities landing page at the KPOA website kalapoint.org/amenities/beach-pier-project/. ♦



Pt. Wilson Rainbow by Pamela Thompson

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Next Newsletter Deadline:
February 19 for the
March Issue

Submit your articles to:
YourKalaPointer@kalapoint.org

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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Special Notice Emails

If you are not receiving special notice emails from KPOA, please contact the Administration staff at 360.385.0814.

Attention Gmail Users

Since the Kala Pointer is larger than most emails, Gmail automatically cuts it off at a certain point. To ensure you see the entire newsletter, click on the "View Entire Message" link at the bottom of this email.

January Board Meeting Summary

[Sue Stanton](#), Board Secretary

The January KPOA Board meeting was held January 9 at 3 p.m. It was a hybrid meeting held in person at the Clubhouse and over Zoom.

Members in attendance: J. Reeves, president; M. Lannon, vice president; S. Stanton, secretary; M. Berry, B. Goldstein, D. Kimball, P. Miles, and D. Moses, directors. CFO K.

Skolrud was unable to attend.

Administrative staff in attendance: K. Larson, general manager; and F. Thompson, executive assistant

Additional attendees: 10 in person, 12 self-identified via Zoom

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

The January 2024 agenda and the minutes of the December 13, 2023, Organizational Board meeting were approved. It was announced that the deadline for articles for the February *Kala Pointer* was January 19. The consent calendar was approved to appoint Geoff Genther to the Elections Committee.

General Manager's Report

The administrative staff will be enrolled in classes to further staff development in Excel

The Clubhouse attendant is enrolled in a certified pool operator's course

Brush trimming along storage lot perimeters, intersections and additional areas that pose a safe line-of-sight hazard has begun

Overhead branching along road rights-of-way has begun and will continue in the coming weeks

Maintenance staff were scheduled to meet and discuss safety and operations of snowplow and sanding units

Reserve expenditures for replacing the pool boiler and propane water heater were approved by the Board

Old Business

Pier Project Review

Kyle Bozak with Pacific Engineering summarized and answered questions about the pier assessment report. For more information, visit the Board of Directors landing page under archive recordings [board-of-directors-archives-2023/](#).

Pedestrian Safety

The Pedestrian Safety ad-hoc committee will contact PUD for clarification of the rights-of-way in finding suitable areas for walkways in Kala Point. The general manager announced that there are high-visibility vests available at the administration office at no cost to members.

The Board approved maintaining the Board of Director's meeting time at 3 p.m.

New Business

Standardizing APP Formatting

The Board approved to appoint an ad-hoc committee to make recommendations for standardized formatting for all APPs

Elections Process Review

The Board approved the Project Study Committee to develop an ad-hoc committee to review the process of past elections with the intent to improve the process of KPOA

elections for the future.

Committee Reports

Committee reports are posted on the Board of Directors landing page on [org/board-committees/board/](https://www.kalapoint.org/board-committees/board/). They are also included in the *Kala Pointer* each month.

Board Goals

2024 proposed goals for the Board include maintaining two-hour meetings, reviewing election process and procedures, and increasing email list and *Kala Pointer* distributions

The main business of the January regular Board meeting being completed, the Board adjourned until the February meeting. For more detail about the meeting, supporting documents, and a recording of the board meeting, visit the Board of Director’s landing page [kalapoint.org/board-committees/board/](https://www.kalapoint.org/board-committees/board/).

Next meeting: February 13 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse Main Room ♦

Looking for Committee Reports?

They are near the end of this newsletter. Also, full minutes from each committee meeting are available under Boards and Committees on the [KPOA website](https://www.kalapoint.org/).

Letter to the Editor

Kudos to the Elections Committee!

For the first time since 2006, the Elections Committee has achieved its stated mission of having “at least two timely candidates for each open Board position” ([see APP IX](#)).

Having served on the Elections Committee as both a member and a Board rep, I fully understand how difficult it is to find candidates for what should seem to be a coveted position within our community.



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Not only did the EC exceed the goal — initially recruiting 10 candidates, ultimately providing a list of six vying to fill the three open seats — they contributed to record voter turnout with *Kala Pointer* articles and a Saturday Candidates’ Forum. Meanwhile, they discovered discrepancies within our governing documents and noncompliance to Washington State RCWs, finding that electronic voting has never been approved by KPOA Members.

Resolution 2023-7 (submitted by the Board) would have amended the CC&Rs to authorize electronic voting; however, it fell far short of the required two-thirds vote. Thus, at least for the next election, we will be voting by paper ballot. It’s timely that the KPOA Board has set a goal of reviewing elections process and procedures, a review that should put a priority on listening to and learning from our current Elections Committee.

Gary Obermeyer ♦

Elections Committee Updates

Geoff Genther, Elections Committee chair

First, I would like to introduce myself as the new Elections Committee chair. Up until last year, at least to me, this committee was barely noticeable. However during 2023, I saw many great accomplishments by this committee. I am proud they asked me to be their chair. The regular committee members are a great group, and I look forward to working with them.

During our December 2023 election, Resolution 2023-7 regarding voting methods failed. For our next election, members will still have the option to vote by mail, in person at the meeting, or by proxy.

The following is a synopsis of my January 12 letter to the Board regarding our next election:

There seem to be two options for conducting our 2024 election:

- 1) renew the contract with Election Trust for about \$3,800*
- 2) have an in-house election coordinated by the Elections Committee at a nominal cost*

If the Board agrees to an in-house election:

The Elections Committee would follow APP procedures similar to those used for Kala Point 1980-2015 elections.

The Elections Committee is confident that we can recruit community members to assist the administrative staff with the logistics of preparing for an election.

Recruit community members to assist the Elections Committee in collecting and counting ballots as necessary with proper oversight and recording of the votes.

In-house voting gives the added benefit to the board to have procedures in place to hold informal elections on issues that may come before them at minimal cost.

If you would like to be involved with or join the Elections Committee, please contact me at ggenther43@gmail.com. ♦

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](#). ♦

Member Concern: Question for the GM

Submitted by Suzanne Eggleston

Question: Can something be done about the stacked chairs taking up about a quarter of the space in the Clubhouse exercise room?

I'm sure the stuffed chairs were purchased with the best of intent, but I don't believe any ever move out of the Exercise Room. It's my understanding that the few that are used

during Board meetings typically come from the Fireplace Room. It would be nice to either sell or donate unused chairs to free up the Exercise Room for other pieces of exercise equipment such as free weights.

Answer: You are correct, these chairs were purchased to provide the members a more comfortable experience when having to sit for long periods of time. The problem with these chairs is they are taller than the other chairs causing feet to dangle, making them uncomfortable for short persons. I do agree that we should find an alternative solution for storing these chairs to provide additional space for the exercise room. Let me see what I can do to accommodate your request. *Submitted by Keith Larson, general manager* ♦

Winter Fun

The 7th Annual Polar Poker Pickleball Tournament

Char Quandt

The Tournament, held on New Year's Day, was a great success. Fun was had by all despite the cold and frigid temperatures outside! Pickleball players are hardy souls!

The participants enjoyed the camaraderie and laughter, the play, the hot pickle soup, the delicious hot cider, and goodies that kept their bodies warm and ready to play. Congratulations to Lynne Pierle and Hilary Newell as they managed to have the winning poker hand when the tournament ended!



New Year's Day Plunge

Natalie Wilson

Happy New Year!



It's a lot to convince your body to walk into cold water if you haven't before. But that didn't stop several first-time plungers from running into the water after a countdown of 10. This year we had nine residents and one golden retriever brave the waters of the Puget Sound on New Year's Day.

Now if that's not crazy enough, several plungers went for a second plunge! Spectators came and watched the fun. Dogs were running on the beach, cameras were everywhere, it was mad I say! A few minutes after the second plunge, Patti Kirkland said, "We are going to do this every week!" I thought she was crazy! Once a week? But a few days later, four of us did it again! And if that isn't wild enough, we went back the following week and did it yet again! This time we stayed in the water for about five whole minutes. There we were, standing in shoulder-deep water with our hands up in the air "stickup" style (so our hands didn't get so cold). We were a sight to behold.



photo by Pamela Thompson

After our “extended” plunge, we came up out of the water and got our robes on and chatted for a while, not even noticing the cold air. We felt warm and alive. We look forward to keeping the once-a-week tradition.

For more information, contact nataliecarolle@gmail.com, 303.775.0558, or join the Kala Point Social Plus Facebook Page facebook.com/groups/1571907526572489/ for updates on days and times we plan to plunge.

DISCLAIMER: If you have medical concerns, you might consider talking to your doctor before plunging. For more information about plunging npr.org/sections/health-shots/2023/10/08/1204411415/cold-plunge-health-benefits-how-to

Caroling in Kala Point

Natalie Wilson



Once again neighbors from Kala Point joined forces to bring some holiday cheer to

residents. A group of 19 neighbors hit the streets singing on December 21, 2023.

This was the second year in a row that the Social Plus Committee hosted this event. The group sang to as many homes as they could in their two-hour venture. Next year they hope more people join in and plan to sing to even more neighbors.

If you are interested in being part of this, reach out to Natalie Wilson nataliecarolle@gamil.com or 303.775.0558. ♦



Calling All Newcomers

Katharine Donnelly and Vicky Miller, Social Plus

If you consider yourself a newcomer to Kala Point, then this event is for you! 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.

We know it's Super Bowl Sunday, but don't let that stop you from joining us. We have TV at the Clubhouse, and you'll be able to keep an eye on the game and check the score.

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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Helpful Information from the

Architectural Committee

Pat Miles, Architectural Committee

Spring Ahead — Ready to Paint?

The Board-approved Architectural Committee's (AC) aesthetic standards are outlined in the AC APPs. They are designed to preserve the developers' vision of Kala Point as a wooded, parklike residential community in which manmade structures blend into the forested landscape, which protects the collective value of our homes. See section C on page 5 [Modifications-Existing-Homes](#).

Authorized colors: To help with your color decisions, the APPs list the spectrum of colors that are approved to achieve harmony between our homes and the wooded environment.

Body of House: Paint/stain should blend with the Kala Point wooded environment. Use earth tone colors or stains of brown to beige, grays, green or taupe. Colors not permitted are those that do not blend with the forested landscape; for example, colors in the spectrum of whites, yellows, or reds. (These colors make a house stand out, defeating the goal for homes to blend into the parklike, forested landscape.)

Trim of the House: Trim may contrast somewhat from the body color, but should also blend into the wooded environment, i.e., the same color spectrums as for siding.

Garage Doors: Garage doors must be painted, stained or factory pre-painted to match or blend with the main body or trim of the house.

Shed. If you have a shed and change the color of the house siding and trim, it must also be repainted the new color.

If you are changing color, submit an application and paint color choices on a board (no small paint chips) for approval to the AC.

If you are repainting with the same color, no application is needed. However, you must notify the AC of your intention to repaint the house the same color *and* must demonstrate previous approval with an earlier letter from the AC. ♦

Need to Replace That Aging Roof?

The process of replacing your roof couldn't be easier! The Architectural Committee (AC) has a long list of preapproved roofs that makes the application and approval process quick and easy.

You can access roofing information on the Board-approved APPs, which are the community's aesthetic standards: [Roofing Standards](#)

Complete a [Request to Modify to Existing Home application](#) indicating your roof selection and drop it off at the Administration Office for processing. Most often, the AC will not wait for the next AC monthly meeting to review but will address your choice of a "preapproved" roof between AC meetings.

Emergency Preparedness Committee
presents

2024 EXPO

“Be Aware – Be Prepared”

Saturday, April 13 from 12-4 pm
Kala Point Clubhouse



Kala Cares

Sherry Tesso Moch



Get to Know Your Neighbors

Article and photo by Laurie Engelbeck



**Zoe Lamp and Bruce Laurie,
Belvedere Drive**

Zoe Lamp and Bruce Laurie lived in the Port Townsend area for many years. When it was time to downsize, they looked all around the area before deciding that Kala Point offered the location and amenities they were seeking. They moved here in June 2022, and love the beach and access to the state park. They hope to get back into kayaking and biking this summer. In the meantime, they are still working on updating their house and garage.

Bruce worked for Jefferson County in the Public Works Department, and Zoe worked for the county in the Planning Department. They knew of each other through work but hadn't really met until

Zoe had a project that required a consultation from Public Works.

They had both lost their spouses and weren't really thinking about dating, but Zoe was so interested in him that she decided to ask him out to lunch. Bruce wasn't sure if it was a date or a work meeting, but they eventually got to know each other. They will be celebrating their 17th anniversary this year. They feel fortunate that they had good jobs that allowed them to buy a home in this area.

Bruce's interests include working on cars and woodworking. In their previous home, they had a large shop for his projects. Bruce is now thinking about remodeling the garage in this house.

Zoe has been a hospice volunteer and volunteered with the Patient and Family Advisory Council at the hospital. Bruce volunteered with Habitat for Humanity picking up furniture donations before the pandemic. Now their main hobby is working on their house. They are both involved with the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. They enjoy live music and have participated in a few of the Kala Point activities including the Block Party, International Dinners, and the Holiday Cocktail Party.

Zoe and Bruce enjoy travel, especially going to one place and really getting to know the area and its people. Their last big trip was a five-week trip to Oaxaca in 2018 where they enjoyed staying in a house with a local family. They are planning a six-week trip to Italy and look forward to spending a week or more in each place and exploring from their home base.

Zoe and Bruce have friends and family in the area, but are looking forward to getting to know more people in their immediate neighborhood and getting involved in the Kala Point community.

Volunteering in Kala Point

Sue Stanton

You Have a Lot to Offer!

Kala Point's lifeblood is the volunteers who dedicate their time and passion to the many committees that enhance this community we call home. Volunteers who currently serve on committees bring a wealth of experience, energy and personality to the table.

We all have something to offer, from a friendly smile between neighbors to serving on the Board, and everything in between. If you are interested in plugging into volunteer service on a committee or as a participant in the many events and learning opportunities offered, visit the [Kala Point website](#) to see a list of committees, what they do, where and when they meet, and activities they sponsor.

If you have questions, each committee has the name of the contact person located on the committee's landing page. Better yet, visit meetings of various committees to see what sparks your interest and feels like a good fit. You'll be welcomed with open arms. ♦

Committee Close-up

Laurie Engelbeck and Suzanne Eggleston, Publications



Dale Moses (Board rep), Suzanne Eggleston, Whit Porter, Hilary Newell, Margaret McGaughey, Pamela Thompson, Laurie Engelbeck (chair), Bob Goldstein (alternate Board rep)

The Publications Committee is a small but mighty group of volunteers. The committee's main task is to produce the very newsletter which you are reading, the *Kala Pointer*.

The *Kala Pointer* is the official conveyance to the community of Kala Point Owners' Association (KPOA) information. It's also a vehicle for articles or new items that might be of interest to the Kala Point community.

Our committee is involved with all aspects of publishing the *Kala Pointer*. We write some of the articles and collect others from the KPOA Board and committees. We encourage articles about Kala Point events and questions/concerns about Kala Point happenings.

Deadline for submission is always the 19th of the month for the edition to be published the first of the following month. This deadline may seem early, but it allows our team to review and edit all articles and for the photo editor to review, crop, or resize photos. After all articles have been reviewed by at least two editors, the layout can begin.

We now have five people trained to do the layout which is done on an online platform called Robly. This is the fun and creative part where the editor gets to decide on colors and placement of articles and photos. After the layout is done, including all the photos and ads, the draft newsletter is sent to the team and the KPOA administration for review.

New volunteers are always welcome to join us to write, edit, and do layout. We are happy to train! We enjoy having new ideas about features and ways to include more Kala Point residents. Some of our new ideas for 2024 include this Committee Close-up feature, Letters to the Board or Letters to the Editor, and a Photo Contest.

To submit an article, email it to YourKalaPointer@KalaPoint.org. Photos can be submitted to Photos@kalapoint.org. We strive to use at least one photo from everyone who submits photos that month.

Besides editing and publishing the *Kala Pointer*, the Publications Committee establishes guidelines under which the newsletter is written and published. (For more information from the Administrative Policies and Procedures, please visit [App-XIII-Publications_2023](#).)

We are working to increase our readership by expanding our email list. If you are not currently receiving the *Kala Pointer* by email, but would like to, please contact Felice in the KPOA office felice@kalapoint.org. ♦

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! ♦



Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting on January 18

Submitted by Pat Miles, committee chair

S. Rovanpera resigned as secretary; M. Machette will temporarily fill that role

Delayed election; members agreed that chair should continue until Lot 5010 non-compliance is resolved.

Lot 5010 non-compliance issue — ongoing since April 2023. Homeowners have until January 31 to comply to move disapproved portion of fence off the property line and out of the setbacks, which is in violation of APPs. Failing to meet date, AC will request compliance hearing before the Board for resolution.

Two projects:

- (1) Hot tub approved
- (2) "Like for Like" garage door replacement — doesn't require approval but must comply with any APP considerations such as painting it the siding color

Chair wrote two articles for the KP February issue: reroofing and repainting

Projects pending: 13

Next meeting: February 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Elections

Meeting on January 3

Submitted by Patsy Mathys, Chair and Dale Moses, Board Representative

New member: Nominated Geoff Genther as new member subject to Board approval

Elections Committee's future role/structure: There have been informal sub Board discussions to modify EC structure and roles. Our committee requests being included in all discussion and analysis regarding election-related issues, including whether to change our committee's role/structure. We request that any analysis begin with our committee then proceed to the Board. Board rep will present our committee's request at January's Board meeting.

Certify and validate election results: EC believes requested documents and EC-requested steps were not followed for our committee to certify and validate 2023 election results. 2024 goal: improve our 2024 election certification, validation, and oversight process.

2024 ballot counting: Consider counting ballots in-house during 2024 as a one-year test.

Other: Reviewed 2023 election process; updating annual election to-do list.

Next Meeting: TBD, Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Emergency Preparedness

Meeting on January 4

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

- The Committee will continue with their current organization:
 - Mark Miller, chair
 - Bill Hasan, treasurer, search and rescue and communications lead
 - Tom Clark, secretary
 - Terry Rose, first aid lead
 - Pattie Horvath, pet management lead
 - Sue Stanton, Board rep
 - Pat Miles, Alt Board rep
- The committee discussed block captain training for the end of January.
- Community block captain coverage is better than it has been in the past four years.
- The committee celebrated that there are now 12 CERT trained members
- The committee discussed the function of NOC, container and sheds, their capabilities and upgrades, HAM and monthly radio net checks
- The committee discussed the need to increase repeater range in the Kala Point community
- EPC goals were established and discussed for 2024 to include an Expo,

- Shakeout, communication practice, training, Speaker Series, NOC and sheds
- The committee discussed future articles for the *Kala Pointer*
 - The committee will review EPC APPs and submit any changes to the Board
 - Radio net test: Monday, January 8, 2024

Next meeting: February 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Finance

No Meeting in January

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

Grounds

Meeting was held after February Kala Pointer Deadline

Internal Control

Meeting on January 24

Submitted by Dale Moses, Board representative

- Quarterly committee meetings seem to be working well
- Members continue to meet monthly for expense reviews
- Assignments made for the next several expense reviews and yearly review
- The list of KPOA assets has been updated; the physical review needs to be scheduled
- Committee voted to continue David Harrah as chairman
- Committee could use one or two volunteers
- ICC Review Procedures are still in draft with changes being added
- We'll need a replacement secretary by April with Maria leaving

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

Project Study (formerly Strategic Planning)

Meeting on January 2

Sue Stanton, Committee Chair

- The committee voted Sue Stanton as chair and Dan Nordlund as secretary, with room for one more non-Board KPOA member
- The committee reviewed [APP Article XIV](#) and further discussed overall APP formatting for continuity
- The committee discussed recruiting new members to committees
- The committee briefly discussed the annual survey and will wait for direction from the Board

Next meeting: February 6 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Publications

Meeting on January 8

Submitted by Dale Moses, Board representative

- The committee's first meeting of the year was conducted by new Chair Laurie Engelbeck
- For the January 2024 issue of the *Kala Pointer*:
 - 588 emails were sent; 64.7% were initially opened
 - When *Kala Pointer* was re-sent five days later to those who hadn't yet opened the first emailing, 15.9% of recipients opened
 - A dozen or so copies were sent to Cablespeed emails, and approximately 50 paper copies also were made by the KPOA office
- We reviewed the proposed content for the February 2024 issue
- We discussed a new idea for the *Kala Pointer*: printing selected questions to the Board which we will call "Member Concerns"
- We continue to welcome letters to the editor.
- We discussed Committee goals for 2024 which include:
 - Adding a monthly "Committee Close-up" feature to the *Kala Pointer* highlighting a KPOA committee, explaining what they do, and how new volunteers may participate. (The Publications Committee will be featured in February and perhaps Emergency Preparedness the following month. Other committees will be solicited.)
 - Publishing concerns and questions of general interest from KPOA members to the Board and Committees ("Member Concerns")
 - Streamlining the production of Board and Committee summaries by ensuring that they include correct and necessary information
 - Reviewing and updating the *Kala Pointer* style guide and adding the updated style guide to the KPOA Publications Committee webpage
 - Working towards having a Kala Point photo contest, with judging by all interested members.
 - Continuing the goal from last year to increase the number of households that receive the *Kala Pointer* by growing the email list

Monthly meetings of the committee are on the second Monday of the month.

Next meeting: February 12 at 1:30 in the Administration Building conference room

Social Plus

Meeting January 8

Submitted by Marilyn Berry, Board representative

- Minutes from the last meeting were approved
- A volunteer for committee secretary is still needed
- Meetings for 2024 will be held January 8, April 2, September 3, and December 3
- The committee stayed within budget last year
- End-of-year events were discussed (Home for the Holidays Cocktail Party, Caroling, New Year's Eve Party, and the Polar Plunge). All were very successful. The Board representative will check on the association's liability for the Polar Plunge event(s).
- Events for the 2024 calendar were discussed and planned; new events include the following:
 - Three newcomer events in 2024 — two for the newcomers and one as a communitywide event
 - Family-friendly or youth events
 - A "Volunteer Appreciation" party
 - "EPC zones" block parties
- Events for the first quarter of 2024 are as follows:

- Thursdays through January, and Sunday the 28th — Polar Plunges will continue
- February 9 – Program: “Hospice and What it Means to You”
- February 11 – Newcomers Meet and Greet
- March 15 – TGIF for St. Patrick’s Day

Next meeting: April 2 in the clubhouse fireside room.

Tree

Meeting January 11

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

Minutes for November 9, 2023, approved by motion

Discussion

- The Tree Committee is waiting on the consulting arborist report before moving forward with a case located on Fairbreeze Dr.
- Two open cases located in Bluff area pending clarification from either BMAC or Jefferson County
 - TC (Tree Committee) needs further information defining where the TC responsibilities stop and BMAC (Bluff Management Advisory Committee) begin for homes located on the Bluff.
 - The Jefferson County Unified Development Code requires analysis of 150’ mean high water and property location within a geologic hazard zone
 - Those lines are not identified within KPOAs governing documents
 - The committee discussed updating TC’s documents to reflect new information
- Homeowners need to go through BMAC or get a letter from Jefferson County releasing requirement for analysis
- TC may proceed once a letter from Jefferson County is received and if trees are deemed its responsibility
- The meeting was adjourned for site visits.

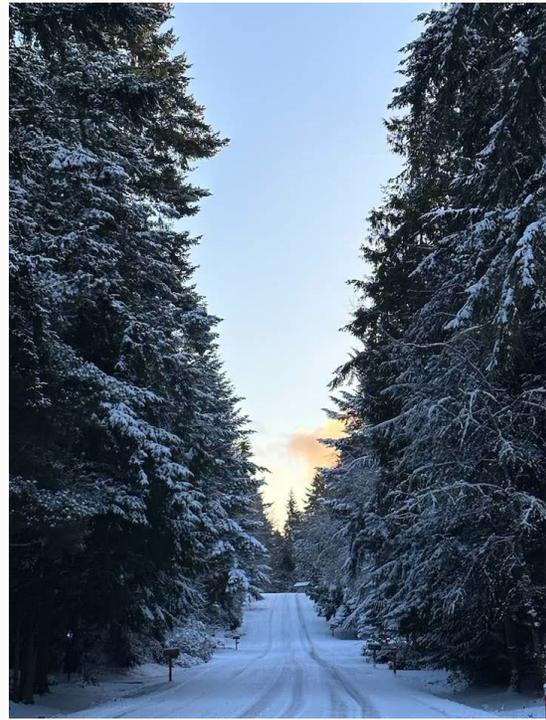
Next meeting: February 8 at 9 a.m. in the Administration Building conference room



Through the Lens



Happy New Year Rigo
photo by Alison Ebbott



Pinecrest Drive
photo by Pamela Thompson



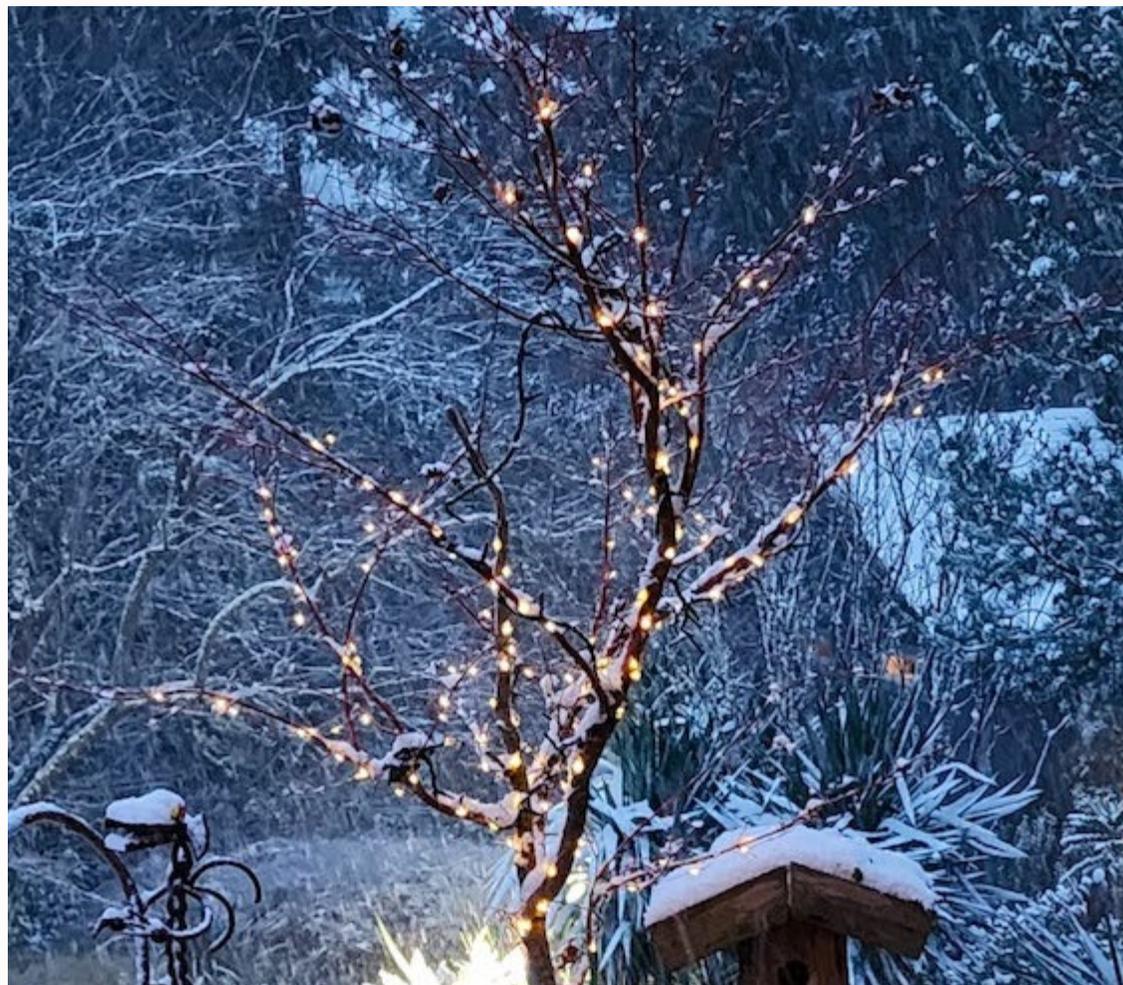
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