

# Kala Pointer

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## From the Desk of KPOA President

*[Joseph Reeves](#), Board President*

I used to fly a lot for my work. I'd leave Juneau on the morning jet, catch another to a hub, which would be followed by an air taxi, then a snowmachine, four-wheeler, or truck. I learned from those trips that the person sitting next to me on the jet or in the truck going up the ice road had a story and was more than willing to tell it. He could be a worker on his way to fix a village's electric plant, a subsistence hunter, a traveling therapist, or a guy who had served his time and was heading home. Everyone had a story.

It's a bit different here as I see my neighbors frequently, whereas I would rarely see the other travelers again. Still, there are similarities if you search for them.

I walk a lot and often stop and talk with people. After a few questions you get a sense that there is a great story waiting to be told. It might involve how they came to Kala Point, what they used to do or what they do now, their interests, or something else about the world.

Do you know why salmon were introduced into the Great Lakes? One word: the alewives, an invasive species of fish that salmon love to eat. I've heard what it's like to pilot a 737. I've learned a lot about native flora and which shrubs the deer don't eat, though it seems they have been eating a lot of things they aren't supposed to this winter. And those anecdotes are just from the past few months.

I think it would be great if we had an opportunity for people to tell their stories to more than a passerby. It might be worthwhile to try something like a "Ted Talk" series to hear those stories.

We can learn a lot about our neighbors, maybe even make some friends, if we take the time to ask questions. ♦

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*Winter Light in Fort Townsend* by Donna Abear

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March 19 for the  
April Issue

**Submit your articles to:**  
[YourKalaPointer@kalapoint.org](mailto:YourKalaPointer@kalapoint.org)

**[Our Letter to the Editor policy](#)**

Look under section 8.

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The Kala Point community is a common-interest residential homeowner association (HOA). When purchasing or building within Kala Point, homeowners agree to follow the HOA's governing documents, which include: Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions of Record (CC&Rs); Rules and Regulations; Bylaws; and detailed Administrative Policies and Procedures (APPs). APPs are Board-enacted rules. The protective umbrella of these governing documents works in the best interest of all homeowners ensuring higher standards of neighborhood appearance and enhancing the collective value of the homes.

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### Attention Gmail Users

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## February Board Meeting Summary

[Sue Stanton](#), Board Secretary

The February KPOA Board meeting was held February 13, 2024, at 3 p.m. It was a hybrid meeting

held in person at the Clubhouse and over Zoom. Board members in attendance included J. Reeves, president; M. Lannon, vice president; S. Stanton, secretary; K. Skolrud, CFO. Directors included D. Kimball, P. Miles, M. Berry, D. Moses, and B. Goldstein. Administrative staff included K. Larson, general manager; and F. Thompson, executive assistant. In addition, 13 people attended in person, and six self-identified via Zoom.

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

The February 2024 revised agenda and the minutes of the January 9, 2024, Board meeting were approved. It was announced that the deadline for articles for the March *Kala Pointer* was February 19. The consent calendar was partially approved: approval to appoint Walt Abegglen to the Finance Committee, and Normandie Anderson, Marilyn Berry, Rebecca Carrol, Kathy Craig and Sheryl Grant to the APP Format Ad Hoc Committee passed; the Elections Ad-Hoc Committee membership list failed.

- D. Kimball introduced an overview of Senate Bill 5796 – Washington Uniform Common Interest Ownership Act, and changes that continue to be made as it advances through the Senate bill process.
- B. Goldstein was appointed as director liaison to the Pedestrian Safety Committee.

## New Business

- A motion by M. Berry, seconded by J. Reeves to adopt Ad-Hoc recommendations for standardizing APP formatting was approved by unanimous consent.

## General Manager's Report

- A motion by M. Lannon, seconded by P. Miles to close the entire pier until further notice based on the assessment memo from Pacific Engineering outlining conditions and limitation of the pier in its current state was approved by unanimous consent.
- Astound Cable will be laying fiber optic cable from the KP entrance to Corbridge Place; work to begin in April.
- Work on the sauna continues. Heating high limit switches have been replaced, and a thermostat switch has been ordered in hopes the sauna will be up and running soon.
- The start date to replace the boiler/water heater is scheduled for March 18. Installation of venting prior to replacement of boiler/water heater is anticipated.
- Fourth Quarter Financials, 2024 Assessment Collections Report, and the 2024 Reserve Project Report were shared with the Board.
- Brush trimming and overhead branching has begun and will continue in the weeks ahead.

## Old Business

- A motion by K. Skolrud, seconded by J. Reeves to approve the Finance Committee's recommendation to fund Phase 1A – Engineering Design plans for the Pier at a cost of \$10,000 was approved by a vote of 7-Yes, 2-No.
- A motion by S. Stanton, seconded by M. Lannon to adopt the Board goal to increase the membership emails and *Kala Pointer* distribution list by 10% was approved by a vote of 8-Yes, 1-abstention.

## Board Goals for 2024

- Maintain two-hour Board meetings, standardizing formatting of APPs
- Review the elections process
- increase membership emails and *Kala Pointer* distribution list by 10%. Committee reports are posted on the Board of Directors landing page at [www.kalapoint.org](http://www.kalapoint.org) and included in the monthly *Kala Pointer*

Member comments regarding monthly Board Correspondence and the process of adding items to the Board agenda were noted by the Board.

The main business of the February regular Board being completed, the Board adjourned until the March meeting. For more detail about the meeting, supporting documents, and a recording of the board meeting, visit the [Board of Director's landing page](#).

**Next meeting:** March 12 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse Main Room ♦

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## 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](#).

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## Letter to the Editor

### Please Honor 25 MPH Limit

In regard to pedestrian walkways I would like consideration given to the fact that newer residents and older residents may not understand the speed limit within our subdivision.

Recently crossing Kala Point Dr. walking the dog, my friend and I came close to being struck by someone in a big hurry, and it was truly sobering. I have noticed along with the increase in traffic that people are not following basic rules of the road.



Art by [Freepik.com](https://www.freepik.com)

How many people disregard the 25 mph speed limit or stopping at stop signs? I live by a stop sign where I watch people roll through rather than stop.

This is my request to please slow down, follow the rules of the road and remember it's 25 mph all the way to the stop sign on Prospect and Kala Point Dr. Thank you for understanding that we want to continue to live in a peaceful neighborhood where speeding is discouraged out of respect for our neighbors and four-legged friends.

Sincerely,  
Kate Cope ♦

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### Something on Your Mind?

Send a letter to the editor! The easiest way to do so is by emailing [yourkalapointer@kalapoint.org](mailto:yourkalapointer@kalapoint.org).

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

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## Pedestrian Walking Path Update

by Phil Brodt

The feasibility study on the proposed walking path along Kala Point Drive that was announced in the January issue of the *Kala Pointer* is progressing well and is nearing completion. Site visits with all three of the utility companies that maintain infrastructure within the right-of-way revealed no serious concerns involving the existing buried cables and power vaults.

A conversation with a development code administrator at Jefferson County Department of Community Development noted no critical areas within the proximity of the proposed walking path. However, a final determination of acceptability will be made upon a review of a professionally designed plan.

A local contractor that has performed work for us in the past will conduct an on-site inspection to determine the complexities of constructing the path and provide a non-binding cost estimate based on their site review. Further review by the KPOA Finance Committee will determine the reasonableness of the expected construction costs.

To date, there have been several preview presentations of the path project given to KPOA Committees and their members. Feedback during these presentations has been helpful to fine-tune the plan and improve on the project's goals. A full membership presentation is expected to occur in the second half of March in our KPOA Clubhouse. Watch for email announcements and bulletin board postings. ♦



There have been several sightings of cougars in Kala Point recently, including near houses. An article from [Western Wildlife Outreach](#) provides some information and tips about cougar safety.

In summary, this article states that cougar attacks on humans are *very rare*. In the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho, there have been only three human deaths due to cougars in recorded history. In the last 200 years in Washington, there have been fewer than a dozen total cougar attacks on humans. Cougars are reported to be very fearful of humans and go to great lengths to completely avoid humans and their pets.

**If you see or encounter a cougar:** Never approach the cougar or offer it food. You should never do this with deer or any wild animal.

**Immediately and forcefully show the animal that you're a human:** Put small children behind you or pick them up, and control your dogs. Stop, look big, wave your arms, vocalize.

*Do not run away.* Running and rapid movements may trigger a chase response. Instead, face the cougar, and talk to it firmly while slowly backing away. Always leave the animal an escape route.

Try to appear larger than the cougar. Get above it (e.g., step up onto a rock or stump). If wearing a jacket, hold it open to further increase your apparent size. If you are in a group, stand shoulder-to-shoulder to appear intimidating.

Do not take your eyes off the cougar or turn your back. Do not crouch down or try to hide.

If the cougar does not flee, be more assertive. If it shows signs of aggression (crouches with ears back, teeth bared, hissing, tail twitching, and hind feet pumping in preparation to jump), shout, wave your arms and throw anything you have available (water bottle, book, backpack). The idea is to convince the cougar that you are not prey, but a potential danger.

If the cougar attacks, fight back. Be aggressive and try to stay on your feet. Cougars have been driven away by people who have fought back using anything within reach, including sticks, rocks, shovels, backpacks, and clothing — even bare hands. If you are aggressive enough, a cougar will flee, realizing it has made a mistake. Pepper spray in the cougar's face is also effective in the extreme unlikelihood of a close encounter with a cougar.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife ranks reports of cougars into the following three categories:

**1. Sighting:** occurs in the cougar's natural environment when the animal is viewed from a distance. In these situations, the cougar may have noticed you (or not) and continued on its way. Cougars may move through areas to more remote areas using washes or forested corridors.

**Response:** It is not necessary to report a sighting. Cougars are rarely aggressive toward humans. They are secretive, and usually avoid contact with people whenever possible. However, if you wish to report your sighting, call the closest [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife regional office](#).

**2. Encounter:** occurs when a close interaction takes place with a cougar, and it did not immediately leave the area. An encounter can entail a brief stare at a closer distance than is described in "sighting" above; the cat took a step or two forward before it left the area (note that this behavior may be due to the cat's curiosity, and thus may not be exhibiting aggressive behavior); the cat gives a warning "hiss"; or, the cat didn't leave the area until you threw something at it.

**Response:** Call the closest [Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife](#), (8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday, excluding holidays). After hours and weekends, a state patrol radio dispatcher is available by calling 911; wildlife officers will be notified immediately.

**3. Attack:** occurs when a cougar makes physical contact with humans, pets, or livestock.

**Response:** Call 911 immediately. Quick response is crucial even for pets and livestock.

**Remember, removal is usually a last resort.** It is important to keep wildlife wild and remove whatever is attracting cougars (such as feeding deer, or allowing deer to persist near people). If people are seeing a cougar in a particular area regularly, it may warrant a response from WDFW. In some cases, the department may remove a cougar that presents an imminent threat to human safety. Please be aware of laws in Washington regarding killing wildlife. ♦

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## Food Trucks of the Forest

*Article and photos by Tim Twiford*



The red-breasted sapsucker is much more than just a tree artist with his precise patterns tapped into both coniferous and deciduous trees. (In our yard, they go for the sap of the cherry and magnolia, which I think would be sweeter than that of a pine or cedar, but my lips stuck together in the midst of research so I'm not quite certain.) They are also a keystone species in that both their holes and the sap that seeps out are essential for a host of creatures.

An example is the rufous hummingbird who nests close to the sapsucker's nest and follows him around for fresh sap in the spring before flowers begin to bloom. Some come for the sap, others for the insects drawn to the sap, while predators lay close for those who show up.

The size of a robin, the red-breasted sapsucker has a short life span, three years on average. The longest ever recorded was five. You may think (if you've ever seen one at work) that this could be due to banging his beak repeatedly into a tree, brain-clanging back and forth like a bell clapper, up to 20 times per second! But not so. As usual, mother nature's "biological engineering department" has come up with an amazing design. (For another, check out why water fowls' feet



don't freeze in the winter in my article "Diving Ducks: Triumph, Ballet and Tragedy in the Bay," [January 2021 Kala Pointer](#), page 10.)



Woodpeckers have an upper and a lower eyelid just like we do, but they also have a third eyelid called the nictitating membrane (as do sharks and reptiles) which opens and closes horizontally. This membrane keeps the flying wood particles from getting into the eyes and wipes them clean as it opens and closes. It also acts like a seatbelt for the brain. Behind the beak the woodpecker has a mass of bone and muscle that functions much like an airbag to mitigate impact. (This all sounds like a Volvo ad to me!) Plus, with a stiff tail and two toes pointing forward, and two pointing backward for stability, the woodpecker family is built to pound away!

Another bioengineering marvel is the woodpecker family's specialized tongue. Their tongues need to be longer than their beaks to reach into a sap well and slurp up the sap. (Fun fact: a gathering of sapsuckers is called a "slurp," and I didn't make that one up, John!) However, it can't just hang out of the beak constantly running into things. Instead, the woodpecker's tongue wraps around a series of bones in the jaw and up over the head (think retractable hose reel). To extract the sap, the front of the tongue has hair-like bristles that act much like a bottle brush.

I thought feeding time with infant twins was tough, but the feeding of four to seven little sapsuckers is not for the lazy or easily distracted. In the first six days of life, the babies are fed every seven minutes. Not every seven hours, but *every seven minutes!* While both parents share equally in this exhaustive duty, I've done the math: 1,440 (the number of minutes in a day), divided by seven minutes equals a number not divisible by two, so who gets the extra shift? As it turns out, neighboring red-breasted adults without a brood pitch in to help.

Finally, contrary to popular belief, red-breasted sapsuckers rarely kill a tree. The tree seals the holes fairly quickly, and unless you experience a "slurp" (also uncommon), these beautiful "food trucks of the forest" are definitely beneficial residents. ♦

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## Sharing the Good Life

Article and photo by Whit Porter



Here's a dessert that is a show stopper! It's a terrific summertime dessert, but delicious any time of year.

It takes about 30-45 minutes to prepare, then requires a minimum of two hours to set in the fridge before serving. It might be best to practice it once before showtime to get used to mixing it all together — see step 8 below. Even if it doesn't come out exactly the first time, it'll still

taste great!

## Cold Lemon Mousse

### Ingredients:

Serves six-eight; double if more required. (*Measurements are important with this recipe.*)

Grated rind (zest) of 4 lemons (limes also work)

1 cup sugar

3 egg yolks

4 egg whites

½ cup water

1 envelope of gelatin

⅓ cup lemon juice

¾ pint whipped cream

Garnish: berries, good chocolate or small cookies

### Directions:

1. Mix egg yolks with sugar until pale yellow
2. In a new bowl, mix gelatin, water, lemon juice, and zest (save a little zest for step 10)
3. Mix gelatin/water/rind/lemon juice with yolks/sugar (Step 2 with Step 1)
4. In a new bowl, whip egg whites until stiff but not dry
5. Rinse whipping blades
6. In a new bowl, whip cream until it forms peaks
7. Fold yolks/sugar mixture in to egg whites
8. Gently fold mixture into the whipped cream, using a spatula (or your hands). Use a light but thorough touch. Reach to the bottom of the bowl to scoop egg/lemon mixture up and through yolks and cream so that no pool of the yellow remains at the bottom of the bowl. This is important because if not mixed sufficiently, the heavier yolks, rinds and sugar will settle on the bottom and be “jello-ish.”
9. Sprinkle remaining rind on top.
10. Let set in fridge 2-3 hours.

Optional: fresh berries or shaved chocolate on top (see photo), or good cookies around the side.

Bon appétit! (Be prepared for WOWS!) ♦

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**DANCE PARTY!! FRIDAY, MARCH 15 6-9PM**

Courtesy of your host (& birthday gal) Cherri Mann

**KALA POINT FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS: YOU'RE INVITED!**

Appetizers provided; Drinks available for purchase

Donations accepted for PT Community Build: Tiny Homes for the Unsheltered

Eaglemount Winery 1983 S. Jacob Miller Road Port Townsend

## **Newcomers Meet & Greet Hosted by Social Plus**

*by Katherine Donnelly*

A small but lively gathering held at the Clubhouse gave newcomers a chance to get to know one another and learn about events sponsored by Social Plus.



*Pictured L-R Mike Connor, Chris Werme, Karin & Mike Youngberg, newcomers, and Social Plus Co-Chair Katharine Donnelly in back (Not pictured Vicky Miller, Newcomers Co-Chair & Marilyn Berry, Board Representative.*

## Get to Know Your Neighbors

*Photo and Story by Laurie Engelbeck*

### **Dick and Anne Schneider Nantucket Place**



“There’s nothing consistent about us but change,” says Anne. She and Dick met in college at U.C. Berkeley, have been married for more than 60 years, and have experienced a lot of changes in their lives, 31 years of which have been spent in Kala Point.

Anne and Dick raised their two sons in Silicon Valley and then moved to Southern California for his business. Following graduate school, Dick put his chemist training to work when he became involved with a startup company making medical diagnostic products. The healthcare industry was growing fast; after 20 years of corporate life, Dick joined a venture capital firm focused on biotechnology.

Dick got to know the Pacific Northwest from his frequent trips to Seattle to evaluate new companies. He retired from the venture capital business 24 years ago. Anne was in education and human resources before she retired.

While living in California, they discovered Port Townsend almost by accident. They were on a long trip around the Olympic Peninsula, on their way to British Columbia to go fishing, when they missed the ferry. They decided to spend the night in Port Townsend; friends recommended the Castle.

The couple ended up staying in the area, eventually finding a wooded property in Kala Point that they thought would be nice for a summer home. They visited in every season and met people in the neighborhood and at the Yacht Club.

As they started to spend more time in their Kala Point house, Dick was still working four to five days a week and commuting to an office in California. In the early ‘90s, Port Townsend Airways would fly him directly to SeaTac airport, something not possible after 9/11.

After Dick retired, they made Kala Point their home. They also have a home in Portland and go there several days a month to enjoy performances of the Oregon Symphony.

Both Anne and Dick have been quite busy in retirement. Together, they were active in founding the Maritime Center and the Jefferson Community Foundation. They have been involved supporters of Northwind Art, the Olympic Music Festival, and Centrum.

While Dick was still working, Anne joined many community organizations in Port Townsend and Jefferson County, including arts associations and philanthropic organizations. She was active in many community boards and served as president of several. She volunteered at the Visitor Center for the Chamber of Commerce. When she turned 70, she retired from all boards.

Anne took a class in mixed-media collage and developed a passion for it. She has a studio in her home now, and displays her work at Northwind Art and the Port Townsend Gallery. Anne has studied with teachers from all over, and also teaches classes at Northwind Art. "I love to teach what I enjoy."

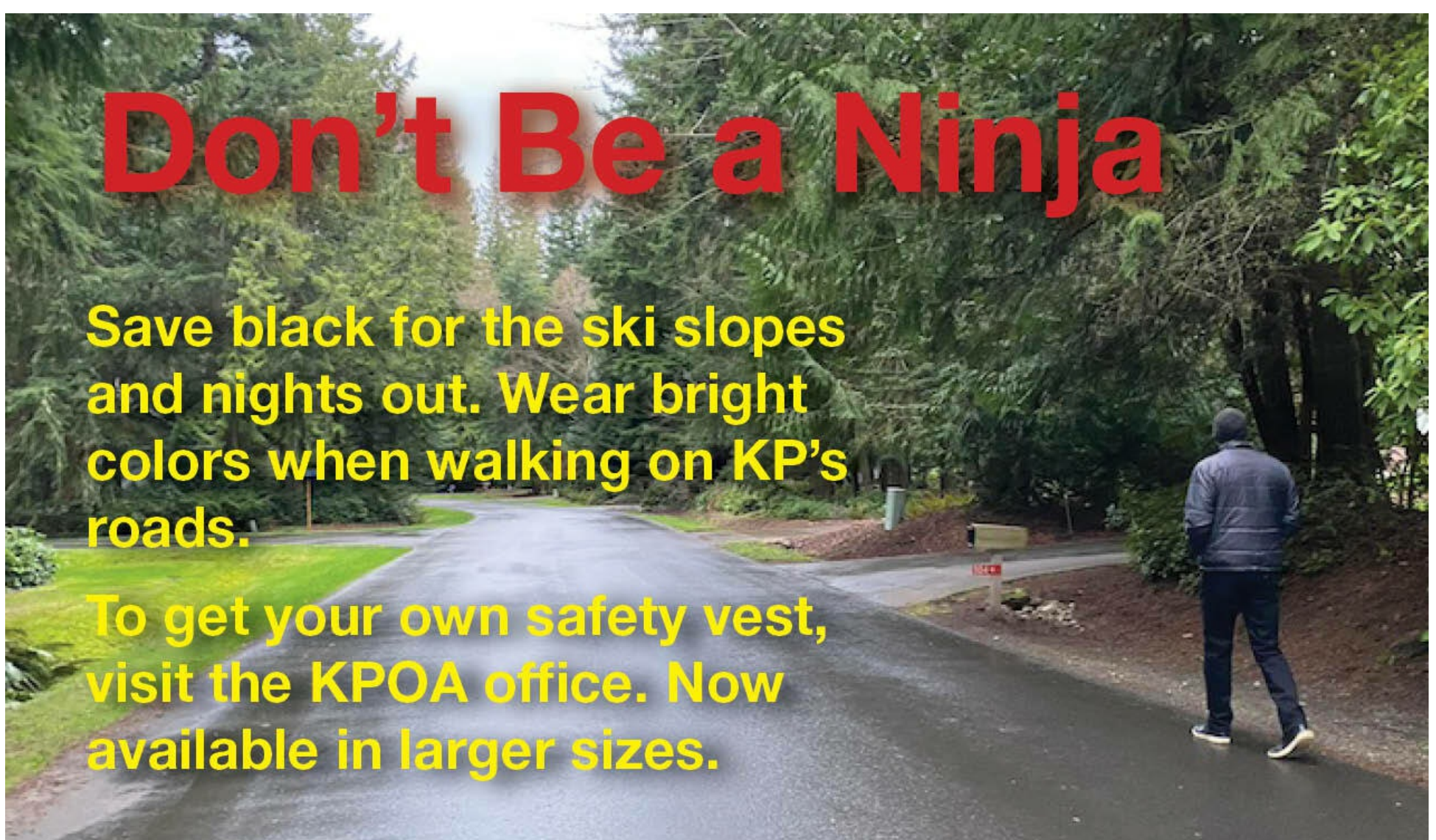
After he retired, Dick developed an interest in community agriculture. He found that many people wanted to farm but had little idea about what would grow well in our maritime climate. He used his scientific background to research what varieties of different plants would grow well here.

He bought the property which is now Raincoast Farm, starting with seven acres and growing it to 17.5 acres. He grew tomatoes, peppers, strawberries, thornless blackberries, and fruit trees, and gave produce to friends and the Food Bank. As other farms were developed in the area, and good high-quality local produce became available, he sold the farm.

Dick's interest turned to growing orchids and other tropical plants. He began collecting donated non-blooming orchids in an attempt to save them from the compost bin. Working with co-worker Lindsay Mayo, another Kala Point resident, the Orchid Recovery Project adopts donated orchid plants and attempts to return them to full bloom. They are then donated to Jefferson Healthcare, hospice, or local schools.

Dick rents two greenhouses at Raincoast Farm to grow his orchids. He has a large personal collection of many different species which he shares with anyone interested.

The Schneiders loved to travel when they were younger but are not traveling much now. They have been all the way from Svalbard, Norway, north of the Arctic Circle, to Antarctica. They love to entertain and have remodeled their kitchen so two chefs can work at once. They enjoy going to performances at Centrum and the Olympic Music Festival. ♦



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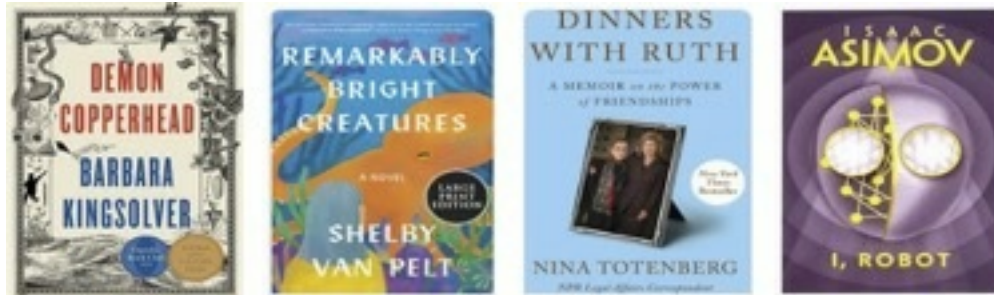
# Kala Point Book Group

by Mary Brunner

The Kala Point Book Group meets the second Monday of the month at 10 a.m. in the Fireplace Room at the KP Clubhouse. We do not meet in July or August. Our June and December meetings include a potluck lunch, and we meet at 11 a.m. on those days. In June we will be choosing books for the coming year.

Books for March through June 2024:

- **March 11:** *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
- **April 8:** *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt
- **May 13:** *Dinners with Ruth* by Nina Totenberg
- **June 10:** *I, Robot* by Isaac Asimov ♦



## Welcome Spring & St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour!

Come & celebrate with your neighbors on

**Friday, March 15th, 4:30-6:30pm**

for a fun festive wearing o' the green

**Happy Hour** at the clubhouse!

BYOB, and an appetizer if you like-  
light snacks will be provided.

Questions?

Contact Patty Kirkland 206-409-0933



Hairy Woodpecker Photo by Donna Abear

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## Committee Close-up

by Mike Harte, Tree Committee Chair



*Tree Committee studying a tree that might come down. Photo by Laurie Engelbeck*

Left to right: Sue Stanton (Board rep), Tim Twiford, Mike Harte (chair), Kim Titus (in front), LeeAnn McMillen, Bob Goldstein (Board rep), and Julie Arnestad.

**The Tree Committee** is responsible for “maintaining the wooded environment that makes Kala Point an attractive community,” to “preserve the diversity and health of native trees and shrubs in the wooded areas,” to “support view maintenance” where applicable, and to “reduce risk of hazardous conditions” where applicable, according to [APP II-13](#).

Our primary goal is to work with and educate homeowners of the intrinsic value of our wooded/forested community, and the importance of maintaining the health, integrity, and diversity of our mixed wooded forest community. Another goal is to help homeowners overcome their fears of living in our forested community through learning more about forest biology, tree habitat, and the integrity of Pacific Northwest ecosystems.

Every month, the Tree Committee reviews homeowners’ requests for vegetation control/removal. During the review process, a Tree Committee member (assigned as case manager) examines the filed paperwork and arranges a site visit to review with the homeowner the actions they wish to take. With the initial site visit complete, the case manager summarizes to the rest of the Tree Committee the proposed request from the homeowner. As a group, the Tree Committee then conducts a site visit to meet and discuss the proposed request with the homeowner. At the conclusion of each site visit, the Tree Committee makes a motion to approve, amend, or deny the request, then votes on the proposed action or suggests amendments to the proposed action; a majority vote is required.

The Tree Committee is a committee of the Board. For the motion to carry, the two Standing Board Members of the Tree Committee must agree with the decision. If they do not, they make the final decision of the proposed action. We have not had a case to date when the Board members needed to make a different decision.

The Tree Committee as a group engages primarily by consensus, working together to conserve native trees and preserve the wooded aesthetic of Kala Point, and protecting private property. However, with each Vegetation Control Request the Tree Committee receives, a case manager is

assigned to take lead on that case and to meet individually with the homeowner on the issue they present.

The Tree Committee would welcome new volunteer members with an interest in serving our community. Our primary goal, as per our guiding APP, is overall conservation of native trees and shrubbery consistent with the vegetation of the Olympic Peninsula. If you would like to get involved, contact or meet with the Tree Committee chair or a Tree Committee member to express your interest. ♦

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**“FOR THE LOVE OF ANIMALS”**  
**ANNUAL AUCTION and Gala**      **SATURDAY APRIL 20TH, 5:30PM**  
**AT TRILLIUM WOODS FARM**  
**IN QUILCENE**



**Center Valley Animal Rescue**

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## Beach Beatles Puzzle

*by ObiWan & Franny*



Are you a Beatles fan? A Kala Point beach fan? Puzzle fan? No matter the answer, we've got you covered.

Some mornings, the name of a Beatles song (missing a letter or two) can be found drawn in the sand near the double wooden chairs. Early birds stand a better chance of seeing and solving the puzzle because the tides, pooches and people tracks make the puzzle's beach life short indeed.

D \_ I \_ E      M \_  
?   ?                      ?

The song pictured above? (Baby You Can) DRIVE MY CAR ♦

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# Emergency Preparedness Committee

*presents*

## 2024 EXPO

### “Be Aware – Be Prepared”

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



### Come to the EXPO!

Your Emergency Preparedness Committee is hosting our “Be Aware – Be Prepared” EXPO on **Saturday, April 13, from 12-4 p.m.** in the Kala Point Clubhouse. The EXPO is a combined event of table displays featuring emergency preparedness equipment and five 30-minute presentations. Listed below are the offerings during the 2024 EXPO:

Presentation	Presenter(s)	Table Display
The Mission of EPC and the Dept. of Emergency Management	Scott Rovanpera & Willie Benz	Emergency Sanitation & Water Storage
	Chief Bret Black	East Jefferson Fire Rescue table
Communications During a Disaster	Joe Englander	Kala Point Radios and Communications
“Stop the Bleed” Training	Dave Codier	First Aid Kits
Emotional First Aid Following a Disaster	Jeana Holme	Grab & Go Bags Kala Point Emergency Exits
		Emergency Food Supply for People & Pets

### East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) Annual Fundraiser

The EXPO will be the kickoff for the EPC Annual Fundraiser to purchase critical equipment for East Jefferson Fire Rescue. EJFR created “Friends of EJFR,” a 501(c)(3) nonprofit to accept charitable donations for this cause. This year, EJFR would like to purchase three video laryngoscopes, one for each EJFR ambulance. A video laryngoscope allows the EMT to intubate much quicker in the event of cardiac arrest, and thus significantly increase the likelihood of successful CPR and resuscitation. The cost of one video laryngoscope is approximately \$2,000; the goal of the

# Way to go Connie!



KPOA Members,

We are pleased to announce  
Connie Morgensen, KPOA Clubhouse  
attendant successfully passed her  
month-long Certified Pool Operators  
course. Connie worked diligently  
throughout this last month to  
earn this certification.

Well done!!

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# Committee Reports

## Architectural

Meeting on February 15

Submitted by Mark Lannon, Board representative

- **APP change/addition: Septic Replacement.** Vote postponed until March to refine wording location and content. M. Berry noted presence of existing septic field regs in current version of APPs.
- **Ongoing non-compliance issue: lot 5010, Kala Heights Drive.** Deadline for compliance: January 31, 2024. AC preparing to vote whether to request a Board Compliance hearing.
- **Lot 352:** Replace heat pump and screen from view; approved by case manager P. Miles
- **Lot 244:** Install solar panels on roof and screen any visible mechanicals; approved by case manager D. Adams
- **Lot 271:** Create raised planter beds/install deer fencing; approved by case manager B. Abear
- **Lot 52:** Repaint with dark grey colors; approved by case manager D. Ethington
- **Lot 237:** New doors and windows in office and install screened propane tank; approved by case manager M. Machette
- **Lot 19:** Withdrew request for raised planter beds
- **Ongoing projects:** 14 plus five approved this meeting; total: 19

**Next meeting:** March 21 at 9:30 a.m in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room (no Zoom)

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## Emergency Preparedness

Meeting on February 1

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

January 4, 2024, minutes approved as written.

- Block captain training on January 31 was well attended with positive feedback. All zones now have block captains. EPC members and current block captains are encouraged to recruit backup block captains.
- The committee extended a welcome and thanks to two new block captains and one additional search & rescue team member.
- A new CERT class begins February 17. Registration is first-come, first-served with class size limited. Contact information was given to interested EPC members.
- Publications will be featuring KP committees monthly in the *Kala Pointer*. The EPC will be featured in May following the EXPO.
- The April EPC EXPO planning phase was shared with the committee to include a draft schedule for speakers and topics. There is a need for more volunteers for various tasks.
- Might Kala Point benefit from a simple digital reader board near the main entrance? Benefits: Timely announcements of KP meetings; special events; safety warnings (e.g., snowstorm, fire watch, etc.)
- Reminder to NET radio participants to initiate the monthly radio check if it is not started by the lead assigned. It is possible this could happen in an emergency that requires members to step up and take the lead. This is good practice and will spread leadership expertise to ultimately help our community the most.

**Next meeting:** March 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

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## Finance

Meeting on February 6

Submitted by Kevin Skolrud, Board representative

- Maria Mendes gave a report for the Internal Control Committee, followed by Larry McDowell's report on account reconciliation
- The committee reviewed assessment collections and the December 2024 financial statements
- Phil Brodt gave a presentation on a proposed walking path on Kala Point Drive
- The committee voted to recommend to the Board approval of Pacific Engineering's proposal for engineering design of pier repairs
- The committee unanimously recommended to the Board approval of Walt Abegglen joining the Finance Committee

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

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## Grounds

*Meeting on January 25*

*Submitted by Joseph Reeves, Board representative*

- 2024 Board Representatives Dale Moses, Joseph Reeves, and Kevin Skolrud attended the meeting. Guests included Marilyn Berry, Phil Brodt and Dave Pitts. Keith Larson, Scott Rovanager, and Tom McFarling represented the Grounds Committee (GC).
- Phil presented an update on a dedicated walking trail from the KPOA gate to Kala Heights Dr. He is proposing a 4-8' wide asphalt walking trail along the .75-mile route. He has met with utility companies that have infrastructure easements, and is contacting a potential lender for financial advice. He plans to meet with the Finance and Tree Committees next before presenting his plan to the Board.
- The December 28, 2023, GC minutes were approved.
- Keith reported on the enforcement actions he has taken of the illegally parked car on Foxfield Drive, and a Class A RV frequently parking on Belvedere Drive.
- 4th Quarter 2023 monitoring observations were reported
- Due to the recent membership vote affecting Section 7 & 15 within CC&R, Article IV, a discussion was held regarding the GC's mission. It was agreed that the Board delegated to the GC's mission as noted in their APPs. The Chair will present newly revised APPs to the next meeting that will address some housekeeping corrections to bring the APPs in concert with the CC&Rs.
- The GC continued the discussion of RV parking in Kala Point. The GC reviewed various definitions of a "recreational vehicle" and viewed a few photos of RVs parked within the Covered Area. The Chair will assemble a slide show of many different types of recreational vehicles that will be discussed at the next meeting. The goal is to formulate a new definition of "recreational vehicle" at it applies to "Vehicles" in the Rules & Regulations for the Board's approval.
- The February 22 GC meeting will be held via Zoom at the request of the directors.

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

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## Project Study (formerly Strategic Planning)

*Meeting on February 6*

*Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative*

January 2, 2024, minutes were approved by motion

### APP Article XIV and APP Article II

- Discussion regarding standardization of APP formatting. The format of APPs will change, but the content of proposed changes will not be affected. The committee reviewed APP Article XIV and Article II and approved by motion to forward changes to the Board for approval.

### APP Standardization Ad Hoc Committee

- Information was shared about the purpose and goal of the Ad Hoc APP Standardization Committee to look at APPs and come up with a cohesive format.
- A motion to forward names as members of the ad hoc committee to the Board was approved.

### Elections Ad Hoc Committee

- A brief historical review of the elections process and the need for considering options for the future of KPOA elections was presented.
- A motion to forward names as members of the ad hoc committee to the Board was approved.

**Next meeting:** March 5 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

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## Publications

*Meeting on February 12*

*Submitted by Dale Moses, Board representative*

- For the February 2024 issue of the *Kala Pointer*, 592 emails were sent and 67.7% were initially opened
- A reminder email was resent five days later to those who hadn't yet opened the first emailing; 11.9% of recipients opened the second email

- A dozen or so copies were sent to Cablespeed emails, and approximately 50 paper copies were distributed by the KPOA office
- Proposed content for the March 2024 issue was reviewed
- We agreed that historic *Kala Pointer* content on Dropbox needs to be reviewed and removed, if appropriate
- We discussed how to increase the number of people getting the *Kala Pointer*
- We continue to welcome letters to the editor
- Monthly meetings of the committee are on the second Monday of the month

**Next meeting:** March 11 at 1:30 p.m. in the Administration Building

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## Tree

*Meeting on February 8*

*Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative*

Minutes for January 11, 2024, approved by motion.

### Discussion

- Publications will feature the Tree Committee (TC) in the March *Kala Pointer*
- The Tree Committee APPs, along with committee member suggestions, have been collected and will be compared to CC&Rs, Bylaws and other governing documents. They will be compared for consistency, keeping in mind there is an ad hoc committee whose effort is to look at APPs as a whole and come up with a cohesive format.
- Consideration to increase the current \$1,000 fine for unapproved native tree removal.
- Basic maps depicting zoning around the Jefferson County shoreline management plan were reviewed and discussed moving toward the TC's goal of having clear demarcation of TC versus Jefferson County, versus BMAC jurisdiction related to bluff and hazard zones within KPOA.
- The TC 2024 budget was discussed. A summary of the 2023 TC expenditures will be reviewed; moving forward, a monthly summary of expenditures and balances will be presented at the monthly meetings.
- The 2024 budget of \$1,000 will help contribute to the services of an arborist limited to \$150 per case.
- Remaining monies in the TC budget at the end of the year will purchase young native trees to be distributed at no cost to homeowners for planting in the KP community.
- The meeting was adjourned for site visits

**Next meeting:** March 14 at 9 a.m. in the Administration Building ♦

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## Through the Lens



Port Townsend Waterfront: *Photo by Mark Lannon*

Heron Taking Flight  
*Photo by Gary Obermeyer*





King Cloud  
*Photo by Cheri Muller*

Fawn in Winter Coat  
*Photo by Donna Abear*



Redheads Rule  
*Photo by Cheri Muller*



Tree Heaven: *Photo by Janet Kaplan*

Blue Heron: *Photo by Cheri Muller*







Rhododendron: *Photo by Dick Nockleby*



Kala Point Lagoon: *Photo by Whit Porter*



Golden Eyes: *Photo by Pamela Thompson*



Beach Cairns: Photo by Molly Porter

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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](mailto:photos@kalapoint.org) by the **19th of the month**. Thank you! ♦

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## Looking for Things to Do in Port Townsend?

Visit [enjoypt.com](http://enjoypt.com) and [ptscene.com](http://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](http://discoverporttownsend.com). Please check it out! ♦

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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*We can't do this work without you!*




Jefferson County Juvenile & Family Court is in need of volunteers who are vested in our community and want to help improve outcomes for youth through the following two positions:

### Guardian ad Litem (GAL)

- Advocate for local children in the foster care system
- GAL volunteers are the 'eyes & ears for the judge'
- Free initial training (Zoom)
- Ongoing support from staff
- Learn to advocate in court
- Increase the chance children in our community will have a safe & permanent home

### Truancy Board Member

- Support youth who are struggling to attend school
- Free initial training
- Ongoing support from staff
- Get to know school staff, students & their families
- Attend the Community Engagement Board meetings at least once a month, up to 2.5 hours per session



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