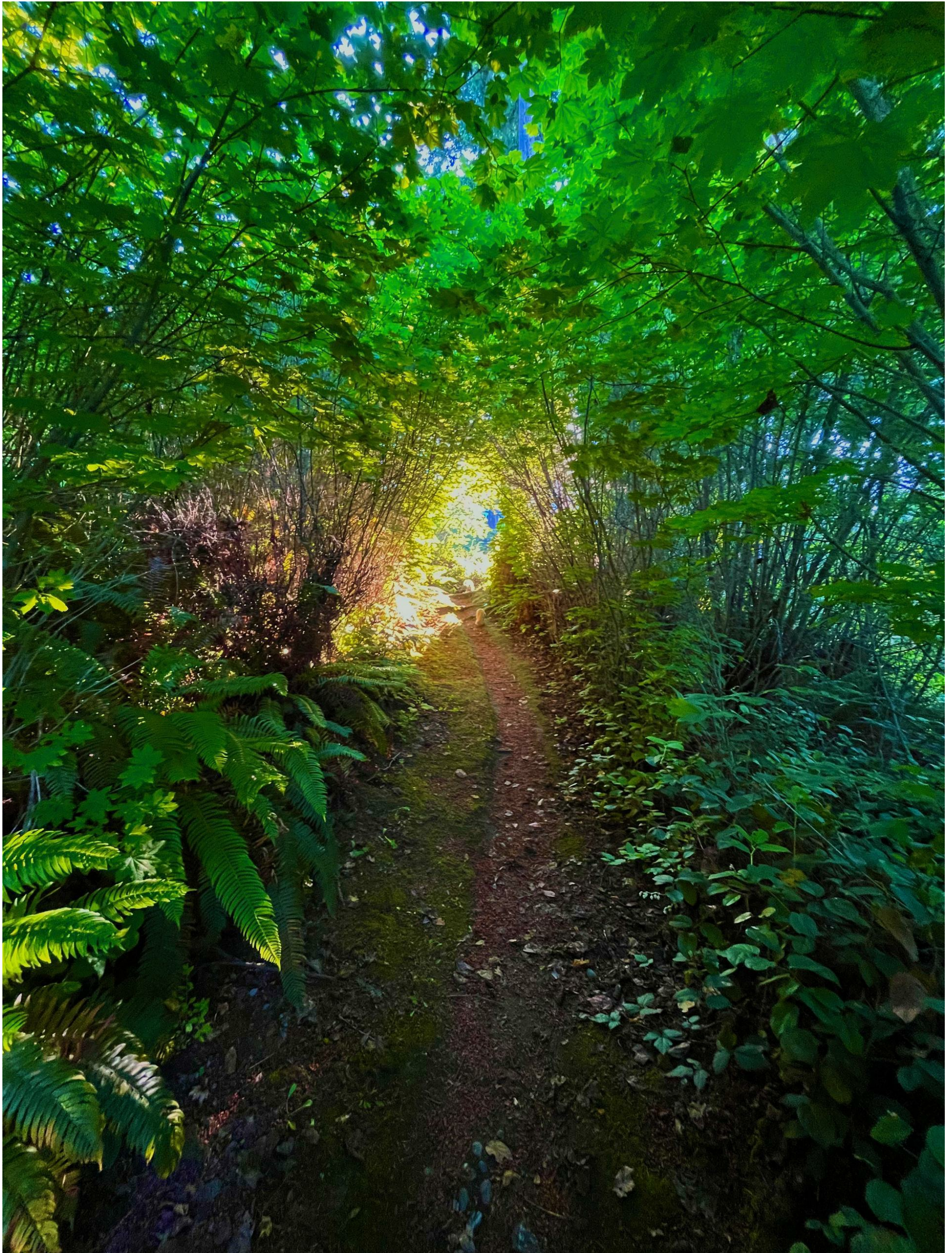


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From the Desk of KPOA President

[Mark Lannon](#), Board President

Pedestrian Safety Survey

At the June Board meeting, the subject of pedestrian safety was discussed. Two member-generated projects had been brought to the Board for review.

The Board directed the Project Study Committee to develop a survey to obtain community feedback regarding Kala Point pedestrian safety. The survey will be released to our membership this month and will be open for three weeks.

Keep a lookout for the survey that will be sent to members by email. Your input will provide the Board with valuable membership guidance. ♦



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Our Letter to the Editor policy

Look under section 8.

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

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June Board Meeting Summary

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board Secretary

The Board met on June 11, 2024, in the Clubhouse main room at 3 p.m.

Board members in attendance: M. Lannon, president; D. Kimball, vice president; S. Stanton, secretary; K. Skolrud, CFO; and Directors M. Berry, B. Goldstein, P. Miles, D. Moses. Also present were K. Larson, general manager; F. Thompson, executive assistant; four self-identified Zoom attendees, and 14 in-person attendees.

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

The June 2024 agenda, as amended, and the May 14, 2024, minutes, as written, were approved. It was announced that the deadline for articles for the July *Kala Pointer* was June 19, 2024. It was also announced that the vacant Board seat would be addressed in the Executive session after the regular Board meeting.

Inquiries and Correspondence

Emails received by the Board between May 14, 2024, and June 11, 2024, were reviewed and discussed, recognizing an increased volume of emails concerning pedestrian safety initiatives.

General Manager's Report

The administrative part-time employee resigned on May 22, 2024. New employees have been hired to fill the part-time position in the administrative office and the part-time position at the Clubhouse beginning June 10, 2024.

Staff met to review all required safety apparatuses for operating equipment and OSHA-regulated first aid and safety materials.

Grounds

Landscaping continues around the Clubhouse.

Staff continue to focus on mowing and weed-eating, while street sweeping and blowing will be conducted as time allows.

The dock floats were removed from the beach area to Storage Lot B.

Upcoming Projects

Painting storage lot lines and numbers, existing speed humps, entrance area, and existing stop bars; weed control in both storage lots, tennis courts and Clubhouse facility; bark to be spread at the gate entrance, landscaping and Clubhouse facility.

"No Fireworks" signs will be placed at the beach area and entrance to KPOA on June 28.

Finance

Motion to replace the vertical rod exit devices for both doors to the Clubhouse from Reserve Funds was unanimously approved.

2024 Reserve Budget and Projects were reported.

Current KPOA 2024 Assessment Collection Report was presented to the Board for review.

Old Business

The Project Study Committee will meet June 18, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room to develop a member survey to ascertain community support for a walking path and/or crosswalks.

Members' comments included, 1) The need to ensure that the survey results reflect the entire membership's views on the subject and 2) The desire to solicit a member resolution to be placed on the ballot for the annual membership vote.

American Tower Verizon Lease

KPOA is waiting for the lease amendment contract to be reviewed.

Pier Project Update

Phase 1B: permitting was presented to the Board for discussion. Phase 1B includes completion of applications, submit documents for HPA and the Shoreline Exemption; communication with governmental agencies during the review process; revise drawings as required for permits; perform additional analysis as required; respond to building department's comments as required.

Motion to approve Phase 1B plan to begin the pier permitting process was approved by majority vote.

New Business

Member submitted that KPOA purchase two weatherproof boxes for current AED machines located in the upper and lower ends of Kala Point for public accessibility to help facilitate greater response times and survival rates for better patient outcomes.

Motion to approve the Social Plus APP XI, as written, was approved by majority.

Motion to approve the Project Study APP XIV, as written, was unanimously approved.

Publication Committee APP XIII First Read was presented to the Board for consideration.

Committee Reports

Committee summaries are located on the KPOA website for review.

The Board goals for 2024 are to maintain a two-hour Board meeting, standardizing formatting of APPs, to review the elections process and increase membership emails and *Kala Pointer* distribution list by 10%. Committee reports are posted on the Board of Directors' landing page at kalapoint.org and included in the monthly *Kala Pointer*.

Member Comments in Closing

Member suggestion to set up an additional television in the main room facing the audience for better viewing at Board meetings. Member suggestion to post the Pier Project cost summaries on the KPOA website.

The Board recessed to Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters and reconvened the Regular Board meeting immediately following the Executive Session.

The Regular Board meeting reconvened:

A motion to approve the personnel wages to be accepted was unanimously approved.

A motion to vote for the candidate to occupy the open Board seat by paper ballot was approved by unanimous consent.

Motion to approve M. Connor as director approved by majority vote count.

The main business of the June regular Board being completed, the Board adjourned until the July meeting. For more detail about the meeting, supporting documents, and a recording of the board meeting, visit the Board of Director's landing page.

Apologies to members attending via Zoom. Due to technical difficulties, the headsets did not operate as expected. It is our goal to have a solution by the next Board meeting.

Next meeting

July 9, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse's Main Room ♦

Looking for Committee Reports?

They are located near the end of this newsletter. Also, full minutes from each committee meeting are available under Boards and Committees on the KPOA website. ♦

Letters to the Editor

KPOA Safe Walking Environment

We Need Safe Crossings and Walking Zones

One of the first things I learned to love about Kala Point was the abundance of walking opportunities. That was 40 years ago, when my wife and I purchased a timeshare because we

were both working 1,800 miles to the east.

Then we had children and we moved down the hill to the original KP condos. Crossing Sailview to get to the Clubhouse or going up Sailview both were challenges. Cars accelerating down the hill or trying to get up the hill made us concerned for our kids' safety. Our kids were indoctrinated into watching both ways and walking facing traffic always. As the kids moved on and we retired, we bought a house. It was closer to some of the finest wooded paths around and provided access to the state park.

Time knows no time-outs. The wooded paths became more difficult and feet/knee/back surgeries made us spend more time on Kala Point Drive for exercise and to visit our friends.

It was in this timeframe that I really noticed cars using "California" stops at Kala Point Drive and Baycliff. We began to duck into the housing loops with less traffic and to take interior trails along the waterside. Really anything to avoid cars driving at speeds above the posted ones.

I personally witnessed two kids knocked off their bikes on the blind curves of Sailview. I spent more time going into the ditches while facing traffic on Kala Point Drive. No one died, thank God, but time holds unpleasant surprises we might avoid. It made me nervous to learn one of our community had a health episode and drove into trees along the water side of Kala Point Drive.

I looked into safety and property values associated with sidewalks. According to the American Planning Association, **"It is the consensus of most safety authorities, however, that sidewalks are desirable in all areas in which there is any appreciable pedestrian traffic."** planning.org/pas/reports

Another report finds, "Interest in sidewalks is so keen that they've become a factor in home prices. For example, in a scenario where two houses are nearly identical, the one with a five-foot-wide sidewalk and two street trees not only sells for \$4,000 to \$34,000 more but it also sells in less time." atrc-spc.org/. In [this AARP] *Livability Fact Sheet*, they state, **"People who live in neighborhoods with sidewalks are 47 percent more likely than residents of areas without sidewalks to be active for at least 39 minutes a day."**

I seem to remember that a Kala Point survey found that Kala Point has a majority of people over 60. We have more people with walking issues as we age. We have people with other disabilities, like vision and hearing loss. Many residents have dogs (dogs seem to demand regular walks). Drivers complain that dogs with their owners "crowd" the roads.

For reasons of safety and increasing our real estate values, I think \$3.85 per month or \$46.23 per year is a great investment. We need safe crossings and walking zones segregated from autos.



Clip art by Freepik

Correct Process: A Member Submitted Resolution

While we do applaud the intentions and the effort that has gone into this proposal for a walking path along a segment of Kala Point Drive, we do not support the proposal for several reasons. The following are some of the concerns that make us reluctant to be supportive.

COSTS: We feel the initial informal cost estimates are way too low. A preliminary design study would have to be done to even get realistic cost estimates for the project. Obviously, there is no money in the current KPOA budget to pay for this study, which could easily run \$15-20K, or more. If the project were to proceed beyond that initial study, paying for the actual construction would require a special assessment, which we and many of our neighbors cannot afford or do not wish to pay; or taking out a loan, of which the feasibility is questionable under current governing documents and the willingness of lenders to extend long-term loans to HOAs.

AESTHETICS: We have lived in Kala Point for 19 years now. In 2003, we drove into Kala Point, with a realtor, looking for a place to build our dream/retirement home. Our first impression was formed by the incredible beauty of Kala Point Drive, with its canopy, mature trees and landscaping along the main drive. There is no way that space for a walking path can be found along the road without removing dozens of mature trees and other landscaping that the homeowners have lovingly planted and maintained along that corridor.

NEED: We believe, as do many of our neighbors, that this proposal is a solution to a problem that is much overstated. Of course, it will be a safer alternative to the people who do walk along that particular segment of Kala Point Drive, but in our 19 years of living here, we have never heard of anyone getting killed or even injured while walking in here. My wife and I have spent literally thousands of hours walking our dogs throughout Kala Point and never felt that we were in imminent danger of being run over. Sure, there were times when cars chose to drive too close to us, but when that happened, we were walking facing traffic and simply stepped off the road. So far, all we have heard from the proponents of this project were second- or third-hand anecdotes.

In summary, we ask that the KPOA Board reject any requests to put dollars in the new budget for even a feasibility study. The correct approach

Kip Lilly,
Kala Point resident since 1983 ♦

would be for the proponents to submit a Member Submitted Resolution, following the steps outlined in the Elections APP. If enough members vote for the project, then a professional design/feasibility study would be in order in the next budget cycle.

Dick and Mary Ann Schulte
Baycliff Drive ♦

Change: Kala Point Walking Path

Phil Brodt

The thought of change can sometimes be unsettling and confusing. We typically try to avoid a change in our lives to avoid the perceived unknown; however, once the change has occurred, the result is usually a welcomed improvement over the past. For years I procrastinated the interior remodel of a bath that was viewed as dated and lacking in functional utility. Now that the bath has been upgraded and improved, I can appreciate the added utility the bath provides.

The same can be said for the Kala Point Drive corridor between our primary entry gate and the intersection of Baycliff Drive. As our neighborhood has developed toward maximum capacity, traffic volumes in both vehicles and pedestrians along this stretch of the drive have continued to increase relative to our continuing growth. Yet, there have been no major changes to the corridor since its early development.

There comes a point in time when the number of pedestrians walking within the vehicle traffic lanes is untenable, and downright dangerous. We have already heard several oral testimonies from some of our walking residents involving their close-call experiences with vehicles. I think it's time we made a change, and what I have proposed is an effective and reasonable option to be considered.

To reduce the probability of a pedestrian/vehicle accident within this stretch of Kala Point Drive, I have proposed that we construct a dedicated off-street walking path within our existing common area. This will provide a safe walking area removed from the vehicle lanes, and will result in a less congested roadway for vehicular traffic. Consider it a win-win situation.

In the following months I intend to feature articles in the *Kala Pointer* that discuss certain aspects of the proposed walking path. In the June issue, the discussion covered the estimated construction costs (\$3.85/month/property) for the project, as well as the opportunity to finance the cost of construction.

This month I will talk about the selected removal of trees within the corridor, since this is an important topic of concern. As I've previously stated, construction of the walking path will be confined to the existing right-of-way (common area) and its recognized easements. Unless absolutely necessary, no trees should be removed from the adjacent private properties.

Furthermore, the trees selected for removal will be identified in the land survey conducted for the designed site plan and approved by membership. The objective is to provide a path at the lowest cost, but which provides the greatest level of benefits to its users. All efforts will be made to preserve the existing trees that don't impede the design plan. Additionally, replacement trees will be included in the project's proposed landscape design to be implemented post-construction.

As always, I welcome your comments and feedback: philbrodt@gmail.com ♦

Letter to the Board

How to Handle Drivers "Bumper Surfing" Through the Security Gate

George Engelbeck

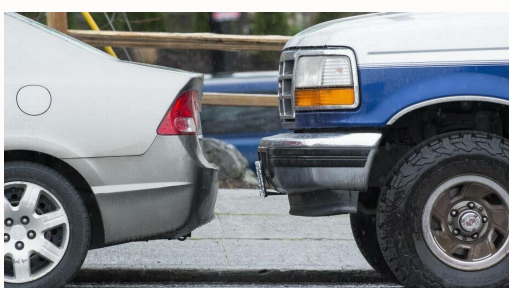


Photo: Bellingham Herald

I have recently encountered drivers "bumper surfing" their way into our community's security gate. This dangerous practice involves a vehicle tailgating closely behind an authorized car to gain unauthorized entry.

I would like to request your input on how residents should handle these situations. Should they confront the driver directly? Should they report the incident to the HOA office?

It would be helpful to have a clear and concise protocol for residents to follow to ensure their safety and the security of the community.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. ♦

**Friday
July 12**

THE ELDER BERRIES



**Kala Point's
all-resident band!
Hope you'll join us for
music and dancing!**



Come & dance to classic rock at
THE ROADHOUSE

2152 W Sims Way, Port Townsend, WA

7:00-10:00 PM

Follow us on 

NO COVER CHARGE!

Dear Friends & Neighbors!

The July 12 Roadhouse gig in Port Townsend will be an important event for us. We would love to see our awesome, fun-loving (and discerning) Kala Point bunch pack the joint! Whether it's good

beer, wine, whisky, or Perrier you're sippin', we will do our best to serve up good music to sing along with, dance to, or reminisce over...AND DID WE MENTION NO COVER!!! Hope to see you there! - *The Elderberries* ♦

Looking for Things to Do in Port Townsend?

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

Also, please check out Kala Point resident Pamela Thompson's events and local happenings website discoverporttownsend.com. ♦

Candidate Night at the Kala Point Clubhouse

Linda Brewster

You are invited to meet **Nate Tyler, Saturday, July 13, at 1:30 at the KPOA Clubhouse**. Nate is a Democratic candidate for the Washington State Legislature (LD-24). The event is co-hosted by Rep. Mike Chapman (D) and Linda Brewster (PCO Kala Point)

Nate was born and raised in Neah Bay. If elected, he will be the only elected official from the West End of Clallam County in a countywide office, one of only four Native Americans in our State Legislature. Nate has extensive experience in government, having served for over 12 years as an elected leader of the Makah Tribe, including as chairman.

As a disabled veteran and foster parent, Nate has a wealth of lived experience that informs his approach to his priority issues, which include health equity, mental healthcare, addiction treatment, veteran care, affordable housing, living wage jobs, and climate change.

The Nate Tyler event at the Clubhouse will happen just before you get your mail ballot for the August 6 primary. There are other candidates for this office; you may not yet have decided how you will vote. Before you decide, meet Nate Tyler. Ben Thomas (candidate for District 1 Board of County Commissioners) will also be in attendance.

RSVP HERE: lindajbrewster@msn.com

This event is not sponsored by Kala Point ♦

Through the Lens

Images of the Beauty of Port Townsend and Surrounding Areas



Barn Swallow at Fort Worden: Kris Ethington



Doe with White Fawn

Cheri Muller



Salal in Bloom
Janine Cortel



Zoe: Hugh Musser



Summer at Low Tide: Alison Ebbott



Bombus in the Garden: Kris Ethington

Mining Bee at the Beach: Kris Ethington



Running Free: Rufio & Jasper
Kris Ethington



Daisy: Pamela Thompson

Send Us Your Photos!

Do you have images that showcase the character of Kala Point and Port Townsend? 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! ♦

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4TH

2PM to 4PM

**Grassy field next to Grace Christian Center
200 Olympic Place
Port Ludlow**



**FREE
CONCERT**



SOUND ADVICE BAND

*Bring Lawn Chairs, Blankets
and
"Dancing Shoes"*

PLPA

PORT LUDLOW PERFORMING ARTS

portludlowperformingarts.com

This concert is underwritten by Terri Ross (in loving memory of Lanny).

PLPA is a 501(c)(3)

Help Needed on the Architectural Committee

Pat Miles, Architectural Committee chair

Two vacancies on the Architectural Committee (AC) have just opened up. The AC is one of the bedrock committees established to preserve Kala Point as a uniquely desirable place in which to live. (An appreciative nod to our sister committees, i.e., Trees and Grounds.)

The AC's APPs are Board-approved aesthetic standards that create and maintain the wooded, parklike nature of Kala Point in which all structures are to blend into the forested environs. Come join us for a meeting or two and consider spending some of your spare time to help protect the collective value of our homes and the beauty of our "park."

No experience necessary! It doesn't pay, but it's a great opportunity.

We meet on the third Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Fireplace Room. (Cookies occasionally served.) ♦

Committee Close-up: Bluffs Management Advisory Committee

Article by Suzanne Eggleston

The Bluffs Management Advisory Committee — better known as BMAC — is currently made up of four Kala Point residents. Chairman Scott Love emphasizes that members do not have to have a home in the bluffs area of Kala Point, but they should “have a desire to give back to our community and to protect the bluffs from preventable erosion.”



Committee Members: Charles Fauley, Scott Love, Dick Anderson, Karin Youngberg

BMAC’s purpose is to assist homeowners in navigating the Jefferson County regulation and permitting process to trim/remove vegetation on the KPOA bluffs. “We also help save residents money through economies of scale when obtaining county-required consultant reports,” says Scott.

Each year the BMAC works with homeowners in one of Kala Point’s three bluff zones to prepare a single Jefferson County permit request to cut/trim trees. Scott explains that a county permit is required whenever a tree is growing within the county Shoreline Management Plan (SMP) zone. The SMP covers trees growing within 200 feet of the mean high tide line along the bluffs.

This year, the committee is working with homeowners in the central sector of the bluffs.

“We advise homeowners when filling out the KPOA Tree Action Requests which are ultimately used to request permitting from the county,” says Scott. “We solicit geologist, arborist, and biologist consultants to create three county-required reports. Finally, we submit a single permit request to the county for all homeowners in the bluff sector for a given year.”

Scott says most BMAC meetings are spent reviewing the committee’s processes and discussing residents’ specific tree action requests. From start to finish, the whole BMAC process takes about a year and consists of approximately six distinct tasks.

When asked the most enjoyable parts about being part of the committee, Scott says, “We enjoy helping our neighbors successfully navigate the county bureaucracy and saving them money.”

Among the more challenging aspects to being on the committee is advising homeowners that some tree actions are not likely to be approved by the county. Scott says that happens most commonly when tree removals have been requested.

“In these cases, the BMAC can work with homeowners to draft a request that is more likely to be approved by the county,” says Scott. “Residents always have the option of submitting any request to the county.”

When asked what’s on BMAC’s wish list from Kala Point residents, Scott responded, “Their patience and understanding. The process of trimming a tree living on the bluff is long and

complex. BMAC exists to help navigate the process.”

Scott says the committee is always seeking new members on the committee. “Being outgoing, diplomatic, and willing to work with homeowners to achieve a win-win result is a must” for a prospective member, he says. “Specific tree-related skills are not required.”

For more in-depth explanations of the BMAC’s processes, residents can visit the committee’s landing page on the [Kala Point website](#). The BMAC Request Workshop PowerPoint is a good place to start. The committee members are also available to answer specific questions. ♦



4th of July Social Plus Beach Potluck



Join your friends and neighbors at the
Kala Point beach to celebrate the
4th of July!

Please bring:

- Your own beverage
- A potluck dish to share
 - A lawn chair
 - Plates & utensils

Thursday, July 4th
4:30-7:30 p.m.
KP Beach Gazebo



Questions? Call Vicky Miller at
360.385.3132.

Another great event from the KP Social Plus Committee

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Elections Committee

Kala Point is a special place due to our volunteerism. We have nine volunteer directors on the

board and 80 volunteer committee members.

Each year, three of our nine Board directors rotate off the Board, and the membership elects three new directors to replace them. This December, Mark Lannon, Dale Moses, and Pat Miles will complete their terms.

The Elections Committee is looking for motivated people who want to make a difference in our Kala Point Owners Association by volunteering to be a Board candidate. To learn more, contact Elections Committee members:

Paul Fleischman: 972.839.9497

Geoff Genter: 206.719.7260

Patsy Mathys: 360.643.1326

Jani Weller: 360.821.1336

Consider offering your talents to be on our Board. It's not a difficult job; you need common sense, communication skills, and a desire to represent our members. ♦

Sharing the Good Life

Bob Goldstein

I learned this recipe during a trip to New Orleans at least 30 years ago. My wife Kay set up a day at the New Orleans School of Cooking. We came back with recipes for jambalaya, gumbo, crab corn chowder/bisque, bread pudding and whiskey sauce.



[Photo by Yes to Yolks](#)

New Orleans / Kala Point Crab Corn Chowder

Ingredients

¼ lb. butter

½ cup flour

1 quart chicken Stock

1 quart milk or cream

1 lb. crab meat (or ½ lb. for bisque)

1 lb. frozen corn (defrosted) or 14 oz. canned corn

¼ cup Sherry (optional)

Seasoning (to taste)

Start with ¼ - ½ teaspoon

Salt, pepper, paprika,
thyme, oregano, garlic,
Old Bay Seasoning

Directions:

- In a large pot, put in corn
- In a separate skillet or pan, make a blond roux using the butter and flour
- Add roux to large pot of corn
- Add milk, spices, chicken stock, chopped garlic and (optional) sherry
- Bring to a boil then simmer for another 10-12 minutes
- Add crab, simmer for another 3-5 minutes

From Whit Porter: Bob Goldstein not only provided this delicious recipe, but also delivered to me a pound of crab meat he'd harvested off of our Kala Point Beach in order to test his recipe! A wonderful delight! ♦

Beware of Foxtails!

by Cheri Muller

A quick warning: we have several varieties of foxtails growing all along the trails to the beach and in the playground area. These are extremely dangerous. As summer approaches and grasses begin to dry out, check your yards for any of these nasty foxtails.

This is becoming the most dangerous time for your pets, not just dogs and cats, but all animals, including yourself. When one of these foxtails gets lodged into the skin, they can only

move one way: forward. They can cause a lot of damage, a very expensive vet or doctor bill — even death.

If you see them in your yard, chop them down or pull them up — just get rid of them as quickly as possible!

Photos provided by Cheri Miller ♦



Get to Know Your Neighbors:

Jeffrey Zucker and Jean Wilcox
Pinecrest Drive

Article and Photo by Laurie Engelbeck

Trees (especially Douglas firs), being able to hike any time of day and any time of year, and not having to deal with rattlesnakes and javelinas are some of the main reasons that Jeff and Jean moved to Kala Point. They were excited to find a house that had been updated and was ready to be occupied.



Jean Wilcox and Jeffrey Zucker and a Douglas Fir

She initially worked in land-use planning before deciding to go to law school at the University of Montana.

They bought the house sight-unseen, relying on their realtor's FaceTime walk-through, in October 2023. After visiting often, they moved here permanently in May 2024. They came from Oracle in southern Arizona where they had lived since 2019, after having lived previously in Prescott and Flagstaff, Arizona.

When Jean was growing up, her father was in the military which resulted in her family living in many different parts of the world, including Europe and Japan. She studied geography at the University of Montana, and developed a love for Douglas firs after doing her Master's thesis on the factors influencing their growth.

Jean proceeded to work in government as a deputy county attorney and an advisor to government officials, mostly in Arizona. She was on the city council of Prescott, Arizona, and ran for mayor, but jokingly says she “dodged a bullet” by losing that election as it would have been a difficult job during the pandemic.

Jean has two children: a daughter who was a professional dancer in New York City and recently got her Master’s in social work, and a son who is in the film industry, working on small independent films. After retiring the first time in 2012, Jean had a private law practice and then retired fully in 2020. She is enjoying retirement and is interested in getting into making glass mosaics now.

Jeff grew up in Buffalo, New York (go Bills!). He studied architecture at Ohio State University and moved to Arizona in 1973. He apprenticed under Dr. Paolo Soleri, who believed in building compact cities to preserve the natural landscape and reduce dependence on cars. Jeff worked at Arcosanti, a center for the arts and ecology, and currently serves on its Board of Directors.

He began his private architectural practice in 1986, and has designed many unique projects, including the Los Alamos County Nature Center, which won the Building of the Year award for the Southwest region of the United States from McGraw-Hill publishing. In addition, Jeff was the founder of the cohousing community of Manzanita Village in Prescott, Arizona, where he and Jean lived until 2019.

Jeff has also done a lot of acting, including performances in several Shakespearean plays, and was a member of the Screen Actors Guild. He lived in Prescott for 32 years and raised his family there, and where two of his children still reside. One of his sons now lives in Rocky Point, Mexico, and another in Austin, Texas. He has four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jeff also enjoys writing and has published the first two books of his science fiction series called The New Moon Trilogy. His website is jeffreylzucker.com/.

Jean and Jeff met in 2008 and bonded over their love of the outdoors, hiking, and nature. When they first met, they would go out on a trail every time they got together. They also both enjoy travel and camping. They started camping in a tent, but after they heard coyotes howling next to them, they decided to get a camper van.

They have traveled to northern Italy, the south of France, Portugal, Panama, and Costa Rica, as well as many trips within the United States. They made several visits to Port Townsend before deciding to move here, and they look forward to exploring more areas in the Pacific Northwest.

Another interest is cooking and entertaining. They are thinking about adding to their house to expand the living room, dining room, and kitchen. Jean and Jeff are looking for friends who like to hike, and would enjoy a Kala Point hiking group to explore local trails with others. ♦

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Resolution: a Solution?

Geoff Genter, Elections Committee chair

Definition of resolution: *the act of finding an answer or solution to a conflict, problem etc.: the act of resolving something.*

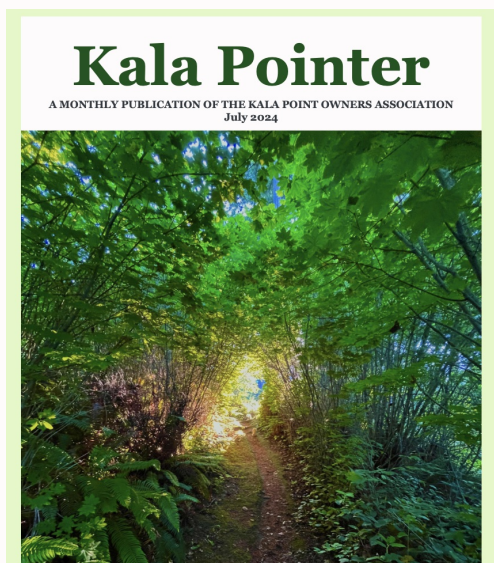
There may be situations where a member resolution is the most efficient way to solve an issue or financial question facing the membership. The cost of a capital project, and a conflict between our governing documents are examples where the members can directly be involved in crafting a solution.

Members of the Kala Point Homeowners Association have a process for submitting a resolution for all Association members to vote on. The guidelines for submitting a member-generated resolution are given in the [Elections Committee APP IX](#) Item V. Member resolutions.

The value of a member resolution is that it allows a group of like-minded unit owners to place a problem, conflict or a financial matter on a ballot directly to the community to resolve. A member resolution when voted on by the community requires only a simple majority (51%) of those voting at the Annual Meeting to pass. No unattainable super majority of unit owners is required.

If a simple majority of voting unit owners approve the resolution, then the resolution as written becomes part of our governing documents. A member resolution is a great way for our members to have a direct influence on the direction the community takes and the governing documents that apply to all. ♦

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- 3. Printed Copy** — Available in limited quantities at the Clubhouse or Administration office ♦

Styrofoam Recycling at KP

Article and photo by Michael Machette

By the time you read this, we'll have our own Styrofoam recycling center at Kala Point. This is part of a larger effort here in Port Townsend to keep literally tons of this nasty stuff out of landfills. [PT Styrocyclers](#) are the key players in this effort.

However, now Kala Point has a small open-air shed next to the cell phone tower in the Administration RV lot.

You're free to leave clean white ridge styrofoam in the shed (see photo on right), as well as packing peanuts *if* they are securely bagged up.



The shed will be emptied regularly and taken to the main storage facility at Fort Worden. For more information or to help, contact Michael Machette (mmkala@icloud.com).

Here is a recent [press release](#) about the **PT Styrocyclers**:

"Port Townsend— Since October 2021, East Jefferson County residents have been bringing clean, used Styrofoam pieces to the Fort Worden campus to be recycled by the local group, [StyroCyclers](#).

On the first Tuesday and third Saturday of each month, from 10 a.m. to noon, vehicles line up and drop off clean rigid, white Expanded Polystyrene Foam (EPS) and bagged packing peanuts at Battery Putnam near Alexander's Castle.

It's estimated that over 25,000 pounds (12.5 tons) of Styrofoam has been kept out of local landfills and the water because of this program. That volume would fill a 7,500-square-foot house from floor to ceiling.

From Battery Putnam, the EPS is trucked to the local OlyCAP warehouse and then makes its way to Kent via Northwest Harvest's tractor trailer. The material is then delivered to [Styro Recycle](#).

At the Kent facility, a densifier machine uses heat to convert the Styrofoam into a toothpaste-like consistency of polystyrene that cools into heavy blocks. These are then sold to manufacturers of molded products such as picture frames, construction details, and surfboard blanks. This densified product is in high demand because it is less expensive than virgin plastic." ♦

Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting on June 20

Submitted by Pat Miles, AC chair and Board representative

- Two long-serving committee members, M. Machette and J. Polley, resigned to pursue other interests
- Current chair to leave position at end of year
- Chair submitted “recruitment ad” for July edition of *Kala Pointer*

Projects: total ongoing projects stands at 20 as of June meeting

Next meeting: July 18 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Elections

Meeting on June 6

Submitted by Pat Miles, Board representative

- **Vacant Board position:** Elections Committee (EC) submitted names of two declared candidates. The Board will vote on Tuesday, June 11, either by a show of hands or in writing
- **Member-submitted resolutions for Annual Meeting:** EC suggests an APP update to shorten the timeline for submitting a resolution to be comparable to the Board-submitted resolution timeline
- **In-person voting at Annual Membership Meeting:** Discussed Revised Code of Washington (RCW) definition of “in-person” voting requirement and options for counting in-person ballots
- **New Board candidates (three-year term):** EC beginning process to encourage members and residents to become Board candidates during December 2024’s annual election.

Next meeting: Since July’s standard meeting date falls on July 4, EC may reschedule; see revised date on website

Emergency Preparedness

Meeting on June 6

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

May 2, 2024, minutes approved as written.

- EPC Chair met with Port Ludlow’s EPC group to discuss and compare how they service their community
- The committee discussed the best way to get preparedness packets to new residents
- Ways to increase attendance at the EXPO and other EPC outreach events
- Review of a 24-week preparedness brochure for member use
- The annual All County Picnic is August 18, at HJ Carrol Park
- The committee decided that EPC will not have a table at the event based on low attendance by Kala Point members who are the EPC’s primary focus
- There was discussion to participate in the event on alternate years when Kala Point does not have an EXPO
- The 2025 EPC budget proposal will be submitted by the end of June
- The committee discussed suggestions for future speakers
- The Great Shake-out will be the focus of August’s meeting

Radio check is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 9 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Next meeting: August 1 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse’s Fireplace Room
(The EPC will NOT meet in July)

Finance

Meeting held May 7

Submitted by Kevin Skolrud, Board representative

- Internal Control Committee report: Walt Abegglen gave a report for the Internal Control Committee. The annual inventory of physical assets, and reviews of revenue and expenses were completed. Larry McDowell's gave a report on Account Reconciliation.
- The committee reviewed assessment collections and the April 2024 financial statements.
- The committee reviewed American Tower's lease proposal. After a discussion it was agreed to recommend accepting the proposal.
- Year to date expenses and estimated future of pier expenditures were reviewed.
- The committee held preliminary discussions of the 2025 budget.

Meeting held June 4

Submitted by Kevin Skolrud, Board representative

- Internal Control Committee report: Walt Abegglen gave a report for the Internal Control Committee followed by Larry McDowell's report on Account Reconciliation
- The committee reviewed assessment collections and the May 2024 financial statements; year-to-date operating expenses are 9% below budget
- Keith reported that American Tower was drafting the latest lease proposal
- The committee reviewed Pacific Engineering's work so far and recommend that the Board authorize proceeding with Phase 1B of the project
- Committee budget requests will be sent out and are due by June 30

Next meeting: July 2 at 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Publications

Meeting on June 10

Submitted by Dale Moses, Board representative

- For the June 2024 issue of the *Kala Pointer*, 612 emails were sent and 65% were initially opened
- A reminder email was sent five days later to those who hadn't yet opened the first email and 25% of recipients opened it then
- A dozen or so copies were sent to Cablespeed email addressees and approximately 50 paper copies also were distributed by the KPOA office
- Distribution quantities are slowly increasing
- We reviewed the proposed content for the July 2024 issue
- We are requesting a budget of \$850 for next year to cover the cost of subscriptions for software, content storage and email platform; much of this is offset by advertising revenue
- We request that KPOA committees that have not yet been featured in the *Kala Pointer* to step forward for the monthly feature
- We continue to welcome letters to the editor; we have received several recently
- Monthly meetings of the committee are on the second Monday of the month

Next meeting: July 8 at 1:30 in the Administration Building conference room

Tree

Meeting on June 13

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

Minutes for May 9, 2024, approved by motion.

Discussion

Information was shared with the committee regarding a membership survey surrounding pending pedestrian safety options as it relates to the Tree Committee.

The committee reviewed its 2024 budget balance and discussed a proposal to create a brochure on pruning trees.

The committee also reviewed arborist services and the purchase of trees with any remaining funds available from the 2024 budget.

The committee discussed their 2025 budget to include a membership presentation by a forest ecologist, continued arborist support, and an informational brochure on pruning trees to be made available to members.

The committee will submit their proposal to the Finance Committee by the end of June.

Next meeting: July 11 at 9 a.m. in the Administrative Building ♦

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