

Kala Pointer

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From the Desk of KPOA President

Mark Lannon, Board President

I hope everyone is enjoying the great weather we are having. It's so nice seeing our members riding their bikes and walking their dogs in the neighborhood. We have a lot to be thankful for living in Kala Point.

Just a couple of items of business today:

The Pedestrian Safety Survey is delayed a little bit. Our volunteers have worked out the survey wording and it will be beta-tested shortly. I expect the survey to be sent out to members in August.

The Kala Point Pier Project continues to move forward. It has been a long process to get this far. The design to repair the pier has been completed and is working its way through the permitting process. As we learn more, I will keep you informed.

I wish our members the best! ♦

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August 19 for the September Issue

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[Our Letter to the Editor policy](#)

Look under section 8.

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

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To increase your viewing magnification: on a Mac, click and hold "+" and "command" at the same time; on a PC, click and hold "+" and "Ctrl."

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July Board Meeting Summary

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board Secretary

The Board met on July 9 in the Clubhouse main room at 3 p.m.

Board members in attendance: M. Lannon, president; S. Stanton, secretary; K. Skolrud, CFO; Directors M. Berry, and B. Goldstein. D. Kimball, Vice President; and D. Moses attended via Zoom. K. Larson, general manager; F. Thompson, executive assistant; and six self-identified individuals attended by Zoom, and 13 individuals attended in person.

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

The July 9, 2024, agenda, as written, and the June 11, 2024, minutes, as amended, were approved. It was announced that the deadline for articles for the August *Kala Pointer* was July 19, 2024.

Inquiries and Correspondence

- Emails received by the Board between June 12, 2024, and July 9, 2024, were reviewed and discussed, recognizing most emails received within this time frame addressed KPOA voting processes.

General Manager's Report

- The general manager will be out of the office from July 11 through August 5
- The new administrative support employee is now onboard
- Astound Broadband will begin installing fiber optics in Kala Point this month to upgrade services
- Damage to front gate has been repaired; the responsible party has been contacted and resolution is in process

Pier Project

- The pier project permitting phase is underway and a payment was sent to JC for Shoreline Exemption Permit

Clubhouse

- The pool and clubhouse facility passed the JC Health Department annual inspection with no (0) non-compliance issues to report
- The new Clubhouse employee is now onboard

Grounds Upcoming Projects

- Painting the storage lot lines and numbers
- Painting existing speed humps, entrance area, stop bars at the Baycliff intersection

- Weed control in both storage lots A&B, tennis courts, and Clubhouse facility
- Bark will be placed at the gate entrance landscaping, Windship Drive planters, and Clubhouse facility

Finance

- Motion to recommend Double D Electric to upgrade the existing Clubhouse video surveillance system from reserve funds was approved
- 2nd Quarter Financial Report was reviewed
- 2024 Reserve Budget and Projects were reported
- Current KPOA 2024 Assessment Collection Report was presented to the Board for review

Old Business

- APP XIII – Publications Committee: second read was deferred pending revisions
- American Tower Verizon Lease Amendment Update — KPOA has reviewed the amended lease contract and a motion to accept the amended contract was approved

New Business

- Elections Review Committee final report was deferred to the August 2024 board meeting

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 www.kalapoint.org and included in the monthly *Kala Pointer*

Member Comments

- Member suggestion for a solution to audio issues during Board meetings may be to hire a professional to address KPOA needs
- Member comment to hold on voting issues for the 2024 election process until there is clarification of governing documents
- Member asked for the video resolution of the proposed video surveillance system, if the voting method has been chosen/committed for the 2024 election, and suggested the Board's opinion be posted on the website
- Member comment referring to the cost savings of switching to one annual membership meeting and wanting to save additional monies with in-house voting, adding their willingness to volunteer
- Member voiced concern for reduced staffing at the Clubhouse and pool. Is there the proper level of staffing to support safety, rules and accountability?

Board Member Comments

- As a new Board member, it would be advantageous to have access to previous emails as applicable to the new responsibility

The main business of the July regular Board being completed, the Board adjourned until the August 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: August 13 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse 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](http://www.kalapoint.org). ♦

Letter to the Editor

Walking Path: Imagine the Scene

There have already been letters in the *Kala Pointer* both for and against creating a walking

path along Kala Point Drive. Still, some important points haven't yet been mentioned, starting with the fact that the distance from the gate to Baycliff Drive is approximately one mile. It's a mile that's densely filled with mature trees, bushes and plants.

Creating a walking path wouldn't just necessitate the removal of a few trees. It would be a huge undertaking. None of us has any idea how long it would take — a few weeks? A couple of months? A year?



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What does it take to denude a pathway-sized swath of trees and shrubs for a full mile? Actually, if we're talking about both sides of the road, then it's two miles. What does it take? We don't know.

This process would necessitate not just workers, but also trucks. How many? For how long? And how many workers? Imagine the scene: trucks large enough to remove a mile's worth of mature trees, and enough workers and equipment to actually get all that work done. You can almost hear the noise of the trees being cut, sawed, hauled to the trucks. A whole lot of noise... and for how long? Again, we don't know.

We do, however, know that we're talking about an entire mile, or maybe two. Along with the workers and the trucks and the noise, there's the dust and the dirt stirred up. It doesn't make sense to minimize this. The two of us have landscaped around a single home and been surprised, and sometimes exhausted by the length of time, the amount of work, and the dust, dirt and noise. Our neighbors were surprised, too, and frustrated by having to drive around those trucks, and trying to shut out the noise.

Recently, the speed bumps on Kala Point Drive were repainted. While that process was taking place, a worker directed traffic and we all took turns driving on one side of the road while the portion of the speed bump located on the other side was painted. It didn't take a lot of time, and we all waited patiently for our turn to continue driving down the road. But just imagine a mile (or two) of trees and mature growth being taken down. How often, and for how long would we have to wait? And how frustrating would it become?

Yet another aspect of this potential project that hasn't been discussed is its impact on those who live along Kala Point Dr. As we drive by, it seems that the trees and large shrubs and plants provide not just beauty to the properties they border, but also privacy. If we were looking for a home and the trees and large plants had been removed from one side of the property, we wouldn't consider buying that home.

Last but perhaps most important, at least to us, is that we love driving into Kala Point. The trees and mature growth along the road announce that we're home. Home in this gorgeous, forested area. When we tell people that we live here, they inevitably tell us how beautiful it is and how fortunate we are to live in here, in this lovely forest. We agree.

Kelly and Marcia Cannon
925.528.8072 ♦

The Added Value of Walking Paths

Phil Brodt

What's the added value to a neighborhood and its properties when a walking path is introduced to a residential community? I have infrequently touched on this subject during my live presentations and numerous articles because of its abstract concept. Now would be a good time to discuss it in more depth.

During my 30 years in the real estate profession, I served some 27 years as a real estate appraiser, both in the private sector and the public domain. My 13 years of service in the public sector was with the Washington State Department of Transportation Real Estate Services.

A letter to the editor in the July issue of the *Kala Pointer* discussed the impact on property values when a sidewalk is present in a pedestrian-active community. Although sidewalks are more commonly associated with urban and suburban environments, the key point is that an improved walking path or sidewalk can have a positive impact on property values. This was confirmed by multiple studies that I recently reviewed, including those noted here.

In 1987 a study was conducted for the Seattle Engineering Department Office of Planning to evaluate the effect of the Burke-Gilman Trail on nearby property values. Research analyst Brian Puncochar found that properties located near the trail sell for approximately 6 percent more than properties away from the trail, and sell more quickly. The study also found that most of the property owners who bought their home after the trail was built see the trail as an asset, increasing their home's value.

In rural Methow Valley, (Winthrop) Washington, homes within one-quarter mile of trails experienced a 10 percent price bump, as reported in the *Economic Impacts of MVSTA Trails and Land Resources in the Methow Valley* study, dated 2005.

Furthermore, a study conducted in 2016 by Headwater Economics titled *Measuring Trails Benefits: Property Value* found that trails typically have a positive impact on local property values.

During my real estate career, I found overwhelming evidence that when a walking path/trail is present in a neighborhood, the property values in that neighborhood tend to reflect a higher value/price compared to a similar neighborhood of equal quality homes without a dedicated walking path. A neighborhood's appeal is improved when the market views it as a pedestrian-friendly community.

As a final test, I suggest that you contact your favorite realtor and ask them; "If an improved walking path is constructed in Kala Point and placed parallel to Kala Point Drive from the entry gate to the tennis court parking lot on Kala Heights Drive, what would be the effect on the neighborhood's overall market appeal and its property values?"

It was my observation that realtors would always mention a nearby trail or walking path in their listed property comments. The implication was that realtors understood the appeal of a walking path and how that single amenity could be the deciding factor in favor of a sale.

Another topic I want to briefly discuss ties in with the above value comments and involves the "return on your investment." What could Kala Point property owners expect from their investment in an improved walking path along Kala Point Drive, in addition to the obvious benefits of safety and health for its members? If we use the adjusted construction costs of \$300,000 that was presented in the June *Kala Pointer* article, "Estimated Cost for a Dedicated Off-street Walking Path," and divide that number by the 601 members who own property in Kala Point, the result would be an individual member commitment just below \$500. The total cost for those who finance the \$500 would be higher due to the interest charged on the loan over the term period.

After a review of market sales within Kala Point during the past couple of years, I could not find any improved properties selling under \$500,000. Therefore, by using a conservative percentage of 5% for the added amenity of a walking path multiplied by a \$500,000 priced property representing the low-end of the neighborhood, it's conceivable that properties located in proximity to the walking path would experience an increase in market value greater than \$25,000. Properties valued above \$500,000 would experience an increase in value relative to their price/value.

I would say that's a pretty good return on your investment of \$500. ♦

2024 KP Neighborhood Art Walk: September 21, 10-4

Natalie Wilson

Kala Point Art Walk artists and the Social Plus committee are pleased to invite you to explore the diverse and wonderful art made by individuals in the Kala Point neighborhood.

On **Saturday, September 21, from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.**, artists will be opening their art studios for us to peruse and possibly purchase their amazing art. See the bulletin boards in Kala Point for the artists' information, addresses, and a detailed description of the work each artist creates. As you walk, ride or drive the neighborhood, be on the lookout for "Art Walk" banners to lead you to the artists' homes.

Among our talented Kala Point artists, you will find **glass artists** who work with kiln, fused and stained glass; **mixed media artists** who make collages, mandalas, tarot and oracle decks; **woodworking artists** who use their talents for woodturning, marquetry, hand carving, and recycled wood sculptures; **artists who paint and draw** using watercolor, oil, alcohol ink, pen and ink and acrylic; **fiber and fabric artists** who make fine-art quilts, two- and three-

dimensional decorative fabric art, and craft clothing from hand-dyed silks and velvets as well as hand-spun and hand-woven yarns.

Our Art Walk artists are delighted to sell their items to you, and many take custom orders so they can create exactly what you are looking for. Art Walk art is perfect for gifts (a little early holiday shopping is always a good thing) or a much-needed treat for you or your home. You can pay using cash or credit cards. [Go to the KPOA website for a list of artists and their addresses.](#)

Join us as we celebrate the close of summer, the coming fall and the winter holiday season in our beautiful community with the wonderful people who live here. We hope you will take part in a day of creativity and community, and feel free to invite friends and family to join you in the Kala Point Art Walk. ♦



Art Glass by Ginny Diamond



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Quilt by Caryl B Fallert Gentry



Painting by Karin Kraft

Boat Rack Items Missing

Tom McFarling

There is a thief prowling around the small boat rack at the beach. A few months ago I had a pair of oars stolen from under my boat. Naively I hoped it was a one-off situation and replaced them. They were not locked up either time since I've left them unlocked for years.

Today I discovered my replacement oars have been stolen, along with my inflatable dingy. My fault for wanting to trust. Needless to say everything is now locked up, including crab pots and any other beach gear. Heads up to any other naive fools like myself. ♦

Social Plus 4th of July Beach Potluck

Vicky Miller



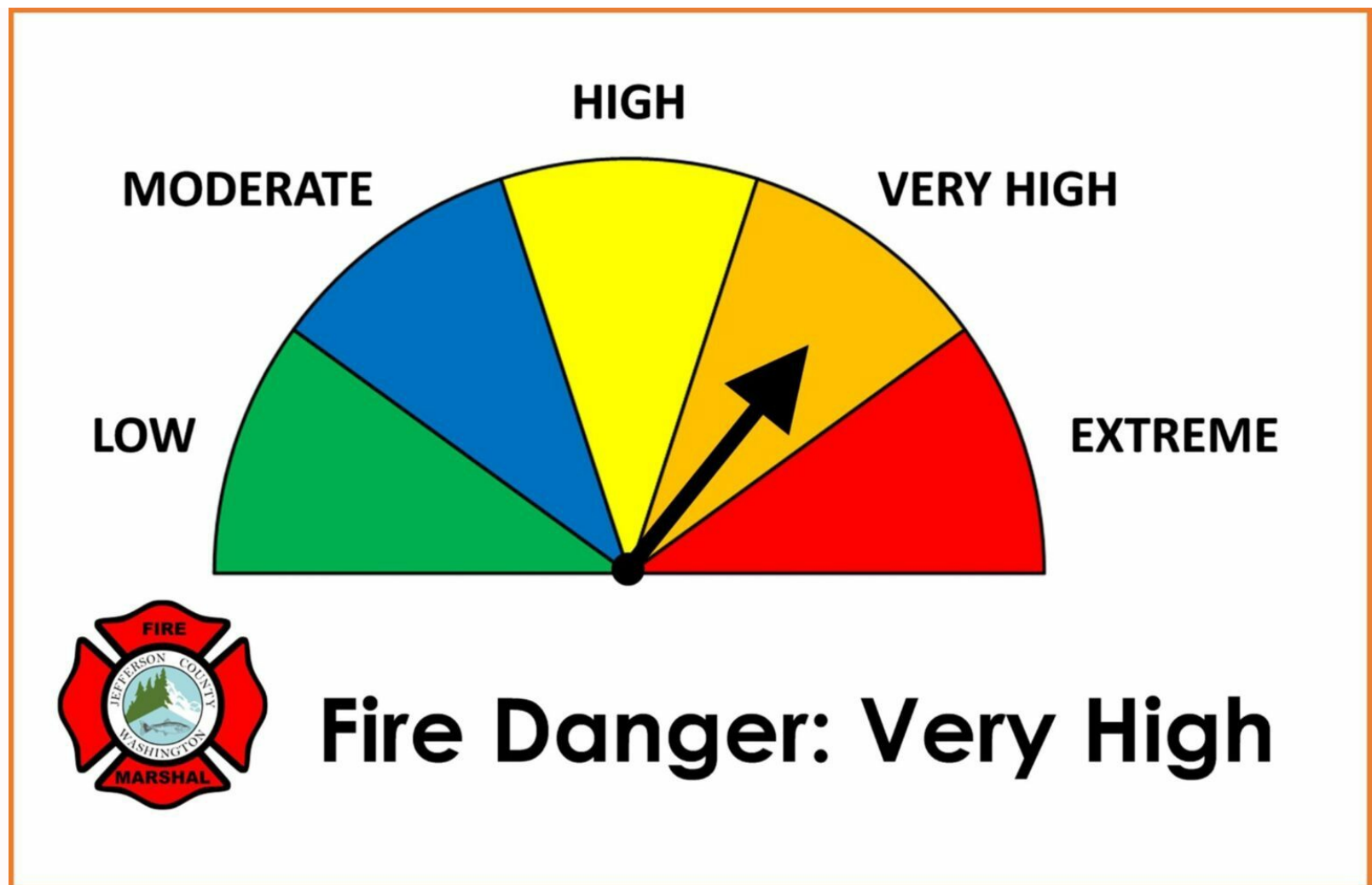


The gathering was well attended and Kala Point residents enjoyed the warm weather, good food, and each other's company. ♦



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Fire Danger: VERY HIGH!
Bret Black, Chief of East Jefferson County Fire and Rescue



When the fire danger is VERY HIGH, fires will start easily from most causes. The fires will spread rapidly and have a quick increase in intensity, right after ignition. Small fires can quickly become large fires and exhibit extreme fire intensity, such as long-distance spotting and fire whirls. These fires can be difficult to control and will often become much larger and longer-lasting fires. No Outdoor Burning or Discharge of Fire arms. ONLY Gas or Propane Fueled Appliances.

Prohibited: No recreational wood fires; no wood or charcoal cooking; no open flame devices such as tiki torches, liquid fuel candles, or lanterns; no gas or propane fired weed burners; no discharge of fireworks of any type.

Allowed: Gas or propane fueled appliances only. ♦

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. ♦

Kala Point Book Club

Laurie Engelbeck

The Kala Point Book Club meets the second Monday of the month. For September through November, and January through May, we meet in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room at 10 a.m. In December and June, we meet for potluck lunch at 11 a.m. in a location to be announced. We don't meet in July or August.

Our book for September 9 will be *The Women* by Kristin Hannah.

We have chosen the other books we will be reading this year, but have not yet assigned each to a month.

- *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts
- *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
- *Crossing to Safety* by Wallace Stenger
- *The Samurai's Garden* by Gail Tsukiyama
- *The Postmistress of Paris* by Meg Waite Clayton
- *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean
- *House Lessons* by Erica Bauermeister
- *My Life In France* by Julia Child/Alex Prud'homme

Please join us!

If you have any questions, call Mary Bruner at 360.379.8462 or email Nancy Machette at



3 - 6:00 PM
Hemlock Ct.

BRING:
Dish to Pass
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Saturday
Aug. 10

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Law Enforcement Volunteer Opportunity

Dick Schulte

The Jefferson County Sheriff's "Citizens Advisory Committee" was established by Jefferson County commissioners in 2015. It usually has one civilian community member for each population area of Eastern Jefferson County. Those areas currently include Port Townsend city, Cape George, Kala Point, Port Hadlock/Irondale/Chimacum, Quilcene, Brinnon, Marrowstone, etc.

Community members act as a non-emergency voice for their community to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO), and from the JCSO to their neighbors. The committee meets every other month for less than two hours, making it a minimal commitment of time.

The meetings are typically interesting with an update from either Sheriff Joe Nole or Undersheriff Andy Pernsteiner, and a discussion about what's new at JCSO or law enforcement in general. They talk about staffing issues, recent changes in the law, trends in criminal activity, and sometimes the specifics of a local crime that has made the news. In turn, committee members report on things of interest or needs from their respective communities.

I have served as Kala Point's representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee for the past eight years, and I am now ready to move on to other volunteer opportunities. I would very much like to turn over that role to a community member who has an interest in law enforcement, especially our own law enforcement agency.

If you are interested in applying, feel free to contact Sheriff Joe Nole directly (360.385.3831, ext. 747) or contact me at rfschulte373@gmail.com if you'd like more information before applying. ♦

Before Making Changes to Your Home

Pat Miles, Chair, Architectural Committee

To Our New Neighbors and "Old" Friends: Prior to undertaking any *exterior* home improvement project or any permanent changes to your landscape (foliage excepted), please review the community's governing documents, Administrative Policy and Procedures, [APP Article III-2, Architectural Committee, Modifications to Existing Homes](#), available on the KPOA website.

Before making any change, addition, or alteration to the exterior of your home or your landscape, you must — with few exceptions — submit an application to the Architectural Committee for approval and documentation.

Types of items requiring approval include — but are not limited to — fencing of any kind, garden storage sheds, gardens with planting beds, lighting, dog enclosures, repainting, re-roofing.

Help at your fingertips. Feel free to contact any member of the Architectural Committee (refer to the [committee roster](#)) to help and advise you with any home improvement project. ♦

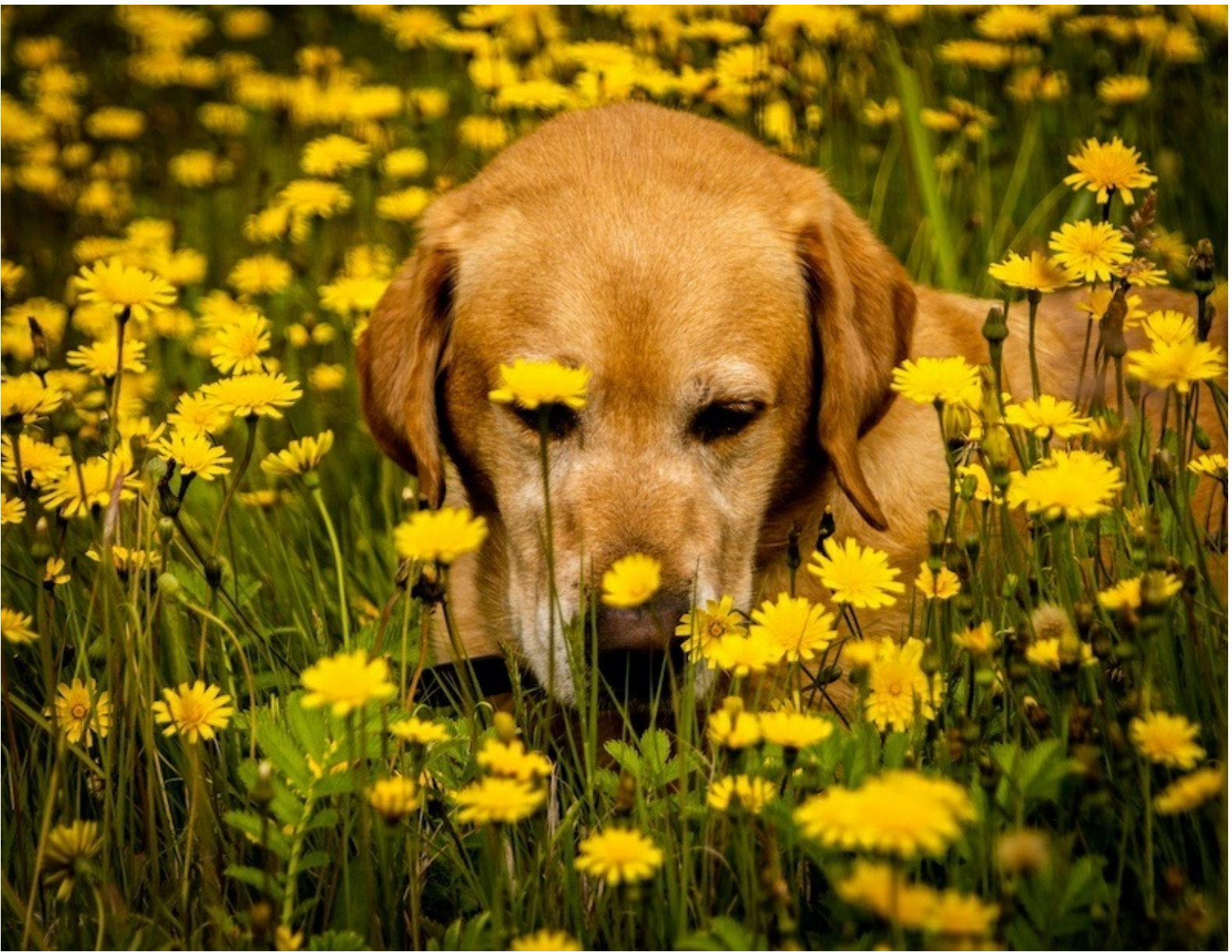


Kala Point Remembers Richard Van Galder



Through the Lens

Images of the Beauty of Port Townsend and Surrounding Areas



Rigo Enjoying the Flowers: *Alison Ebbott*



Hawaiian Chieftain: *Pamela Thompson*



Kankatu The Octopus: *Alison Ebbott*



Goldhammer Bench: *Vivian McFarling*



Lilies: *Hilary Newell*



Great Blue Heron: *Bill Hasan*



Heron Reflection: *Bill Hasan*



Deer in the Lagoon: *Alison Ebbott*



Baby Raccoon: *Bill Hasan*



Grass at the Kala Point Bridge: *Vivian McFarling*

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! ♦

Sharing The Good Life

Hilary Newell

Zucchini Relish with Sweet Peppers

It's been a great year for growing veggies in the garden and zucchini season is upon us! There's an old saying that if you don't have zucchinis, you don't have friends. You may come home from running errands or taking a hike to find a stack of zucchinis from a gardener who wishes to remain anonymous. If you find yourself with a pile of this home-grown produce, whether you grew it or a "friend" gave it to you, this is a wonderful way to make it last into the winter. After you've eaten some fresh, the rest can be made into this relish. From allrecipes.com

Ingredients

10 cups chopped zucchini
4 cups chopped onion
1 red bell pepper, chopped
1 yellow bell pepper, chopped
¼ cup kosher salt
4 cups white sugar
2½ cups apple cider vinegar
1 tablespoon cornstarch
2 teaspoons celery seed
1 teaspoon ground turmeric

Directions

Toss zucchini, onion, and bell peppers with kosher salt in a large bowl. Allow vegetables to rest for 8 hours.

Rinse and drain vegetables thoroughly. Transfer to a large pot. Add sugar, cider vinegar, cornstarch, celery seed, and turmeric. Cook over medium heat until thickened, about 50 minutes.



Photo by Hilary Newell

When the zucchini mixture is almost finished cooking, inspect six pint-sized jars for cracks and rings for rust, discarding any defective ones. Immerse in simmering water for at least 5 minutes. Wash new, unused lids and rings in warm soapy water.

Pack the zucchini mixture into the hot, sterilized jars, filling to within ¼ inch of the top. Run a clean knife or a thin spatula around the insides of the jars to remove any air bubbles. Wipe the rims with a moist paper towel to remove any residue. Top with lids and screw rings on tightly.

Place a rack in the bottom of a large stockpot and fill halfway with water. Bring to a boil and lower jars 2 inches apart into the boiling water using a holder. Pour in more boiling water to cover jars by at least 1 inch. Bring to a rolling boil, cover, and process for 30 minutes.

Remove the jars from the stockpot and let rest on a wood or cloth-covered surface, several inches apart, until cool. Press the center of each lid with a finger to ensure the lid does not move up or down. Remove the rings for storage and store in a cool, dark area. ♦

International Dinners are Back!

Social Plus

We are now accepting sign-ups for the KPOA International Dinners. Couples and singles are welcome. The deadline to sign up is August 25, 2024. Call Chris Werme at 510.301.7783 or email her at cewerme@gmail.com.

For those new to the KPOA International Dinner Group, this is how it works. There are three international-themed dinners planned over a span of nine months. The first timeframe is scheduled for October through December 2024, the second is from January through March 2025, and the third is from April through June 2025.

Residents must sign up for all three dinners. Residents who sign up are asked to host one of the three dinners. Each dinner will have four to six guest diners assigned to a host. If a resident wants to participate but is unable to host or unable to commit to all three dinners, then that resident will be on the alternate list to fill in as a dinner guest when needed.

Dinners consist of appetizers, main dish, side dishes (soup, salad or vegetable) and a dessert. The host will be responsible for the main course, and dinner guests will be asked by the host to bring the other dishes. Beverages can be decided by the host.

After the sign-up deadline, each participant (couple) will be assigned to host one dinner. Each host and dinner guest will be assigned to a different host with different dinner guests for each of the three dinners. The host and dinner guests will determine the date of their dinner within the three-month period. The hope is for residents to meet new neighbors at each dinner. We sometimes have repeats of guests, but we try not to do so.

During the process, hosts will receive more information about who their guests will be and may be provided with a suggested menu and a few recipes.

Please sign up with Chris by August 25, 2024. If a single resident wants to come with another single, sign up as one party, but give both names. When you sign up, you will be asked for the following information:

Name(s)
Address
Phone number
Email address
Number of guests you can accommodate in your home
List any food allergies

After you email this information to Chris, she will send you an email confirmation. If you don't receive confirmation, please resend your email or call her (see contact info in first paragraph). ♦



Photo by Phyllis Wurscher

Voting, Candidate, Volunteer, Community

Geoff Genter, Election Committee

What do all the words in the headline have in common? The chance for our members to take an active part in how the business and welfare of Kala Point is handled.

By voting for candidates and resolutions, we have a direct say in determining who we want making important decisions that affect us all and in changing our governing documents, making financial decisions that affect how the community looks and decisions on safety and growth.

Being a candidate allows one to get to know more about the people who live in Kala Point and learn what the community values. Being a candidate for a Board position and then getting elected gives you the opportunity to directly determine the direction the community will grow from both a social and financial perspective.





Volunteering is a simple and direct way to have community input. Everything from house color to tree trimming or the opportunity to socialize with others is done by volunteers. You can learn first aid skills or take part in managing the community's finances. Every important aspect of our community is governed by volunteers.

Community is what makes Kala Point a great place to live. A society cannot survive without a sense of community. A group of people with diverse ideas is able to come together to make the whole better than the individual parts. It is working together that makes a community great.

The Election Committee requests that each of you who live and enjoy the benefits of our community get out and run for a Board position, volunteer to be on a committee, and, most importantly, vote in the upcoming election. To be uninvolved is to lose the right and ability to govern our community to the benefit of all who live here. ♦

Welcome to the Habitat Store!

Did you know?

-  We are open Monday - Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
-  We accept donations of household furnishings, small and large appliances, tools, and even vehicles.
-  We do complimentary pick-ups of large items that you are not able to transport yourself. Call for an appointment!
-  We can help you over the phone and via email if you can't shop in person.

Our volunteers and staff can't wait to meet you!
Call us: (360) 385-9653 • Email us: store@habitatejc.org
Come see us: 2001 W. Sims Way at the roundabout in Port Townsend



Get to Know Your Neighbors:

Article and Photo by Laurie Engelbeck

Eve Fieldhouse Windship Drive

“How idyllic is this! And I get to live here,” says Eve Fieldhouse about her home in Kala Point. Looking out her upstairs bedroom window at the trees, “it feels like being in a treehouse.”

Eve and her late husband, Joseph Reeves, bought their home in Kala Point in 2015. But because they traveled so much and lived in different places, Eve is still getting to know her neighbors and learning more about what Kala Point has to offer.

Eve grew up in Chugiak, Alaska, and went to college at the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. She then went to graduate school at Michigan State University where she studied speech-language pathology.



Eve Fieldhouse

She worked in schools and hospitals as a speech language pathologist (SLP) in many places, including Lansing, Michigan; Brisbane, Australia; Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska; as well as in the Chitna Schools and Life Care Center in Port Townsend. Working as a traveling SLP, she would take temporary jobs all over the country, and then return to Kala Point with Joseph in the summers.

Eve retired in 2022 but still does some work at Life Care Center. She loves her work as a speech-language pathologist since “having language is the most important gift you can acquire and use. It allows you to communicate the ideas in your mind. The autistic child without language cannot get his needs met, and the older person who has had a stroke and lost the ability to speak is trapped inside their body. I love being able to help people and having a useful talent.”

Eve and Joseph met in 2000 in Juneau at a kayak club event. They had identical Subarus and similar kayaks. They spent much of their free time paddling together. When Eve worked in schools and had the summers free, they would take 250-mile kayak trips every summer.

Joseph worked with school boards in Alaska, traveling to consult with different school boards around the state. When Eve lived in Anchorage, he would visit her every week. When she got a job in the Juneau School District, they decided to get married. They were married on a beach in Juneau in 2001.

“We had an incredible life. So many adventures!” Joseph had researched places to retire, and when they visited Port Angeles they were “smitten” by Port Townsend and decided to buy a house here. Joseph passed away in April 2024 just a few weeks after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Eve says she is sad, but not overwhelmed.

Besides travel and kayaking, Eve’s passions include playing violin, gardening, and hiking. She plays with the Washington Old Time Fiddle Association where she plays folk music, Celtic music, and bluegrass. She enjoys playing music for residents at Life Care Center once a month. She jams with a group in Sequim every week and then visits her parents who live in a retirement community in Sequim.

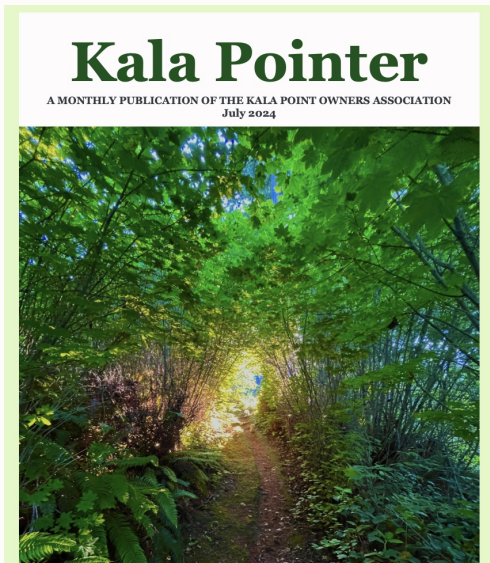
Eve has gotten interested in gardening and landscaping now that she is living here full-time. She loves to see how people care about the trees and plants here. Gardening is “calming and soothing.” While she used to backpack a lot, now she is enjoying the many day hikes in the area with friends.

She feels that living here is like living in a park with all the trees and birds, and loves all the “epic” hikes in this area. Eve has also studied belly-dancing and performed in Lebanese nightclubs. Of all the places she has traveled, her favorite places include Lake Eklutna north of Chugiak, Alaska and Chamonix, France.

While she is not sure what she is going to do next, Eve's plan is to stay here in Kala Point for now.



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Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting on July 18

Submitted by Pat Miles, AC chair and Board representative

AC approved six new applications: three requests to re-roof, a deck rebuild, heat pump installation, new addition to existing home

Four ongoing projects were completed

Total projects as of July meeting: 21

Chair submitted an article for the August *Kala Pointer*

Seeking new members

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

Elections

No report this month

Next meeting: August 1 from 1-2 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Emergency Preparedness

No report this month

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

Finance

Meeting on July 2

Submitted by Kevin Skolrud

- 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 June 2024 financial statements
- Keith reported that the lease revision was accepted by American Tower and the committee

- will recommend that the Board accept the new proposal
- The committee outlined the process for updating APP VII
- Committee budget proposals were reviewed

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

Grounds

Meeting on June 27

Submitted by: Dale Moses, Alternate Board representative

Committee Activity:

- Mike Conner, new Board Rep introduced
- Quarterly neighborhood inspections are continuing
- Pier restoration costs are being developed along with the engineering design. The total repair is expected to come in under budget
- Discussed statewide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) guidance that is coming out soon
- Discussed pedestrians walking path initiative; survey coming
- Made more revisions to APP VIII (Grounds) using new format
- RV parking discussed and Keith to check several apparent violations. Committee may be asking Board for guidance on degree of enforcement
- Discussed need to add more members to the Committee

Next Meeting: July 25 at 9 a.m. via Zoom

Project Study

Meeting on July 2

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board secretary

June 4 minutes were approved by motion

Pedestrian Safety Survey

The committee reviewed the draft survey

The survey will be updated with changes and upon final approval, a beta test will be conducted

Elections Review Committee (ERC) Final Report

The committee discussed recommendations in the final report and endorsed them for presentation to the Board for review

Since the ERC has completed its tasks, it is recommended that the ERC be dissolved

Forms

The committee discussed the forms on the Kala Point website

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

Publications

Meeting on July 8

Submitted by Hilary Newell, Committee Member

- Robly stats: On July 1, 613 emails were sent and 337 (about 55%) were opened.
- The committee reviewed the draft APP. In addition, the committee added a new category of display ads for the *Kala Pointer*.
- Layout editors will meet to discuss layout ideas
- We reviewed the proposed content for the August 2024 issue
- 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: August 12 at 1:30 in the Administration Building conference room

Tree

Meeting July 11

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

Discussion

- Committee membership was discussed regarding the number of Board members on the committee when a previous member became a Board member
- The Tree Committee's 2024 remaining budget balance was reviewed considering expectations of expenditures to create a brochure available to the membership about various forms of pruning
- The committee discussed options for the Tree Committee's 2025 approved budget of \$1,000
- There is a shoreline management resource that enables a process to overlay maps to determine jurisdictions; this information will be shared with BMAC
- The committee reviewed, discussed and conducted site visits

Next meeting: August 8 at 9 a.m. in the Administrative Building conference room ♦

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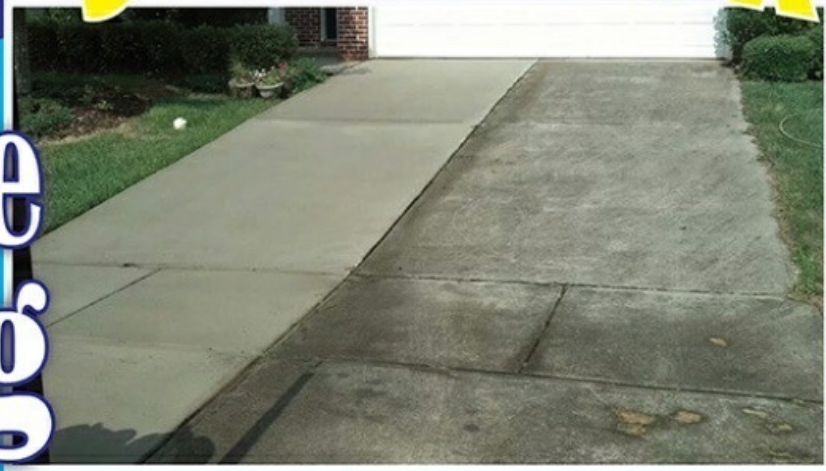
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