

Kala Pointer

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From the Desk of KPOA President

[Mark Lannon](#), Board President

Summer is coming to an end soon, so be sure to enjoy it. Fall is just around the corner.

I want to let everyone know that the Pedestrian Safety Survey was approved by the Board of Directors for distribution to the membership. I also want to thank the volunteers who worked out the survey wording and ran it through a beta test. The survey was emailed to the membership on August 26, and it will close on September 6. Results will be published in the *Kala Pointer*. If you

have not yet provided your email address to the office and you wish to receive the survey, please contact the Administration Office at 360.385.0814.

Also, we received an update on the pier permitting process from our contractor, Pacific Engineering Technologies. They said they received our shorelines exemption about a week ago and their permit specialist is in the process of requesting permit requirements from the Building Department. Once they have those permit requirements, they will send in our application. Then they will fill out our Hydraulic Project Approval with the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife. Stay tuned for more updates.

I wish our members the best! ♦



Sunset Wings at Fort Worden, Donna Abear

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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."

Special Notice Emails

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

Attention Email Users

Since the *Kala Pointer* is larger than most emails, Gmail and some other email services automatically cut it off at a certain point. To ensure you see the entire newsletter, click on the "View Entire Message" link if you see it at the bottom of the email. ♦

August Board Meeting Summary

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board Secretary

The Board met on August 13, 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, M. Connor, G. Goldstein, P. Miles, and D. Moses (attended via Zoom). Also in attendance were K. Larson, general manager; F. Thompson, executive assistant; 13 in-person attendees, and 10 self-identified Zoom attendees.

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

August 13, 2024, agenda as amended and the July 9, 2024, minutes as written were unanimously approved. It was announced that the deadline for articles for the September *Kala Pointer* was August 19, 2024.

Inquiries and Correspondence

Emails received by the Board between July 10, 2024, and August 13, 2024, were reviewed and discussed. Replies to inquiries and correspondence are to be copied to the Board.

Consent Calendar

A motion for D. Kimball to replace D. Moses as the new Board representative to the Elections Committee was approved by vote.

General Manager's Report

A motion to set the date of record for October 15, 2024, for the Annual Membership/Budget Ratification Meeting was unanimously approved. (This motion represents the cut-off date for new owners who can vote. No new owner(s) after the date of record are eligible to vote unless the previous owner(s) signs a proxy to the new owner(s).)

A motion to add Resolution 2024-2 to the Annual Membership Meeting Agenda as proposed by the Finance Committee was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2024-2: Resolved that any excess of membership income over expenses for the year ending December 31, 2024, shall be applied to the following year's assessments as provided by IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604.

A motion to add Resolution 2024-3 to the Annual Membership Meeting Agenda as proposed by the Internal Control & Finance Committees was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2024-3: Resolved that the requirements to conduct an independent audit of the 2024 KPOA financial statement be waived.

A motion to set the **2025 Budget Presentation** for **Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 3 p.m.** was unanimously approved.

The mailing date for the Annual Membership/Budget Ratification Meeting for the supporting documents will be Monday, November 12, 2024.

The Annual Membership & Budget Ratification Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 3 p.m. A motion to move the **Annual Membership & Budget Ratification Meeting** from Tuesday December 10, 2024, to **Sunday, December 8, 2024**, was unanimously approved.

A Statement of Work (SOW) will be issued to Elections Trust, (third-party election services), for the upcoming Annual Membership/Budget Ratification Meeting.

Finance

A motion to approve an additional expense of \$6,213 for the asphalt patchwork project was unanimously approved after discussion.

During the project, it was determined that more patchwork was needed along Kala Point Dr., which resulted in an increase in cost. Though not unreasonable in this case, the Board tasked the Finance Committee to visit overage limitations and emergent situations requiring Board approval prior to completion of work.

A motion by the Finance Committee to write off as bad debt the 2023 assessment of a time share unit was unanimously approved.

Further discussion raised the question of future time share write-offs and whether they should be borne by time share management.

2024 Reserve Projects were reviewed.

Grounds

Brush clearing at the intersection of Trafalgar Dr. and Windship Dr. is currently underway.

Old Business

A motion to approve APP XIII – Publications Committee, second read, was unanimously approved after discussion regarding word length for letters to the editor.

2024 Pedestrian Safety Survey: The PSC (Project Study Committee) presented its final draft of the 2024 Pedestrian Safety Survey to the Board.

The survey will be open to the membership August 26, 2024, through September 6, 2024. A reminder to complete the survey will be mentioned in the September *Kala Pointer*.

Elections Review Committee (ERC): A motion to accept the Elections Review Committee's (ERC) final report as submitted to the Project Study Committee (PSC) with direction to the Elections Committee to prepare a revised APP IX to reflect the contents of the report for consideration was approved by vote.

There was further discussion regarding the ERC report as related to the Elections Committee, and

in-house vs third-party elections process. The question of electronic voting is waiting on advisement from the KPOA lawyer.

New Business

The Elections Committee presented “Election Procedures for In-house Ballot Tabulation – Prior to 2014” for review and consideration before the September Board meeting.

A motion to extend the deadline to receive **letters of intent** from prospective Board candidates from Sunday, September 15, 2024, to Monday, September 16, 2024, failed. The deadline remains **Sunday, September 15, 2024**.

Location of pool safety equipment was discussed and tabled.

Committee Reports

The standardization of committee APPs is progressing. There remain committees that need to begin the process.

Election signs must be removed 72 hours (3 days) after primary elections. Election signs are not permitted on common grounds. An email blast will be sent from the administrative staff communicating election sign guidelines.

The Tree Committee’s intent to replace native trees on common grounds with their 2024 remaining balance was discussed. TC documents recommend and/or require that homeowners replace native trees approved for removal with new ones. The Tree Committee desires that native trees approved for removal on common grounds also be replaced with new ones and would like to use any remaining balance from the 2024 budget to do so.

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 Director’s landing page at kalapoint.org and included in the monthly *Kala Pointer*.

Member Comments

A member voiced concern that when RCWs are silent on electronic voting, the CC&Rs should be followed.

A member questioned why we should pay for elections when there are volunteers to count ballots, wanting to save money.

The main business of the August regular Board being completed, the Board adjourned until the September meeting. For more detail about the meeting, supporting documents, and a recording of the board meeting, visit the Board of Director’s landing page at kalapoint.org

Next meeting: September 10 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse Main Room and on Zoom. ♦

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. ♦

Help Needed on the KP Board

Elections Committee

What motivated you to move to Kala Point? Maybe it was our beach, much used by walkers, pets, and boaters. Perhaps it was our greenery: the majestic firs, hemlocks, cedars, and beautiful landscapes. Or maybe you simply appreciate our well-maintained custom-home aura. Once here, you may enjoy our potlucks, newcomer events, and Clubhouse for exercise, spa, bridge, yoga, and pool.

We have good staff maintaining our amenities. But most importantly, we have about 80 member volunteers on various committees helping to make Kala Point a great place to live. Overseeing all are our nine dedicated Board members, a crucial element to making Kala Point a desirable neighborhood.

The Elections Committee takes this opportunity to invite *you* to become a member of our important Board of Directors.

A strong homeowners' association always needs new volunteers with fresh ideas and solutions. We will be electing three new board members for a three-year term in December.

Serving on our Board of Directors will involve a monthly Board meeting, ideally less than two hours attending in person or via Zoom. Board members also serve as a representative and an alternate representative on a committee.



There are great rewards to serving on our Board:

Making Kala Point a nicer place to live: Your analysis and decision making as a Board member enhances our community.

Bringing your valuable ideas and skills to the table: You may bring unique ideas and skills to the community and expertise on capital projects. Our Board needs a diversity of opinions and ideas in order for our community to grow and flourish. You will have significant influence on assessments, community improvement projects, and the future vision of our community.

Interaction with Kala Point members: Perhaps the most important aspect of being a Board member is the interaction with the members, and the ability to add new ideas and help shape what makes Kala Point a special place to live.

Please consider volunteering to be a Board candidate. Talk with one of the Elections Committee members listed below for details on how to submit a Letter of Interest by September 15 to gm_larson@kalapoint.org. Forms are available from an Elections Committee member, the Admin Office or on the [Elections Committee landing page](#) on the Kala Point website.

Thank you from the Elections Committee:

Geoff Genter, Chair: 206.719.7260

Paul Fleischman: 972.839.9497

Patsy Mathys: 360.643.1326

Jani Weller: 360.821.1336 ♦

2024 KP Neighborhood Art Walk: September 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Natalie Wilson



Diane Holmes

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.



George Siefert



Cynthia LaRouge

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.



(Above) Cindy Griffin

(Right) Margaret Woodcock




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.

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. The table below features our participating artists, their media type, and addresses.

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. ♦

2024 Kala Point Art Walk Addresses

 Artist	Details	Address
Carl Craig	Kiln-formed glass sculptures	563 Pinecrest
Virginia Diamond	Fused Glass Designs	60 Upper Bluffs Drive #2
Don Edgar	Woodturning by Don Edgar	140 Belvedere
Ellen Fishburn	Mixed media collages & watercolor	35 Oak Shore Drive
Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry	Award-winning fine-art quilts	10 Baycliff Place
Cindy Griffin	Handwoven Designs	63 Oak Shore Drive
Diane Holmes	Watercolorist	111 Baycliff Drive
Cynthia LeRouge	Mixed Media Fiber Art	120 Belvedere
Karin Kraft	Visual artist	36 Terrace Dr.
Clair Mack	Painting and mixed media collage,	70 Saddletree Dr.
George Seifert	Marquetry: Decorative wood patterns	1717 Kala Point Drive
Eric Kolbe	Abstract acrylic paintings	10 Harborview Drive, #14
Steve and Sue Stanton	functional hand carved designs	24 Wellington Court
Katya Taylor	Seamstress/Fiber Artist	364 Fairbreeze
Dan Torpey	Glass artist	36 Pinecrest Court
Margaret Woodcock	Mixed Media Artist	143 Baycliff Drive
Leslie Dickenson	Fiber Artist	80 Windship Drive

Get to Know Our Resolution Process

Geoff Genter, Elections Committee chair

The majority of resolutions are made by our Board of Directors; however, any Kala Point member may initiate a resolution.

Board resolutions: If you attend Kala Point Board meetings, you will notice that issues affecting the association or contributing to its governance are made through the resolution process. The “resolution” methodology is a systematic decision-making process: an issue is raised, motion is made and seconded, the motion’s merits are discussed, and a vote taken. Our Board also submits resolutions, such as the annual budget resolution, to be voted upon at the Annual Membership Meeting.

Member resolutions: Our bylaws permit our members to contribute to KPOA decisions via the resolution process. Member-submitted resolutions will be voted on by our membership at the Annual Membership Meeting or at a Special Meeting. For detailed procedures, see [APP IX](#) on the Elections Committee landing page on the KP website.

For December 2024’s Annual Membership Meeting, member-submitted **resolutions had to be completed and sent to the KPOA office by midnight on August 26** to be voted upon by the membership; otherwise a Special Meeting will be held. Board for review by midnight on August 26.

Elections Committee contacts: Paul Fleischman 972.839.9497, Geoff Genter 206.719.7260, Patsy Mathys 360.643.1326, and Jani Weller 360.821.1336. ♦

Creative Space

Whit Porter

Long Lines

We spent that summer
far in the north
plying the coasts
of grand and ancient
lonely islands.

Fishing beneath the
cliffs while there was light —

then running
to the shelter of another nook or
nameless bay
where the sea was fair
and the nights slipped away
dreamlessly.

Morning often brought fog
shrouding the battlements
of the castle-cliffs above us
hiding the
silent towers and secrets
of those
high, timeless
places —
guardians of solitude.



Midst the grey and
in rhythm to the
rise and swell of the sea,
we set and pulled
our long lines, gangeons and buoys,
tending the easy
silence between us
to wander half-lost to
other times and distant places. ♦

*(Above) Poet Whit Porter (right) with Jason
Huntress circa 1976. Photo by Holly Huntress
Lovejoy*

KP Beatles Beach Quiz Continues

Kala Point beach walkers often can find a curious message scratched in the sand not far from the double wooden Adirondack chairs. (At least until the tide or the dogs have their way.)

It's the Beatles Beach Quiz. Usually there are a few letters missing from the name of a Beatles song. Or a simple pictogram as a clue.

The challenge is to guess the name of the song. Some recent examples:

Hard 's

(Hard Day's Night)

Her 's pretty nice

(Her Majesty's a Pretty Nice Girl)

I.W.2.H.Y

(I Want to Hold Your Hand)

Robert, M.D.

(Doctor Robert)

If you can't make it to the beach, you can have the quiz emailed to you. Just send an email to kalaptbbq@gmail.com with the message "Please send the Beatles quiz." ♦



Kala Point Spit photo taken on August 3 (Jefferson County Airport Day) during a 1944 Stinson Reliant airplane ride. Photo by Alison Ebbott

Last Call: Sign up for the KPOA International Dinners

Social Plus

We are still accepting sign-ups for the KPOA International Dinners. Couples and singles are welcome. The deadline to sign up is September 9. Call Chris Werme at 510.301.7783 or email her at cewerme@gmail.com to sign up now.

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 dinner is scheduled for October through December 2024, the second dinner is from January through March 2025, and the third dinner 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.

The International Dinner Committee has selected Farm-To-Table as the theme of the first dinner. Ireland was selected for the second dinner, and Mediterranean for the last dinner.

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 the dinner guests will be asked by the host to bring the other dishes. Beverages can be decided by the host.



A German-themed International Dinner from 2022. Photo by Merlyn Wurscher

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.

Once the hosts are selected, they 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 September 9. 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
- How many guests you can accommodate in your home
- Do you have any food allergies? if so, what are they.

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

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. ♦

Get to Know Your Neighbors

Article and photo by Anna Quinn

Anna and Peter Quinn Bluffs Drive

We moved to Kala Point in June 2023, but we've lived in the Port Townsend area for almost 20 years. Anna started the Writers' Workshope and merged it with Imprint Books, and Peter was part of the core group that started Quimper Mercantile.

In 2019, we sold the bookstore and our home to travel around the country and see what it was like to write from different locations. We'd only made it as far as the Washington coast when the pandemic hit, so we changed our plans, and spent a wonderful year in Westport. As lovely as that was, Port Townsend has our heart, and we moved back.

We were drawn here by the incredible beauty, the friendly people, the weather, and the fact that on any given day, you can find something wonderful to engage your heart, mind and spirit. It's like living in a beautiful arboretum with easy access to a gorgeous beach — in other words, heaven.

We call our neighborhood "The Shire" with its closely knit townhomes, one-way "car path," all nestled within the forest. We also love all the windows in our townhome as they bring in a lovely light all throughout the day.

For fun, we write, read, camp, bike, walk, play pickleball, and attend cultural events of any kind. We are fairly quiet people but love connecting with friends and attending cultural and community events, particularly those that involve books and music. In Kala Point one of our favorite things to do is sit on our patio with a glass of wine and listen to the deep peace and quiet.



We love to travel. Anna's mother is from County Mayo, Ireland, and Peter worked with Western Wireless International in Ireland, so we've traveled often to Ireland! France, Switzerland and Hawaii also have our hearts, as does San Francisco, since two of our boys live there, and Peter's grandfather started the houseboat community in Sausalito.

We've been married for almost 19 years, together for 21. We met on Match.com where we discovered our mutual love of writing and reading. Peter's tagline was "the poet creeps out in explanation" and Anna couldn't turn down a first date because of those six words. On our first date, we also discovered we had met decades before at a small music store in Seattle. Peter says he remembers seeing Anna there playing a small red accordion, and he'd never forgotten that image. She still has the accordion.

Anna earned her B.A. in teaching and special/gifted education at UW and her master's/Ph.D. in Education/Curriculum Development from Seattle U and UW. Peter graduated from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon, with a bachelor's degree in English and an emphasis on poetry writing.

In the past, Anna owned Writers' Workshope and Imprint Books in Port Townsend, until 2019 when she sold it to write full time. Her first career was as a public school teacher, primarily in the Lake Washington and Bainbridge Island school districts. She continues to teach writing at the Writers' Workshope.

Locally, Peter was the executive director of EDC Team Jefferson in Port Townsend for six years. He is a founder and still Board president of Quimper Mercantile. Before moving to Port Townsend, Peter was a start-up guy in several endeavors as diverse as an Oregon cidery in the 1970s, and five years as the first CEO of Ireland's third wireless services provider.

Currently, we are focusing upon our writing. Anna has published two novels: *The Night Child* and *Angeline* (Blackstone Publishing); and Peter has published two books of poetry: *Painting Circles on Straight Highways* and *small things*. Anna is hard at work on her third novel and Peter has just completed his first novel. We both love our work.

We have three boys ranging from 33–40 years old. Ben, the oldest, is a privacy manager at Google, and Roarke is a scientist at UCSF; both live in the San Francisco Bay area. Loren lives with his wife, Bailey, in Peter's hometown of Astoria, Oregon, where she is a teacher for Headstart, and he works at the hospital as a CNA while studying to become a nurse.

Our dog, Indie, is our six-year-old Cairn Terrier who loves to make friends with everyone. When we planted cherry tomatoes near our patio, we recently discovered that he loves them and actively seeks out the ripest one each day. He also likes to sing when Anna plays the accordion.

We love living in Kala Point, and have found everyone we've met so far to be wonderfully welcoming and friendly — we're very grateful and happy to be here! ♦

Committee Closeup: Social Plus

Char Quandt, Social Plus Committee co-chair
Photos provided by Social Plus

Are you someone who loves to have fun, meet new friends, and likes to contribute to your community? Maybe you have great ideas for neighborhood events, or you are just looking for a

fun way to give back. Well, you are in luck, because KP Social Plus is where the magic happens — and we would love for *you* to be part of it!



(Left) A summer potluck at the beach organized by Social Plus. (Right) Co-chairs Patti Biazzo and Char Quandt at last year's Halloween party.

Our Social Plus Committee hosts some of the most anticipated events of the year, bringing our community together through exciting and memorable gatherings. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- **International Dinner Group**
- **KP Art Walk** in September
- **TGIFs** for Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, and Newcomer's Night
- **October Foodbank Fundraiser**
- **Thanksgiving Potluck** in November
- **Toys for Tots & Christmas Cocktail Parties** in December
- **New Year's Eve Party/Dance** with live music
- **Annual KP Garage Sale** in June
- **Fourth of July Potluck at the Beach**
- **August Block Party** with live music
- **And more!**

Events are posted on all eight bulletin boards throughout Kala Point, including the KP Clubhouse. We also send an email to residents on the newsletter list.

Join our [Kala Point Social Plus Facebook group](#). You can also access the page using the QR code to the right.

Our next exciting event is the **Kala Point Art Walk on Saturday, September 21**, followed by the kickoff to another season of our International Dinners you will not want to miss!



But wait, that is not all! We are always cooking up new ideas to create more fun. If you have suggestions, or just want to lend a hand, we would love to have you on board.

Meet Your Social Plus Committee: Kate Cope, Katharine Donnelly, Mary Foster, Linda Godfrey, Pattie Horvath, Patty Kirkland, Nancy Machette, Vicky Miller, Karen Putterman, Jean Reed, Pam Smith, Colette Swan, Natalie Wilson, and Phyllis Wurscher. *Officers:* Patti Biazzo and Char Quandt (SP co-chairs), Lansil Nithya (secretary), and Diana Zinn (treasurer).

Our committee is a fantastic group of folks who simply enjoy creating fun experiences for everyone — and you are invited to join the fun too!



A few members of the Social Plus Committee. From left: Colette Swan, Carolyn Braun, Mary Foster (front), Char Quandt, Pattie Horvath, and Patti Biazzo.

KP Social Plus Meetings for 2024

Looking to get involved? Join us at the Kala Point Social Plus meetings. Whether you want to help plan, bring fresh ideas, or just be around good company, we would love to see you there! Here are the meeting dates, all at 1 p.m. at the Kala Point Clubhouse.

Tuesday, September 3

Tuesday, November 5

Tuesday, January 7

Tuesday, March 4

Tuesday, May 6

Tuesday, June 3

Our Mission: We are all about promoting fun, social activities that bring our Kala Point residents closer together and support our community.

So, mark your calendars, spread the word, and come join us — we promise you will have a blast!



Newcomers' Social: September 29

Katharine Donnelly, Social Plus

Come meet other KPOA newcomers and learn about the calendar of events sponsored by the KP Social Plus Committee!

Where: Kala Point Clubhouse

When: Sunday, September 29, 2024, 4-6 p.m.

Who: Anyone who has moved here since 2022

Please bring your preferred beverage and an appetizer to share.

Questions? Contact Vicky Miller at 360.385.3132.

A Review of the Walking Path Project

Phil Brodt

During the past several months, I've presented an assortment of articles through the *Kala Pointer* on various components of the proposed walking path along Kala Point Drive (KPD). For your

benefit and convenience, these monthly newsletters are archived and available for your review on our [Kala Point website](#).

It should be noted that in addition to the *Kala Pointer* articles, I've completed a feasibility study on the project, conducted two membership-wide presentations, provided several committee presentations, and have had discussions with KPOA Board members on various aspects of the path proposal.

During my career with WSDOT, I was frequently tasked with determining compensable damages for properties impacted by highway traffic lanes being constructed near occupied dwellings. The fear element was always part of the analysis. What impact would a change in the roadway placement and its distance from the dwelling have on the occupants' peace of mind?

The same can be said regarding the pedestrian walking space along KPD. Pedestrians have a fear of walking in traffic lanes and being hit by an inattentive motorist. The argument that no one has been injured or killed from a pedestrian/vehicle accident lacks the element of fear that is unnecessarily imposed on our members and guests as they walk on the KPD traffic lanes.

As I discussed in the August issue of the *Kala Pointer*, the \$500 cost per property is a minor investment when compared to the appreciated value that properties would recognize after a walking path has been constructed along KPD.

In the July issue, the reader was informed about the removal of trees along the KPD corridor, which would be determined by a land survey. This would involve a select number of trees. Efforts would be made to preserve the existing trees that don't impede the design plan. My concern is that some community members want to prioritize a few trees over their neighbors' desire to walk safely along KPD.

Many of the questions regarding the construction plan and its coordination among contractors will be answered once a designed site-plan has been prepared by a civil engineer. Any major capital improvement project will require some temporary inconvenience to its residents. In this case the long-term benefit far outweighs the short-term inconvenience.

I have always been and will continue to be an advocate for those members of our community who wish to see a safer and more pedestrian-friendly KPD corridor that will accommodate both pedestrians and motorists in a much safer manner. ♦

Pedestrian Safety Survey

Sue Stanton, Project Study Committee chair

The Board tasked the Project Study Committee to generate a member survey to gather information to see if there is a need for the Board to consider further action regarding pedestrian safety in Kala Point.

You should have received this survey on August 26 via email. The Pedestrian Survey will be open through Friday, September 6, 2024. Please complete the survey if you have not already done so.



The purpose of the survey is to get preliminary input from as many members as possible regarding pedestrian safety based on two proposals that have been suggested.

Proposal #1 was put forth by the Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee, and Proposal #2 was submitted by Phil Brodt, Kala Point member. Both the Pedestrian Ad Hoc Committee and Phil Brodt have hosted membership meetings within the last few months to inform members of their respective proposals.

Proposal #1: Paint stop bars at intersections adjacent to stop signs; place crosswalks at designated intersections on Kala Point Drive facilitating pedestrians in safely crossing the street; and add appropriate signage. There is no additional cost or vote needed for Proposal #1.

Proposal #2: Construct a designated off-road walking path along Kala Point Drive, specifically between the entry gate and Kala Heights Drive (near the tennis courts), where visibility is limited, and shoulders are narrow. This would also include painting, crosswalks, and adding signage, like Proposal #1. Proposal #2 would need an assessment and a membership vote.

It is time for you to weigh in via the survey.

The results of this survey will not trigger immediate action of either proposal. This survey is an

information-gathering tool to enable the Board to determine the direction, if any, the overall community favors.

If you have not already done so, please complete the Pedestrian Safety Survey that was emailed to you at your earliest convenience. If you did not receive the survey, contact the office as soon as possible. The survey closes at the end of the day on Friday, September 6, 2024. ♦

Through the Lens

Images of the Beauty of Port Townsend and Surrounding Areas



Stalking Ducks in the Lagoon: Bill Hasan



If You Build It, They Will Come: Hilary Newell



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Bumble at Rest: Pamela Thompson



Punky the Fawn: Donna Abear





Fort Worden Sunset: Donna Abear



Natural Camouflage: Donna Abear

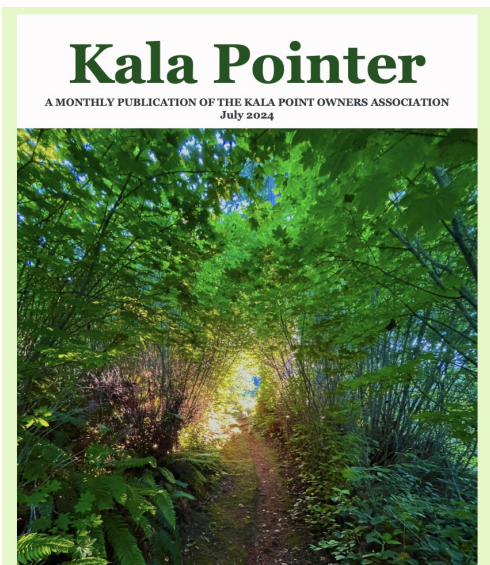


Point Robinson Lighthouse on Vashon Island: Bill Hasan (taken on a history cruise aboard the Virginia V.)

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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! ♦

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- 2. Online** — Current or past issues are available under the "Kala Pointer" tab at kalapoint.org
- 3. Printed Copy** — Available in limited quantities at the Clubhouse or Administration office ♦

Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting on August 15

Submitted by Pat Miles, AC chair and Board representative

Applications for August meeting: (1) same-color repaint, (2) garden fence, and (3) sunroom removal and rebuild deck

- Incomplete applications for (2) and (3) so AC not able to approve at the meeting
- Homeowners invited to September meeting to help resolve and answer questions

Non-compliant garage door: AC approved re-paint in different color; homeowner did not paint garage door the color of the siding as is required by APPs and that was stated in approval letter. Extension granted until October 15 to paint garage door.

Ongoing projects: 20

Next meeting: September 19 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Elections

Meeting on August 1

Submitted by Pat Miles, Board representative

Elections Review Committee (ERC) Final Report. At the July Board meeting, the Board turned over the finalized ERC report to the Elections Committee (EC). Board asked EC to provide any recommended improvements. The Board asked "to hold back on how we do 2024's election until the Board hears from the EC."

Chair reviewed and summarized 2016 in-house ballot process and will provide to Board. Discussion of electronic voting; possible Board resolution on December 2024 ballot.

EC priority is recruiting potential Board candidates — posters distributed to kiosk and bulletin boards, flyers to potential candidates by mail in mid-August.

Need Board confirmation of election timeline/dates — e.g., annual meeting, election package mailing, candidate letter of intent.

Discussion of purpose of proxy ballots and KPOA retention of proxy forms in accordance with HOA law.

Committee members to submit two articles for September *Kala Pointer*.

Suggestion to help Admin update current homeowner listing by using JeffCo Assessors Office listing.

Next meeting: September 5 from 1-2 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Emergency Preparedness

Meeting on August 1

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

June 6 minutes were approved as written (the EPC did not meet in July)

The All-County Picnic will be on August 18 at Jefferson County Fairgrounds with booths for resilience and emergency preparedness

- This year there will be a demonstration of a response to an earthquake scheduled at 2 p.m.
- Kala Point EPC will not participate this year but there will be a handout to give to Kala Point residents containing info and links regarding Kala Point resources
- There was a brief presentation about a recent swarm of earthquakes off Vancouver Island in the Pacific Ocean

Qualified Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) graduates can pick up a CERT badge to put on their vests

Radio Communication — to rule out a possible problem with antennas; another antenna is being tested to see if it will transmit better

Jefferson County is changing its emergency documents that reference “Map Your Neighborhood” to “Neighborhood HUBs”

- Neighborhood HUB defines a “super gathering place” for people to gather and work through in the recovery phase of an emergency (typically 12–24 hours after the event)
- Kala Point has its defined Neighborhood Operations Center (NOC) and designated structure which serves as our replacement for the neighborhood HUB concept
- Kala Point structure also includes responding to the initial emergency

The Great Shake Out will be October 17 at 10:17 a.m.

- This year's focus will be on residents gathering at their local block assembly points and practicing communications

A NOC training exercise will take place late winter 2024 or early spring 2025

Next meeting: September 5 at 10:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Finance

Meeting on August 6

Submitted by Kevin Skolrud, committee chair and CFO

Committee budget proposals were reviewed

Internal Controls Committee report: Walt Abegglen gave a report for the Internal Control Committee followed by Larry McDowell's report on account reconciliation

Resolution #2024-3: waiving of the independent audit for 2024 was approved by the Finance Committee and will be forwarded to the Board with the recommendation that it be placed on the ballot for the 2024 annual election

The 2025 operating and reserve budgets were discussed at length and approved for submittal to the Board at the August 13 meeting

Resolution 2024-2: the application of prior-year budget surpluses to the 2026 assessments was approved by Finance Committee to be submitted to the Board with the recommendation that it be placed on the ballot for the 2024 annual election

Next meeting: September 3 at 9 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Grounds

Meeting on July 25

Submitted by: Kevin Skolrud, Board representative

The committee reviewed Rules and Regulations Section II, “Vehicle and Parking Regulation”

The types of vehicles not permitted and the definition of “recreational vehicle” were discussed

APP VIII, Grounds Committee, was reviewed, and edited, with a goal of having an updated draft for presentation to the board at the October meeting

Meeting on August 22

Submitted by: Dale Moses, Board representative

Quarterly neighborhood inspections are continuing

Discussed need to add more members to the Committee or at least volunteers for neighborhood inspections

Cost estimates for full restoration of pier are being prepared

Discussed state-wide Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) guidance that is coming out soon

Discussed pedestrian walking path initiative; community survey coming

Discussed APP VIII (Grounds) using new format with focus on it for next meeting

RV parking discussed; committee will be asking Board for guidance on degree of enforcement

Reviewed several reports of dead bushes and appropriate action for this committee

Received complaint of a pig being kept in a yard causing noise and feces; Sheriff Animal Control to be contacted

Next meeting: September 26 at 9:30 in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Project Study

No meeting in August

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board secretary

The PSC did not meet in August due to lack of quorum. Note that the next meeting has been moved from September 3 to September 4.

Next meeting: September 4 at 3 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Publications

Meeting on August 12

Submitted by Bob Goldstein, Alternate Board representative

For the August 2024 issue of the *Kala Pointer*, 621 emails were sent and 60.2% were initially opened. A reminder email was sent later to those who hadn't yet opened the first email; 23.9% of recipients opened it then

Proposed content was reviewed for the September 2024 issue

Length of letters to the editor was discussed; it was decided the editor would return letters of excessive length (more than 350 words) to the author to edit for length

We continue to welcome letters to the editor

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

Tree

Meeting on August 8

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

Minutes for July 11 approved as written

Discussion

The Tree Committee's 2024 remaining budget balance was reviewed

- 2024 creation of the brochure available to membership and the remaining balance to be used to purchase trees
- The committee discussed the proposed 2025 Tree Committee budget reduction by the Finance Committee

A detailed Arboricultural Assessment was discussed in relation to methods to mitigate tree/pavement conflicts tailored to the special needs of the Kala Point community

Legacy Tree programs in other parts of the country will be explored and considered to formally preserve older mature trees in Kala Point

Shoreline Protection and Geohazard map overlay tool from Jeffco Dept. of Community Development was shared as a resource to the Tree Committee in determining jurisdiction when bluff management and protected zones are in question

The committee reviewed, discussed and conducted site visits

Next meeting: September 12 at 9 a.m. in the Administrative Building conference room ♦

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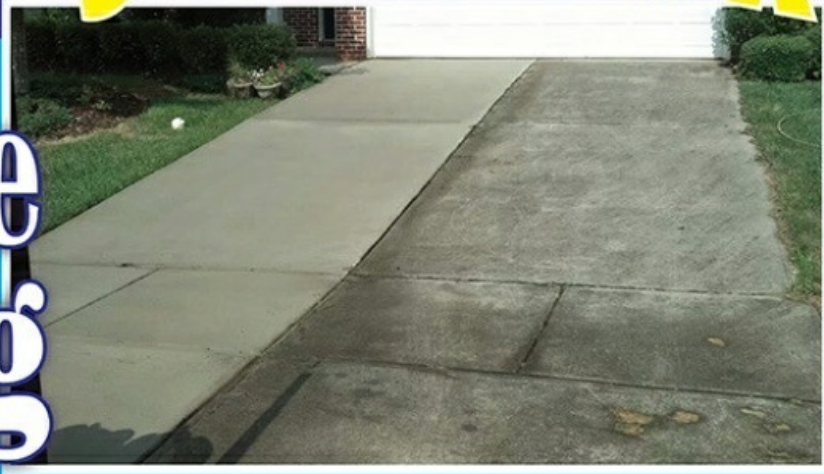
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