

Kala Pointer

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From the Desk of KPOA President

[Mark Lannon](#), Board President

You may know that Kala Point has a cell tower located between the Administration Building and the recycle center. It has been there for some years and is leased to

Verizon. It provides income to Kala Point which helps reduce membership annual dues.

Recently Kala Point renegotiated the lease to extend the period of performance and update rates. As part of that negotiation, Kala Point will receive a lump-sum payment of \$20,000. Kudos to the negotiation team.

The Pedestrian Safety Survey is complete. Look for the article with survey details in this issue. Also, there will be three Board vacancies in December. The Elections Committee received Letters of Intent from four residents wishing to fill those vacancies. The Kala Point membership will have an opportunity to vote in a couple months to decide who will fill those vacancies.

Finally, one Board member just resigned for health reasons. A 30-day notice is published below. The replacement will be appointed by the Board. This position expires in December 2025. If you are interested, contact the General Manager or a Board member. ♦



The Kala Point Board of Directors

is soliciting the KPOA membership to fill the open Board seat for a term ending December 2025.

I (your name) submit my intent to stand for a position on the KPOA Board of Directors to fill the vacant Board seat with a term ending December 2025.

I attest that I am eligible to be a KPOA Director, and that I will accept the position if offered. Please include: Date of Intent letter including name, address, phone and email and submit to gm_larson@kalapoint.org by October 30, 2024.

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Next Newsletter Deadline:

October 19 for the
November Issue

Submit your articles to:
YourKalaPointer@kalapoint.org

Our Letter to the Editor
policy

Look under section 8.

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

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To obtain a hard copy of the *Kala Pointer*, visit the Administration Office or the Clubhouse.

To view the newsletter on the Kala Point website, visit kalapoint.org/kalapointer/view-past-issues/. (You must be logged in to view.)

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. ♦

September Board Meeting Summary

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board Secretary

The Board met on September 10 in the Clubhouse main room at 3 p.m.

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

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

September 10, 2024, agenda as amended and the August 13, 2024, minutes as amended were approved by unanimous consent.

Announcements:

- Townhall Meeting – Budget Review: Saturday, September 14, 2024, 10 a.m.–12 p.m., Clubhouse main room
- Article submission deadline for the October *Kala Pointer*: September 19, 2024

Inquiries and Correspondence:

- Emails received by the Board between August 13, 2024, and September 10, 2024, were reviewed and discussed. Reminder that replies to inquiries and correspondence are to be noted in the monthly Inquiries and Correspondence Report to the Board.

General Manager’s Report Administrative Office

- The general manager met with a representative from the Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife on September 9, 2024, to review the pier project regarding the Hydraulic Permitting process. Large equipment questions will be forwarded to the engineer. The Hydraulic report should be received in the first part of November.

Clubhouse

- Both wood decks will be prepped for painting in the coming weeks before bad weather

Finance

- 2025 Draft Budget has been presented to the membership for review; a copy has been placed on the Board and [Finance Committee’s landing page](#) of the website
- 2024 Reserve Projects were reviewed
 - Club House – Security Surveillance System should be completed by September 11, 2024

Grounds Report

- Brush clearing throughout the property is currently underway

- Roofing replacement on some mail stations are being reviewed for work in the fall
- New picnic tables were placed at the beach playground area

Safety/Staff Meeting Report

- A staff meeting will be scheduled for September

Old Business

2024 Elections

- Elections Committee New Paper Ballot Process
 - The EC presented a proposal to conduct the 2024 election process using paper ballot voting. Upon review and discussion, a **motion to approve using all paper ballot voting for the 2024 KPOA election failed by roll call. (For: 3, Against: 5, Absent: 1)**
- Kala Point Attorney Email – Electronic Voting
 - **A motion to release the KPOA Attorney's correspondence only to the Elections Committee members was unanimously approved**
- Best and Final Cost Proposals for Third-Party Election Services
 - The Board discussed third-party election services and cost proposals from an additional third-party vendor and discussed in-house software, recognizing cost quotes did not include all costs associated with the hybrid ballot services. Election Trust adjusted their quote for their services to include hybrid ballot services.
 - **A motion to approve Election Trust to process the 2024 KPOA voting process with the hybrid option for electronic and mail-in voting was approved by roll call. (For: 5, Against: 3, Absent:1)**
- Action Item
 - In preparation for the 2025 Elections, the Elections Committee was asked by the Board to research in-house voting software, update the in-house elections processes and procedures for consideration for the 2025 voting process.

Pedestrian Safety Survey Results

- The Pedestrian Safety Survey was available to members via Survey Monkey beginning August 26, 2024, through September 6, 2024.
- 1,125 total invitations were sent and made available to KPOA membership with 438 total responses. 77.2% of respondents did not believe there is a pedestrian safety problem. Possible options to explore Option 1 actions with no cost to membership was 85.1%. Possible options to explore Option 2 requiring membership vote and additional cost to members was 14.9%.
- The full survey report will be available on the Board of Directors landing page and summarized in the October Kala Pointer.
- **Motion to approve NO further action on the Kala Point paved pathway based on results of the pedestrian survey; additionally, the Board of Directors support of continued education, line-of-sight maintenance, and stop bars as needed, was approved by unanimous consent.**

New Business: None

Committee Reports

- The **Publications Committee** reports an increase in distribution of 6.8% from January 2024. Additional strategies were discussed to increase readership. The committee would like to reiterate that submissions to the newsletter must be received by the 19th of each month. Committee closeup features are still needed.
- The **Social Plus Committee** is seeking parking solutions for activities on the beach when more than one activity is taking place. The committee is also asking for new administration participation procedures to ensure new residents are welcomed to the community upon arrival.

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

Member Comments

- Member comment on the desire to continue to pursue, as an individual, an effort to construct a walking path in Kala Point
- Member comment to offer participation in discussion against a walking path in Kala Point
- Member comment to the Board to continue to recognize input from the Kala Point community; their desires and the passion behind them

The main business of the September regular Board being completed, the Board adjourned until the October 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 www.kalapoint.org

Next Board Meeting: October 8, 2024, 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](#). ♦

2024 Pedestrian Safety Survey Summary of Results

Sue Stanton, PSC Chair

The Board of Directors would like to thank all who took the time to complete the Pedestrian Safety Survey. Your input is very valuable. Detailed survey results are located on the Board landing page on the [Kala Point website](#).

Total Invitations: 1,158

Total Responses: 438

(Initial invitations not received or bounced back were resent. Paper copies were made available in the Administrative Office for those who notified the office that they did not receive either email distribution.)

Conclusion:

77.2% Do not believe there is a pedestrian safety problem

22.8% Believe there is a pedestrian safety problem

Upon Board decision(s), possible options to explore:

Option #1 (No cost to members): **85.1%**

Option #2 (Assessment and membership vote): **14.9%**

If the Board decides to explore options beyond education for safe driving and walking practices in Kala Point, which of the following might you support?

35.3%: None

37.4%: Adding stop bars

31.3%: Adding crosswalks

20.7%: Adding speed bumps or tables
20.5%: Lowering speed limit
19.3%: Adding designated off-road walking path
.5 %: Other

Have you had to take rapid action to avoid pedestrians or vehicles on any Kala Point roads? (*Locations in order of occurrence are in the detailed survey results on the Board landing page on the Kala Point website.*)

Driver Rapid Action: **8.5%**

Pedestrian Rapid Action: **17.6%**

During the September 10, 2024, Board meeting, a motion to approve NO further action on the KPOA paved pathway based on results of the pedestrian survey was approved by unanimous consent. Additionally, the Board of Directors will support continued education, line-of-sight maintenance, and stop bars as needed. ♦

Letter to the Editor

Pedestrian Safety on Kala Point Drive

The results of a recent Pedestrian Safety Survey show that a percentage of respondents believe there is a pedestrian safety problem in Kala Point. It also noted the respondents' desire for a designated off-road walking path that would provide a safe, more user-friendly corridor along Kala Point Drive (KPD).

These respondents recognize the elevated risk when walking within the traffic lanes of KPD. During previous months, members of our community have given oral testimony, including a Letter to the Editor, documenting their close encounters with vehicles. Some members that I've spoken with refuse to walk on KPD due to their fear of getting struck by a vehicle.

The pedestrian safety problem is real for those walking the KPD corridor. The element of fear restricts many pedestrians from walking the stretch of KPD between the intersections of Trafalgar and Baycliff Drives due to its limited shoulders. This prevents walkers from accessing the neighborhood's north portion from its south, and vice versa. What responsibility does our general membership have toward the safety and well-being of our community's walkers and guests? I would hope that the majority of our members could empathize with the respondents' concerns regarding the risk of walking among vehicle traffic on KPD.

It should be incumbent upon all of us to support those members that want to walk outdoors but are limited from doing so by the dated design of our primary arterial. As responsible stewards of our community, we should provide a safe walking space in the section of KPD that exhibits the highest volume of vehicle traffic.

Phil Brodt ♦

2024 Board Candidates

Geoff Genter, Elections Committee chair

Three of our nine Board members end their terms this year: Mark Lannon, Pat Miles and Dale Moses.

Our membership will be electing three new Board members during December 2024's Annual Membership Meeting. Our dedicated Elections Committee members — Paul Fleishman, Geoff Genter, Patsy Mathys and Jani Weller — have been encouraging members to run for the Board.

We are happy to announce that we have four Board candidates: John Oliveira, Brian Roach, Wayne Scamuffa and Eileen Svoboda. We thank each of these Kala Point members for their interest to serve on our Board. Hopefully over the next few months you have the opportunity to meet them and thank them yourself.

If any additional member or resident would like to be a Board candidate, they can do so as a write-in candidate. See [APP IX](#).

Look for the Elections Special Edition *Kala Pointer* in your inbox in late October. The issue will include each candidate's bio and other election-related information. ♦

Neighborhood Art Walk

Laurie Engelbeck

Thank you to Social Plus and all the artists who opened up their homes and studios for the Art Walk on September 21. It was great to see the many types of arts our neighbors create! It was a fun opportunity to meet neighbors and see people we know enjoying the arts.

Here are just a few photos of some of the artists and their work. ♦



A few quilts by Caryl Bryer Fuller-Gentry



Sharon Ross Doll Clothes: Janine Cortell



Cynthia LaRouge Textile Art



Finished Piece by Margaret Woodcock:
Suzanne Eggleston



Charcuterie Set by Sue and Steve Stanton:
Suzanne Eggleston



Carl Craig and his glass sculptures:
George Engelbeck



*Finished piece by Claire Mack:
Suzanne Eggleston*



*Leslie Dickenson with some of her fiber art:
George Engelbeck*



*Don Edgar shows his woodturning skills:
George Engelbeck*

Reminders from The Architectural Committee

Pat Miles, Architectural Committee Chair

Hide Your Mechanicals

To achieve a finished look to our community, Architectural Committee policies require propane tanks, generators, and heat pumps be shielded from street view and

neighboring properties.

Possible screening options include a framed wooden screen, either solid or lattice. You can construct the surround or find acceptable pre-made options online or at large hardware stores.

Should you choose a framed wooden screen, it must be painted the same color as the body of your home.

If you would like to free up your garage and not go to the expense of shed, you can add a large permanent area outside your home to not only hide your mechanicals but also any garden equipment, trash receptacles, garbage cans or other outdoor items.

Please contact any AC member for advice on options and procedures for approval.

White Garage Doors

Why does the Architectural Committee (AC) care what color my garage door is? Kala Point's Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions of Record (CC&Rs) charge the AC to set the aesthetic standards for homes within KPOA. The Board-approved color range has been long-established in the "woodland" color spectrums to help homes blend into the wooded environs and to enhance the parklike nature of our community.

By contrast, white garage doors have been described as large "outdoor movie screens" because they are highly visible, grabbing your attention as you walk or drive by, not allowing the home to blend into the surrounding landscape. A garage door is part of the home's façade — it is *not* trim so it follows that doors are to be the color of the main body of the house or close to that color.

If you want something different, the AC permits doors that are wood-grain in style and color. Please note: AC policies specifically prohibit the use of white, red or yellow spectrums; if you have a white door or have replaced your garage doors in white, please take time to paint them the appropriate color for your home. ♦



October is Kala Point's Annual Food Bank Drive



Kala Point is again participating for the 28th time in **The WAVE (What A Valuable Experience)**, the annual drive to replenish the shelves of the four food banks in East Jefferson County.

Please give generously as you have in the past. Your contribution goes a long way toward purchasing necessary food items at a discount for area families in need.



Checks only, please! Make payable to:
Jefferson County Food Bank

Mail or drop off checks at:
Jean Reed, 353 Fairbreeze Drive, Port Townsend, WA 98368

Deadline for receipt of checks is Friday, October 25

Thank you for giving!



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 by Carla Carlile, Scott Auerbach and Laurie Engelbeck

Photo by Laurie Engelbeck

Who knew we have a former Radio City Rockette and two Disney Entertainment directors living in Kala Point?

Carla Carlile and Scott Auerbach moved to Kala Point in May of this year from Irvine, California, after they both had the opportunity to take early retirement from the Walt Disney Company. They met 19 years ago when they were both working for Disney.

Carla was born in Bryan, Texas, and when she was a toddler her family moved to Pullman and then Richland, Washington. Her family later moved to

North Carolina where she began her musical theater career. She studied ballet at University of North Carolina School of the Arts, and the North Carolina Governor's School, and was a member of the North Carolina Repertory Ballet Company.

She moved to Los Angeles where she performed as a Radio City Rockette for the Christmas season at the Shrine Auditorium and various other stage shows in the LA area. Los Angeles is where she began her full-time work at the Walt Disney Company. She worked for 30 years with the Walt Disney Company with Disney Live Entertainment as a director/choreographer and a Disney Media spokesperson. She has worked at the Disneyland Resort, Tokyo Disney Resort, Walt Disney World Resort, and has traveled the U.S and abroad with Walt Disney Special Events Group.

Carla has directed a wide variety of Disney projects from parades, nighttime spectaculars, stage shows, marketing events, festivals and immersive character experiences. Carla was part of the original creative team for the longest-running Disney nighttime spectacular, *Fantasmic!*, both at the Disneyland Resort and Walt Disney World Resort.

Scott was born in Santa Monica, California. From a young age, he was constantly involved with creative activities, from drawing and painting, to building haunted houses and performing puppet shows for the neighborhood kids. He graduated with a degree in theater set design at San Diego State University, and began his career initially as a scenic artist, but eventually worked in the entertainment industry designing exhibits, special events, theater sets, and industrial shows.

He also designed shows and events for several theme parks including Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, and for the Walt Disney Company. Scott worked for 19 years as an art director for The Walt Disney Company as well as Disney Live Entertainment. Scott has designed scenery or provided art support for hundreds of shows, special events, photo locations, park decor overlays, and parades. He has worked on projects at the Disneyland Resort, Hong Kong Disneyland and Shanghai Disney Resort.

Carla and Scott enjoyed working for Disney and living in Irvine. They found the city was not as crowded as the rest of Southern California, but it became more so over time. Now they say they don't miss the crowds, traffic, winds, earthquakes, and noise.

Carla and Scott vacationed at the Point Wilson Lighthouse and fell in love with Port

Carla Carlile and Scott Auerbach Fairbreeze Drive



Townsend. They are very happy with the slower lifestyle and peaceful surroundings of Kala Point and have found that the neighbors are so friendly and helpful. They like being close to the water and the state park and being able to hear the birds and see the deer. They are working on remodeling and upgrading their home and property. They love to hike and ride their bikes and look forward to exploring all of the Washington State parks very soon. They have an indoor adopted cat named Baby who demands the center of their attention when they are home. ♦

Halloween in Kala Point

*Natalie Wilson and Patty Kirkland,
Social Plus*

Adults: Come join your neighbors for the next TGIF **spooky Happy Hour** on Friday, October 25, 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Costumes encouraged, BYOB and appetizer to share!

Families: Social Plus has decided not to organize trick-or-treating in Kala Point and to instead encourage our families to attend the downtown trick-or-treat and parade activities on October 31 beginning at 4 p.m. Interested parade participants should arrive at 3:45 in front of 1st Security bank. Downtown trick-or-treating will begin after the parade.

Kala Point neighbors are also welcome to participate in trick-or-treating in the neighborhood if they choose. ♦





KP Thanksgiving POTLUCK 2024

**Sunday, November 10,
5 p.m. at the Clubhouse**

**Reservations begin: Friday, October 25
Space is limited!**

RSVP Mary Foster at 206.595.4045

Turkey, gravy, cranberry sauce,
coffee and tea will be provided.

Please sign up to bring your choice of the
following: Dressing, Mashed Potatoes or Sweet
Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad, or a Dessert
to serve 12 people

BYOB & your own place settings

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Volunteer for the Read to Rover/Pets to People Programs

Kim Pratt and Pam Kolacy

If you have been pondering heartwarming, fun and life-changing options to incorporate into your day-to-day, we invite you to consider participating in the **Read to Rover Program** which is held at two elementary schools in the area: Chimacum and Salish Coast (Port Townsend).

The program pairs dog/person teams with elementary school kids to promote a safe environment to learn reading skills. With the increase in class sizes, we find ourselves in need of new team members (people and dogs) who would like to join our families. We also have opportunities to participate in our **Pets to People Program** visiting the amazing senior citizens who reside in local assisted living communities (e.g., Victoria House in Port Townsend).

Options include full-time, part-time and substitute participation. Basic requirements include passing the Olympic Mountain Pet Pals therapy dog test administered by Lucky Dog Training Center and obtaining a background check from the school district.

Our schedules are:

Chimacum Elementary School: Fridays from 8:50–9:50 a.m.

Salish Coast Elementary: Wednesday mornings (time to be determined)

Pets to People/Victoria House: Wednesdays from 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

For detailed information about therapy dog testing and all the programs offered, you can connect with Olympic Mountain Pet Pals at ompetpals.org/. ♦



Are You Interested in Pickleball?

Char Quandt



Hello Kala Point neighbors!

Kala Point Pickleball is exploring the possibility of setting up clinics for both beginners and those looking to enhance their skills.

What is Pickleball?

For those who might not be familiar with the sport, pickleball is a fun and accessible activity that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Played with a paddle and a lightweight, perforated ball on a court roughly the size of a badminton

court, pickleball is easy to pick up and suitable for players of all ages and fitness levels.

We Want to Hear from You!

To be sure we are meeting the needs of our community, we are reaching out to see if there is enough interest to organize:

- **Beginner Pickleball Clinics:** these sessions would be designed for those new to the sport. We would cover the basics, including the rules, techniques, and strategies to get you started on the right foot. We would like to have a minimum of four participants if possible.
- **Advanced Skill Clinics:** if you are already familiar with pickleball but are interested in honing your skills and learning advanced techniques, we would love to know. These clinics would focus on improving technique, strategy, and overall gameplay.

How to Share Your Interest

If you are interested in joining either of the clinics described above, please let us know. Your feedback will help us determine the level of interest and organize the best possible clinics for our community.

Contact Information

Please reach out to Char Quandt at Charlene.quandt@gmail.com to express your interest or ask any questions you might have. ♦

Green Crabs are Coming to KPOA

Leslie Weertman

My article below about green crabs was originally published in the *Kala Pointer* in June 2021. Another article (referenced below) was recently published in the *Seattle Times*.

We do not want the invasive European green crab (*Carcinus maenas*) — destroyers of our native Dungeness species — in our area. To help easily identify the crab, visit this site with descriptions and photos:

wsg.washington.edu/cr/abteam/greencrab/id/.

The shape of the carapace is more like a square on the green crab than the beloved Dungeness shape. If you find a suspicious crab, note the location, photograph it, and send

REPORT INVASIVE EUROPEAN GREEN CRAB

European green crabs may be present in this area





If you find a suspected European green crab or their shell, please photograph it, note the location, and report to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife:

wdfw.wa.gov/greencrab

Or contact us at:
Phone: 1-888-WDFW-AIS
Email: ais@dfw.wa.gov



European green crab (*Carcinus maenas*) are a damaging invasive species that pose a threat to economic, environmental, and cultural resources. Typically smaller than your fist and found in shallow intertidal areas, these shore crabs are not always green and may be orange, red, or yellow in color. WDFW, Tribes, and partners are working to trap and control infestations. **As a Prohibited species, it is illegal to possess or transport live European green crab in Washington.**

Native crab species commonly mistaken for European green crabs include:


Hairy helmet crab


Hairy shore crab


Purple shore crab


Spider/kelp crab





the picture with location to the fish and wildlife department wdfw.wa.gov/specieshabitats/invasive/carcinus-maenas. They welcome volunteer data and they even have a program called the Crab Team.

In the September 5, 2024, *Seattle Times*: "[No End in Sight for WA's Battle against Invasive Green Crabs.](#)" it states that trapping is the main method in the fight. There are multiple groups working to ensure the invasive species does not spread here.

My husband and I do not crab and rarely even eat it, but we love and walk the Kala Point beach every day, and want there to be food for birds and otters, too. Please keep an eye out for the green crab on our beach, and take action if you see any. ♦

The Great Shake Out is Coming!

Mark Miller

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17
AT 10:17 a.m.

Join your Zone Captains & participate in the
Kala Point EPC GREAT SHAKE OUT

Shake Out.
Don't Freak Out.

DROP! COVER! HOLD ON!

October 17, 2024

Shake Out

Register at **ShakeOut.org**

[communications exercise!](#)

Participating? Come to your assigned meeting zone at 10:17 a.m., and bring your Kala Point walkie-talkie radio with you. Your Neighborhood Zone Captain can re-program it if this needs to be done. **Please be sure your batteries are LIVE.** These radios don't use re-chargeable batteries. Need a radio? K.P. sells them at cost for \$15.00. When cell phones fail, these radios will be your way to contact EPC (emergency preparedness committee) volunteers.

Our volunteers are trained in first aid and have medical supplies. Our search and rescue team members have training and equipment to get you out of an obstructed home. Our Pet Emergency Response Team can care for your pet. We are prepared to help.

Neighborhood Captains will have informational hand outs detailing contents of a grab-and-go bag. We will also provide guidance regarding how much food and water to store.

See you there!

Questions? Contact EPC Chair Mark Miller 360.774.5505. ♦



Kala Point: Perfect for a Family Reunion

Barbara O'Kelly, Kala Point Village



Some of the fun activities we did included:

In July, I arranged for my nephews' families to gather in Port Townsend for a week. Kala Point Village was perfect for our week-long reunion!

I was able to rent a townhouse for each of the four families, and I stayed in the one I own. Four members came from each family (plus one mother-in-law), and four generations were represented — 18 folks altogether — from Massachusetts, Maryland, Missouri, Michigan, and Oregon. I planned some activities; resourceful family members discovered others. We took turns making meals.

- Kids playing on the Kala Point beach
- A visit to a lavender farm in Sequim and a hike on Dungeness Spit.
- Olympic Kayak Tours at Fort Flagler for a sunset paddle through bioluminescent waters.
- Exploring downtown Port Townsend and the Marine Science Center in Fort Worden State Park



- Finnriver Farm and Cidery for live music and dancing
- Whale watching with Puget Sound Express (the whales, both humpback and orca, put on a fantastic show for us; a pair of orcas even came straight toward our boat, dove under, and came up the other side)
- Ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria, BC, and caught a bus to Butchart Gardens
- A hike on part of the Chetzemoka Trail in Port Townsend
- A day in Olympic National Park
- Day trip to Seattle
- Crab feast with local crab
- A day trip to Cape Flattery, the point furthest northwest in the continental U.S., and then hiked to Shi Shi Beach
- All-day kayak trip from Fort Flagler
- Outdoor concert and dance downtown in Port Townsend

Timeshare rentals are available from Discovery Vacations Network and also available through the KP Village website.

Everyone agreed it was a fabulous week. I hope this gives you some ideas for getting your clan together at Kala Point! ♦

Through the Lens

Images of the Beauty of Port Townsend and Surrounding Areas



Moist September Morning; Alison Ebot



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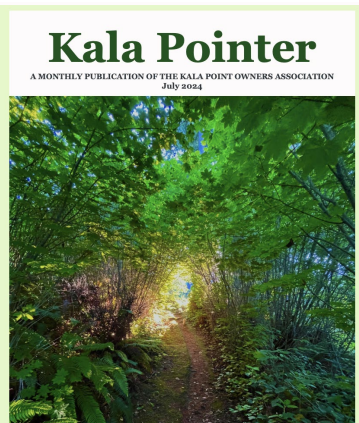
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Do you have images that showcase the character of Kala Point and Port Townsend? New images that highlight the natural setting, facilities and people of Kala Point will be featured in the *Kala Pointer* or on KPOA website. Please submit your full-resolution jpegs, one at a time, to photos@kalapoint.org by the **19th of the month**. Thank you! ♦

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Committee Reports

Architectural

Meeting on September 19

Submitted by Pat Miles, committee chair

- Discussed how best to convey information to membership about the applicable Architectural Committee (AC) policies when adding to, modifying, or changing any aspect of a home's exterior or making any permanent addition or change to the landscape of the home — all require the homeowner to submit an application for approval in advance
- Discussed avenues to encourage volunteers to serve on the AC
- Discussed homeowner re-graveling driveway, which is permitted without approval by AC, but the expansion of driveway requires approval; referred filling drainage ditch with gravel to general manager
- Discussed giving homeowner until October 15 to paint garage doors as is required by the APPs
- Approved two new projects: (1) Replace an upper deck and (2) install a garden enclosure
- Ongoing projects: new — 2; completed — 7; total — 12

Next meeting: October 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Elections

Meeting on September 5

Submitted by Pat Miles, Board representative

- **Board candidate recruitment:** Actively seeking candidates; deadline to submit Letter of Interest is September 15
- **Board candidate meet and greet:** Will be held October 8 before the Board meeting
- **Electronic voting:** KPOA attorney's written opinion on use of electronic voting as viable option will be discussed at September 10 Board meeting
- **2024 election ballot options:**
 - If electronic voting is offered, Board to discuss possible hybrid system with electronic and paper ballots
 - EC chair to present 2014's APP procedures for counting paper ballots in-house at September Board meeting

Next meeting: October 3 at 1 p.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Emergency Preparedness

Meeting on September 5

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

August 1, 2024, minutes were approved as written.

- The All County Picnic, a yearly event focused on resilience and emergency preparedness, was well-attended despite a last-minute location change to Jefferson County Fairgrounds. The committee discussed the ongoing possibilities that best-laid plans can be changed at any time, providing a real-time experience.
- A recap of the Brinnon fire revealed the large-scope efforts by Washington, Montana, Oregon and Florida. Evacuation levels 3 (Get Ready) and 2 (Get Set) were issued but level 1 (Go) was not needed. The committee discussed lessons learned from the Brinnon fire to include: pre-determined staging areas, early-stage community donations, Olympic Peninsula power sources and their vulnerability, weather and drought conditions.
- September is Preparedness Month. The Tri-Area Community Center is hosting a presentation on September 26 at 6:30 p.m. Committee members were encouraged to attend; all are invited.
- The Great Shakeout will be October 17, 2024, at 10:17 a.m. The committee's focus will be on communications. A communications effort with all blocks checking their radios, with a demonstration of the DEM (Department of Emergency Management) radio traffic and samples of to-go bags will be available. Details will be finalized at the October EPC meeting.
- The EPC APPs will be reformatted to the new APP template. Reformatting will not change policies or procedures but will provide a consistent format that is easier for the membership to read and understand. Work on the EPC APPs will begin after the Great Shakeout.

Next meeting: October 3 at 9:30 a.m. in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room and on Zoom

Finance

September 3, 2024

Submitted by Kevin Skolrud, committee chair and CFO

- Mike Harte, chairman of the Tree Committee, attended the meeting to discuss the budget for the committee
- Larry McDowell gave a report on account reconciliation
- Keith presented the latest balance sheet and profit and loss reports. Alternative short-term investment options were discussed
- The final draft of the budget proposal was approved and will be distributed to the membership
- A **Town Hall** meeting will be held **Saturday, September 14** at 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse for members to ask questions about the proposed 2025 budget.
- The firm Association Reserves was recommended to perform the Reserve Study in 2025.

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

Grounds

September meeting notes will be available in the November *Kala Pointer*

Project Study

Meeting on September 4

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

July 2 minutes were approved by motion. (The PSC did not meet in August.)

APP Standardization Progress

- Kala Point committees' progress in converting APPs to the new standardization format was discussed
- Three committees have completed the conversion, six committees are in process, and five have not started yet

Pedestrian Safety Survey

- The committee reviewed the preliminary results of the Pedestrian Safety Survey
- Some members did not receive the survey via email. A paper copy was available in the KP office through the close of business on Friday, September 6, 2024
- Email comments related to the survey will be a part of the correspondence report at the September 10 Board meeting
- Survey results will be presented to the Board at the September 10 Board meeting

Next meeting: October 1 in the Clubhouse Fireplace Room

Publications

Meeting on September 9

Submitted by Dale Moses, Board Representative

- For the September 2024 issue of the *Kala Pointer*, 625 emails were sent and 66.7% were initially opened
- A reminder email was sent five days later to those who hadn't yet opened the first email; 14.7% of recipients opened it then
- The committee tries to accommodate items that are submitted late for legitimate reasons, but would like to ask members to respect the deadline of the 19th of each month
- Proposed content for the October 2024 issue was reviewed
- Several KPOA committees are not submitting any input for Committee Closeups.
- We agreed that we shouldn't run questions about KPOA unless we have received answers to those questions.
- We continue to welcome letters to the editor; items in excess of 350 words will be returned to the author to edit for length
- Monthly meetings of the committee are on the second Monday of the month

Next meeting: October 14 at 1:30 p.m. in the Administrative Building conference room

Tree

Meeting on September 12

Submitted by Sue Stanton, Board representative

Minutes for August 8 approved as written.

General Manager's Report

Line-of-sight trimmings continue along Kala Point Drive, and the removal of two trees on common areas will be done.

Board Report


Reviewed results of the Pedestrian Safety Survey. A summary of the report will be published in the *Kala Pointer* and posted on the [Kala Point website](#).

Discussion:

- 2024 Budget Balance: creation and printing costs of a tree-pruning brochure available to membership. The committee discussed follow-up to the progress of the brochure.
 - Remaining balance will be used to replace trees that have been removed from common areas in keeping with the goal of living in a wooded community.
- 2025 Budget: an appeal to recover \$400 cut from the 2025 Tree Committee budget was successful. The \$400 will be earmarked specifically for an Ecology Education event in 2025.
- Septic Systems: the committee discussed a case in which a homeowner was advised by a septic company that their septic system was failing and the removal of 11 trees on the property was recommended.
 - Septic systems are not in the Tree Committee's wheelhouse; however, members should not solely rely on an individual or vendor that will profit from their advice. When a septic system is involved, the county should make that call.
 - Jefferson County Public Health offers a class regarding septic care and inspection. The link is: <https://jeffersoncountypublichealth.org/670/Septic-In-Person-Class-Schedule>
- The committee reviewed action items and current cases.

Next meeting: October 10 at 9 a.m. in the Administrative Building conference room ♦

Neighborhood Ads



KPOA Book Club!

Each year the Book Club publishes a list of Books for those of you wishing to join the discussions. We meet on the second Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room at the Clubhouse.

Please join us to discuss the following books:

October 14, 2024 ***The Frozen River*** by Ariel Lawton
November 11, 2024 ***House Lessons*** by Erica Bauermeister
December 9, 2024 ***The Samurai's Garden*** by Gail Tsukiyama

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