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From the Editor’s Keyboard

By Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

We’ve arrived at the last part of another year in lovely Port Ludlow. As I write this, Thanksgiving is still to come, but people here and elsewhere are beginning to think about Christmas and all the chaos that goes with that season. There will be cards and letters to be written, shopping to do, meals to plan, and seasonal events to attend. Grown children and their children will be arriving. The decorations will have to be hauled out of storage so that the house is as they remember it – even if it is a different house in a different place.

The various organizations in Port Ludlow will host seasonal events as they do every year. The fabulous chefs at The Inn At Port Ludlow will produce special meals. The Arts Council will have a tremendous holiday concert. The clubs will be decorated and the social groups in North and South Bay will have dinners and potlucks with holiday themes. The churches will have services and seasonal music. The air will be laden with the spirit of the season and feelings of goodwill.

As we enjoy the spirit of the season, it would be well to remember to thank the people who make it all so enjoyable. Some of them are tireless volunteers that give of themselves all year long to produce events and entertainment that the rest of us enjoy. Others are employees who serve us at community businesses and at the clubs. They always go the extra mile and we should appreciate it.

It is always a busy time, one that requires a lot of planning. Some hints for keeping your sanity are in this month’s Voice. Take a look at the articles on efficiently preparing your holiday home and arranging activities for children in the Features section. You may find some helpful ideas there. You could also refer to the planning guide in last month’s Voice, if you still have it around.

One additional suggestion is to do something for those who are less fortunate. A good way to help is to donate to the local food bank. The folks there always appreciate gifts of shelf-table food, personal care items and household products. Also, you could consider giving cash. The food bank has greater purchasing power than an individual does, so your dollars will stretch further.

All of us at the Port Ludlow Voice wish our loyal readers the happiest holiday ever. May your season be bright and all your dreams come true.

Comments on this editorial may be sent to the editor. Letters will be posted on the website, plvoice.org.

It’s That Time of Year

by Mari Stuart, Guest Writer

The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) heralds the Holiday Season and invites you into four uniquely decorated Port Ludlow homes. Each is dressed in festive fineness simply for your pleasure and to provide you the opportunity to support the CEA Educational Fund. Please join your neighbors and invite your friends to tour on Saturday, December 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at The Inn At Port Ludlow on the day of the event for $20. Or, make a weekend of it by purchasing tickets for the Victorian Home Tour in Port Townsend which will be held on Sunday, December 2 from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m.

The Stuga, a “getaway” cabin owned by Jim Stephens, was built in 1958 with several additions through the years, all reflecting the Swedish tradition. Building materials were salvaged from the Old Admiralty Hotel which was on the current site of The Inn. The Stuga provides a water level view of the Marina across the bay and a slice of Port Ludlow history. A surprise culinary masterpiece, crafted by CEA member Kari Black, is an additional treat.

The Woodridge Village home of Floyd and Susan Shelton features a family Christmas with holiday inspiration within each room. This home offers not one, but two dining spaces. The first is a formal adult table set with an old discontinued china pattern, “Noritake Ireland.” The second, located in the sunroom, is now transformed into the children’s dining area especially for the holiday. This gracious home is resplendent with the bright marvel that is Christmas.

In Shine is the home of B.J. Johnson, with a panoramic marine view which will cause you to catch your breath. Her beautiful Christmas tree sparkles with glass and crystal ornaments; the tree topper will surely catch your eye as B.J. shares its story.

Many homes in North Bay were designed and built in the 1970s and last year Scott and Stephanie Tompson knew they had discovered a treasure. Their home has a fresh, new look. The library is filled with a Santa collection

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and atop the handsome bookcase is Department 56 North Pole Village. While the view is a pleasant distraction, the tinsel-laden white-lit tree is truly the main attraction.

Relax at The Inn for a few moments during your tour while enjoying light refreshments included in your ticket price. The Annual Tour of Homes is a Christmas tradition in Port Ludlow. So do join us for the pure joy, whimsy and fun of it all. After all, “It’s That Time of Year.”

December in the Garden
by Kate Nash, Contributing Writer, Master Gardener

With most of the outdoor lawn and garden chores done for the year, this month turns our attention towards indoor gardening, decorating and gift giving. As we come indoors to get out of the cold, so do rodents; so check stored fruits, vegetables and dried seeds occasionally for traces of animal activity.

Poinsettia, Christmas cactus, amaryllis and rosemary are the most common of indoor plants; however, cyclamen, hyacinth and dwarf citrus like the Meyer lemon are also holiday favorites. Most potted living “Christmas Trees” can be brought indoors for a short time, but it is important to keep the soil moist and away from direct heat sources. Placing the tree in front of a large window will keep plants cooler and spraying needles often with water will help keep needles from becoming dry and brittle. After the holiday season, set evergreens into a bank of soil until ready for transplanting in the spring.

For gift-giving, handmade wreaths or decorated boughs are great. Adults and children alike can make a personalized, thoughtful and loving gift for family and friends. A wreath frame can be pre-formed, round or square, large or small. Picture and window frames are easy and unique to decorate.

For boughs - long twigs, driftwood, bamboo, cut branches or strands of wire clothes hangers are ideal to start with. Before you add greenery, attach a hook, wire or ribbon to hang the wreath or bough from. Wrap arbor vitae, cedar, fir, rhododendron, hemlock, yew, spruce or pine branch ends with wire. Attach to frame with more wire and continue layering to desired thickness. Add fillers such as dried herbs, spices and flowers; boxwood, holly, salal or Oregon Grape leaves; mistletoe, ivy, juniper berries and pinecones. Seashells, assorted fruits and nuts, glass bulbs and figurines add character. Finish by tying up with ribbons, bows and raffia. Let dry for 6-10 days before shipping or wrapping. Additional gifts for gardeners include heirloom seeds, row markers, assorted hand tools and gloves, garden art, journals and magazine subscriptions.

“I’m Bored!”
by Kate Nash, Contributing Writer

Are you looking for fun, educational or charitable activities for children who are at home for holiday break? Below are some great ideas for making this vacation a memorable one for kids of all ages.

Do you like to do jigsaw puzzles? It’s easy to make your own by printing or finding a picture that you like, gluing it to a piece of heavy paper or cardboard and then cutting it into pieces. Once it is assembled, glue it on another piece of cardboard to make a one-of-a-kind piece of art.

Need some adventure in your life? Build a “fort,” go on a nature walk, do a science project or have a scavenger hunt.

How about a craft or cooking project? Take a picture a day and frame them into a photo collage, create a memory book of your favorite things, put a holiday scrapbook together, bake and decorate cupcakes or cookies, build a bird feeder, or design your own holiday gift cards.

Love to read or write? Have a read-a-thon and see how many books you can read in one day, or write poetry, a short story, a journal or the first chapter of your own novel.

Plastic Bag Ban
by Barbara Berthiaume, Contributing Writer

Plastic bags have been such a part of our everyday life; it is difficult to imagine being without them. An estimated 500 billion bags are used worldwide each year, 380 billion of them in the U.S. Landfills are overloaded with nonbiodegradable plastic bags which break into smaller pieces and contaminate the soil and waterways.

According to Salon.com, in 2010 the Ocean Conservancy International Coastal Cleanup volunteers picked up 980,067 plastic bags along U.S. waterways, putting plastic bags third on the top ten list of trash items removed. Plastic bags
clog drains and cause flooding, contaminate oceans, and poison marine life. The food web is compromised when animals accidentally ingest them. When burned, plastic bags emit harmful toxins. Last but not least, they require millions of gallons of petroleum to be manufactured.

There is growing momentum to address this problem. Fifteen countries around the world have plastic bag bans and many other countries have levied fees. Places as remote as Timbuktu are littered with black plastic bags that get caught in shrubs and darken the landscape. Thirty-one cities in the U. S. now have a plastic bag ban in grocery stores. Locally included are Seattle, Bainbridge Island, Bellingham, Issaquah, Mukilteo, and Edmonds, with Port Townsend being the seventh city to do so.

According to Answers.com, the average American uses 500 plastic bags a year. Education, incentives, and legislation are all tools that can help, but the most powerful aid is to take individual responsibility. If each of us took steps to reduce our use of plastic bags through reuse and recycle, we could have a significant impact on this growing problem.

Most grocery stores have a recycling bin for plastic bags. Reusable bags can be found at any grocery or department stores. Browse online and you will find reusable bags for any occasion. Prices range from $.50 to $35. Some reusable bags come as bags within a bag, useful for grocery shopping. For incidental shopping, there are nylon bags that easily fit in a purse. Local laws encourage an alternate solution – the reusable bag!

Quarry Tax Rate Variations Uncovered
by Elizabeth Van Zonneveld and David Armitage

The Iron Mountain permitting effort has been underway for four years; it is clear that the community is acquiring a new neighbor. Given that reality, a group of residents asked about the quarry’s tax liability. The question led to an effort to identify the seventeen quarries operating within Jefferson County and to examine tax laws pertaining to them. Those laws are contained in the Washington State Constitution (Article 7), the Revised Code of Washington (RCW 84), and the Washington Administrative Code (WAC 458). The Department of Revenue is responsible for administering these laws and overseeing the work of the Assessors’ offices throughout the State. This article discusses what we found and what we did about it.

Taxes levied on quarry operations include sales, income, real property and personal property taxes. Sales, income and property taxes are familiar to most readers. However, personal property tax in this context is different. A quarry’s personal property is the equipment that is used in the operation. The personal property tax is placed on the value of this equipment.

The tax that most concerned us was the tax on real property, the land and its improvements. The data showed large discrepancies between quarries in how they were being treated with regard to real property tax. A small group from Port Ludlow (including the authors) discussed our findings with Jefferson County Assessor Jack Westerman. He agreed with our conclusions and has since taken action to correct the situation.

Why should we care? The past valuations have resulted in some quarries not paying their fair share of property taxes. While those quarries have been under-paying, the public has been over-paying. In other words, the other property taxpayers of Jefferson County have been subsidizing quarry operators. Ironically, the other taxpayers who should be upset about the assessments are quarry operators and the land owners of the properties. Why? Some quarry operations are being subsidized more than others, which creates market disadvantages. The range of tax under-payments per year is from nothing to $75,000.

A frustrating feature of the property tax code is the restriction on who can appeal a property valuation by the Assessor. Only the property owner or the entity that is responsible for payment of the taxes can appeal. Thus, we are left with the perfect catch 22. Taxpayers who are negatively impacted by the Assessor’s actions cannot appeal, while those who can appeal are under-taxed and have no incentive to do so.

The group appealed to Jefferson’s Board of Equalization but the appeal has been rejected. Nevertheless, the struggle continues. The State Board of Tax Appeals can be consulted, but they may or may not hear the case. Legal action by the whole community is being considered as a final recourse.

Is it Doomsday or Just another Solstice?
by Mary Kletti, Contributing Writer

December 21 is one of my favorite days of the year. Not because it’s National French Fried Shrimp Day, or Hamburger Day, or even National Flashlight Day. It is the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, and the beginning of winter. Ironically, it also signals the slow return of the light that’s been dwindling since the summer solstice in June. The days are going to be getting longer, and that’s why it’s one of my favorites.
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If you have a sundial in your yard, the midday shadow is the longest of the year. The sun rises and sets at the southernmost point that it rises and sets all year long. Although it is more famous as a place to watch the summer solstice, at Stonehenge on the day of the northern winter solstice the sun sets in the midst of the Trilithon, which consists of two large vertical stones supporting a third, horizontal stone across the top. The Trilithon’s smooth flat surface faces outwards from the center of the monument, turned toward the midwinter sun. In fact, the primary axes of Stonehenge seem to have been carefully aligned on a sight-line pointing to the winter solstice sunset.

Now if you’re a believer in the Mayan calendar, you know that it is partially built around the sacred number 13. Way back in 3114 BC, the Mayans developed 394 year periods, called “Baktuns,” and determined there would be 13 Baktuns. If you do the math, the last Baktun ends on December 21, 2012, and some people believe that the end of the Mayan calendar is when humanity will end. Doomsday theories tied to the end of the calendar were found on stone tablets at Tortuguero, Mexico. They predicted events such as a solar shift, movement of the planet Venus, and violent earthquakes.

So it’s up to you if you want to spend all that time and money on Christmas this year. If you want to have an “End of the Mayan Calendar” party and serve French-fried shrimp and hamburgers, I’ll bring my flashlight!

Aging in Place or Something Else

by Barrie Gustin, Contributing Writer

Some time ago it came to this writer’s attention that she and her husband were not getting any younger. We stuffed this notion under the bed as long as we could, but it kept sneaking out and nipping our ankles. Drat! We decided it would be prudent to look into what options there were, and after reading and exploring it has morphed into a two-part article for the Voice.

In this first part of the article, I want to talk a little about the concept of aging in place. Our estimable Wellness Committee put on a wonderfully informative program on this concept last April. They have a lot of information they will happily share with you.

Did you know there are architects and construction companies that have special certifications to assist with aging in place? They can come out to your home and do an assessment based on your needs to make your home safer and user-friendly. This can range from simple things such as putting in grab bars in showers and tubs, changing door knobs to levers to bigger options such as stair climbers, elevators and kitchen remodels for wheelchair access. Home Instead is one local agency that can help provide in-home assistance. They are located right here in Port Ludlow.

Jefferson County has Dial-A-Ride to help with transportation to appointments, and Jefferson County has a Senior Citizens’ Resource Directory which lists all sorts of agencies and activities. Senior Information and Assistance Offices for Jefferson County are at 360-385-2552.

So the programs all seem to be there. Against this you have to weigh whether you truly want to stay in your home with continued costs of maintenance and insurance. There is also a possibility of some degree of social isolation as you become less able to leave your home. Will you be able to get out to enjoy the activities that are meaningful for you? Can you afford the services that you need to bring in? All are pertinent questions that only you can answer. There is no “right answer” for everyone.

Another option, of course, is living with family members. This works wonderfully for some folks, but can come with its own set of problems. Consider whether the home you would move into would be “safe” from a senior point of view. Would your family need to modify their lifestyle to accommodate you? Would they put poison in your tea? You probably know all the potential pitfalls, but it does have the great advantage of having family close by and can be a less expensive option when you are on a fixed income.

Aging in Place is one option. Living with family is another. What other options are there? In my next article, I will tell you of our explorations into the world of Continuing Care Retirement Communities.

Holiday House Cleaning

by Kate Nash, Contributing Writer

One of our least favorite but most demanding jobs when it comes to preparing for the holidays, is cleaning house. Having a clean house doesn’t mean our home must be spotless. Homes are for living in, and although we may enjoy looking through magazines filled with picture-perfect rooms, nothing is less inviting than to be afraid to sit down or touch anything because it may be ruined or disturbed.

One of the easiest ways to make a house feel tidier is to put things away that are normally lying around. This is especially important if children or guests with disabilities will be among your guests, and knickknacks or other items might cause injury. Grab some paper bags, some tissue or paper towels and a few boxes. Then wrap and store any unused or unnecessary items until the holidays

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Adding Some Color to Your Plate

by Autumn Pappas, Contributing Writer

One of the best ways to have a balanced and healthy diet is to eat an array of colored vegetables and fruits. The different colors of these foods provide particular functions for our bodies.

White fruits and vegetables support our immune system. They are antifungal, antibacterial and antibiotic in nature. They fight off external and internal things that try to damage our bodies. Cauliflower, onions, garlic, ginger and shallots all fall under this category and are great immune system boosters.

Yellow and orange fruits and vegetables make us beautiful and are good for our digestive systems. They contain carotenoids and bioflavonoids which act as antioxidants. They help keep our skin looking healthy, heal wounds and make our bones stronger. Lemons, butternut squash, pineapple, summer squash, oranges, yams and cantaloupes all contain these powerful qualities.

Red fruits and vegetables are beneficial for our hearts, and they fight cancer because their red color comes from lycopene. Lycopene is a pigment that acts as an antioxidant and protects our bodies from free radicals and heart disease. Good sources of lycopene are tomatoes, red bell peppers, beets, watermelon, radishes, red cabbage and chilies.

Green fruits and vegetables contain lutein and carotenoids which keep our eyes healthy. Green foods also have potassium, folate, and vitamins C and K. Avocados and kiwi are star players in this category. Avocados lower cholesterol, prevent strokes, help with absorption of nutrients, protect our eyes and are a great source of glutathione. Kiwis are so rich in Vitamin C that just one kiwi contains almost our whole daily requirement.

Purple foods have antioxidants and flavonoids which protect our hearts and promote longevity. They also improve our memory and assist in preventing cancer risks. Good sources of these powerful purple foods include eggplant, purple grapes, plums, figs, raisins, prunes and blackberries.

Next time you’re at the market, pick up some new colored fruits and vegetables to add to your diet. Your body will perform better and be healthier.

Derelict Vessels Pose Hazards in Puget Sound

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

Port Ludlow got an early Christmas gift this year; a former minesweeper/fishing vessel called the New Star. The ultimate example of re-gifting, the New Star is anything but new. The eyesore has been tied up to the dock since October 1, much to the consternation of its neighbors.

Nevertheless, it could have been worse. Owner George Marincin, president of VicMar, Inc. in Tacoma, is trying to develop a plan to move it. That doesn’t always happen. Sometimes owners simply walk away from a problem that is too costly to fix.

Hundreds of derelict or abandoned boats, large and small, are strewn about Washington’s waterways. Removing them is an enormous cost to the state and, as one goes, another arrives. Sometimes a previously-removed vessel returns like a bad penny. The situation has only worsened in the recession, as boat owners struggle with the costs of maintenance.

Some of the problems posed by derelicts are battering docks; blocking waterways; leaking oil, gas, and other pollutants; and taking up moorage space that could be leased to a paying customer. Because of the hazardous materials they contain, there are only a few places where they can be dismantled.

The stories of problem derelicts are many. The Kalakala’s odyssey between ports from Neah Bay to Tacoma is legendary. There is also the 140 foot Deep Sea which sank in Penn Cove, polluting shellfish beds and costing the...
government $5.4 million. The good ship Cactus languishes in a Ballard shipyard with a bill totaling over $350,000. And don’t forget the sinking of the 82 year-old Magic off Port Gamble and its polluting effect on the harbor.

Washington is one of a handful of states to have a removal program. The Derelict Vessel Removal Program, launched in 2003 by the Department of Natural Resources is the mechanism for removing and disposing of abandoned and dangerous vessels. It provides funding and advice to assist other agencies such as: the Departments of Fish and Wildlife, Parks and Recreation, and Park and Port Districts, as they remove problem vessels. The grossly underfunded program relies on a $3 fee on annual vessel registration and an additional $5 on non-resident vessel permits.

In a dream world someone might turn up with bags of cash to restore one or more of the relics. Dream on!

Eva Van Buren wants Homeowners’ Associations to put their personal agendas aside to listen to their members. We happen to be members of both the LMC and SBCA and most of us know which one is currently in a state of strife. I know this is a lot like wishing for world peace, but many of us retired folks wish for peace and happiness in our golden years.

Kate Nash wishes for us all to celebrate this holiday season as if it is our first. Look for the good, not only in others, but in ourselves. The greatest gift you can give someone is yourself. “Keep Christmas with you all through the year.”

Mary Ronen wants to have her office chaos go away, and the same for her crafts space. She wishes she had more time to read some of the many books that are on her shelf, just waiting. But what she wants most is for her scattered family to be together at the holidays. They will be here, and it will be perfect.

Sharon Walker says, “In 1916, Lily Hardy Hammond wrote, ‘You don’t pay love back; you pay it forward.’ I have received Christmas love in countless ways; my wish is to pay it forward; Merry Christmas with love!”

Business Bafflegab: Corporate Jargon Unleashed

The Financial Times published an article recently that lashed out at the coining of words and phrases in the financial press. The practice, says the Times, is intended to make the writer seem erudite and/or to soften or obscure the desperateness of a situation or event. Some examples with their common English translation are listed below:

At this point in time (now)
Administrative oversight (ignoring an obvious problem)
Economic downturn (recession, depression)
Grow the business (increase it)
Reading containers (books)
Practicable (practical)
Business initiated departures (firing people)
Investing in several key talent additions (hiring people)
Up-skilling the workforce (hiring a software expert)
In a delivery window for new growth (Things could get better pretty soon)
We face the future from a new historic starting point (hopefully at this point in time)

The practice is not exclusive to business. Sterling examples can be found in other areas, such as psychology, where it is referred to as psychobabble.
Holiday Music with Greta Matassa
by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Guest Writer

Six times voted “Northwest Vocalist of the Year” by Earshot Jazz, Seattle’s own Greta Matassa brings her quartet to Port Ludlow for a holiday treat, performing selections from “And to All a Good Night,” a holiday recording featuring Matassa and bassist-vocalist Clipper Anderson. The matinee concert at the Bay Club, sponsored in part by Columbia Bank, is Sunday, December 9, 4:00 p.m., and will include jazz pianist Darin Clendenin and versatile drummer/percussionist Mark Ivester.

The performance will include a collection of rare holiday gems from some of the greatest composers of our generation including Henry Mancini, Burt Bacharach and Johnny Mandel. Matassa is featured on the majority of tunes while Anderson sings two solos including Irving Berlin’s “Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep.” The pair will share the spotlight in several duets.

Seats are limited for this popular holiday event. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. for seat selection and traditional wassail served by the Arts Council during its pre-concert social hour. Collages by Port Townsend’s Marilyn Sandau will be displayed. Sandau’s work has hung in galleries from Vermont and Massachusetts to local galleries in Port Townsend, Port Ludlow and Sequim.

Following the concert, enjoy dinner at The Fireside and receive a free dessert. Concert attendees must show a coupon included in the concert program prior to dinner service and are requested to please call 437-7412 for reservations so they are expected.

Seattle native Matassa, one of the country’s most talented and popular jazz singers, is increasingly recognized as a unique voice in jazz. With hints of Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughan, Billie Holiday and Carmen McRae, her sound is now reaching new audiences, with successful dates at New York’s Dizzy’s Club at Lincoln Center, and tours of Russia, Singapore, Hawaii and Japan. When asked to describe Greta Matassa, Centrum’s Artistic Director for Jazz and Grammy-winning bassist-composer-conductor John Clayton said, “One of the best jazz vocalists we have to boast about these days.”

Tickets are $24 and are available at the Bay Club or on Brown Paper Tickets via the link at portludlowarts.org. A Flex Pass at $132 can be exchanged for this concert by several people or used by one or more persons for several concerts. To check on ticket availability, call 360-437-2208.

Northwind Presents
“Small Expressions 11”

“Small Expressions 11,” a juried show of small format works, opens at Northwind Arts Center November 30, and runs through December 31. This popular show features works by local and regional artists in a variety of media, all less than 15 inches in size. Awards will be presented at “Gallery Walk” on Saturday, December 1, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

This year’s show is juried by Jake Seniuk, recently retired from the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center, the Olympic Peninsula’s art museum, where he served as director and curator since 1989. There he originated some 150 exhibitions. As an artist Seniuk has created introspective works that combine photography, text and sculptural elements. His works have been exhibited at the National Gallery of American Art (Washington, D.C.), the Seattle Art Museum, and many other venues.

He is past recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Photography, an Artist Trust Visual Artist Fellowship, and the Logan Prize for Critical Writing in Photography, among others. Jake earned his B.A. in Fine Arts from Harvard University in 1972 and his MFA in Photography from the University of Washington in 1983. Seniuk will give a talk on the show on Sunday, December 2, at 1:00 p.m. This is the best “Small Expressions” to date.
Orchestra’s Holiday Concert
by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

Port Townsend Community Orchestra presents its holiday concert on **Saturday, December 1**, 7:30 p.m. at the Chimacum High School Auditorium. Be there at 6:45 p.m. to enjoy a pre-concert conversation with Maestro Dewey Ehling.

The renowned Peninsula Chamber Singers will be highlighted in this concert, featuring a solo baritone performing in Ralph Vaughan Williams’s *Fantasia on Christmas Carols* and performing Gustav Holst’s *Christmas Day*. In addition to a selection of Christmas carols and an audience sing-along, the orchestra will perform *Festive Sounds of Hanukkah*, Tchaikovsky’s *March* from *Nutcracker*, Hector Berlioz’s *Shepherds’ Farewell* and the third movement of Alexander Borodin’s *Symphony No. 2 in B minor*.

Port Townsend Community Orchestra offers four free concerts a year. Children are welcome to attend. The orchestra is supported by contributions from its patrons and from local businesses. Donations are also welcome at the door. Visit the orchestra’s website at www.porttownsendorchestra.org for additional information.

PT Chorus Sings Vivaldi and Rutter

The Community Chorus of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County presents both sacred Christmas music and secular, wintry fare for its holiday program on **Sunday, December 2**, 3:00 p.m., at Chimacum High School Auditorium. A second concert has been added at 7:00 p.m. on the same day at the same location. For the latest concert information, visit ptchorus.org or call 385-1402. Tickets at $12 each are available at Crossroads Music, 2100 Lawrence Street, Port Townsend, or at the door.

Director Rebecca Rottsolk has paired Antonio Vivaldi’s *Gloria*, arguably the composer’s most famous choral piece, with a twentieth century work by contemporary composer John Rutter. The singers will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra especially selected by Rottsolk.

Vivaldi, who lived from 1678 to 1741, was an Italian Baroque composer and violinist born in Venice. Best known for his violin concertos, including *The Four Seasons*, he also wrote operas and sacred choral works. *Gloria* is from the traditional Latin Mass in 12 varied, cantata-like sections.

John Rutter’s *When Icicles Hang*, a choral cycle with orchestra, celebrates the blowing winds, warm fireplaces, hanging icicles and cheerful carols of winter, according to Rottsolk. The lyrics take their inspiration from fifteenth and sixteenth century texts and from Shakespeare’s plays.

Rounding out the concert are two rousing English traditional carols set for chorus and orchestra by English composer Ralph Vaughan Williams.

Final Coffee Concerts for 2012

Gwendolyn Moore’s popular Coffee Concerts will conclude in December and return in the spring. Each concert is performed on Mondays and repeated on Tuesdays, from 9:45 a.m. until noon. The music is enhanced by Moore’s commentary, and she often performs with duo pianist Barbara Hinchliff.

On **Monday, December 24**, the program will be Beethoven’s *Bagatelles*, Bennett’s *4 Piece Suite*, the *Hallelujah Chorus* and a carol sing-along.

The piano duo always likes to end the year with Rachmaninoff’s *Symphonic Dances*. On **Monday and Tuesday, December 31 and January 1**, that will be on the program along with Beethoven’s *Piano Sonata No. 32 in C minor, Opus 111*. Please note, however, that programs may change on a whim.

Admission to the concerts is $10, or $45 for a five-concert ticket book. Proceeds fund musical scholarships for local students. The concerts are held at 523 Blue Ridge Road in the Discovery Bay area. You can get further directions by calling 385-3626. If there is snow or inclement weather, concerts may be cancelled.

The Artists’ League Goes Vincent Van Gogh-ish!

“Starry, starry night.
Flaming flowers that brightly blaze,
Swirling clouds in violet haze,
Reflect in Vincent’s eyes of china blue.
Colors changing hue, morning field of amber grain,
Weathered faces lined in pain,
Are soothed beneath the artist’s loving hand.”

Recognize those lyrics? The song is the theme for the exhibit of Port Ludlow Artists’ League’s “December and January Group Show” to be displayed in the Columbia Bank lobby. Each artist will present his or her own translation of the song *Starry, Starry Night* as an artistic tribute to Vincent Van Gogh.

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The public is invited to the “Second Wednesday Reception” held on **Wednesday, December 12**, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the lobby of Columbia Bank and from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Art Gallery adjacent to the bank.

Don’t forget, this will also be a great time to check out the gallery’s “Christmas Shoppe” for one-of-a-kind gift items and wall art to complete your holiday shopping for those on your special list (or even for yourself, if you’ve been good this year).

**Mirror, Mirror on the Wall**

![Steve Fogell's whimsical "Fox and the Grapes." Submitted photo](image)

Bainbridge Performing Arts presents a “Gallery Artist Reception” on **Friday, November 30**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Bainbridge Performing Arts, 200 Madison Avenue North and again at the “First Fridays Art Walk” on **December 7**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The exhibit is Multimedia Mirror Designs by Steven Fogell.

Steven Fogell’s fantasy mirror designs are based on classic fairy tales and fables. Using multimedia techniques to create mirrors with three-dimensional stories, his collection includes the mad hatter tea party from *Alice in Wonderland*; the frozen beauty of *The Snow Queen*; the classic fable *The Fox and the Grapes*; the adventures of *Hansel and Gretel* and many others.

Fogell invites viewers to “find the mirror that speaks to you!”

**LVP in Casting Mode**

*by Val Darling, Director, Ludlow Village Players*

Ludlow Village Players are auditioning and casting for the **March, 2013** play.

At the time of writing this article, auditions were still a week away, so we still do not know which play got the nod. Was it the “Cat” (*The Cat’s Meow*) or the “Fox” (*The Fox on the Fairway*) that won the day? You’ll just have to be in suspense until the **January Voice** issue. At that time we will also announce the cast.

Who landed the role of Charlie Chaplin? Marion Davies? Randolph William Hearst, Louella Parsons or the flapper girls?

Or did the Golf Club President win out? Who’s that guy in the ugliest ever golf sweater?

Both plays have wonderful character roles and such fun action, sound, lighting and special effects. It is not too early to volunteer for helping out behind the scenes. We also need help with costumes, makeup, publicity and sets.

Try a new experience this winter. Your community theater needs you, and we guarantee you a great time. Contact Val at 437-2861 or at rkd@waypoint.com.
Performing Arts Calendar

Saturday, December 1
The Global Lens film series is a curated program of narrative feature films which are selected for their authentic voice, strong cinematics and unique cultural perspective. An expert cast and keen art direction contribute to Toll Booth—a wry, heartbreaking ode to lost dreams, Port Townsend’s Rosebud Cinema, 10:00 a.m., www.globalfilm.org.

Saturday, December 1
Those ambassadors of Irish music, The Irish Rovers, will charm you with effortless musicality, uproarious wit and winsome ways, 6:00 p.m. dinner, 8:00 p.m. show, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday, December 1
The Port Townsend Community Orchestra’s Holiday Concert will include a Fantasia on Christmas Carols with Baritone Joel Yellano, the Peninsula Singers and music by Borodin and Tchaikowsky, 7:30 p.m., free admission, www.porttownsendorchestra.org.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, December 1 – 9
Those wacky lovable Wonderettes are back for a musical holiday feast when they return to Poulsbo’s Jewel Box Theatre in Winter Wonderettes—this time they are asked to perform at the Harper’s Hardware Christmas party where Betty Jean works, 8:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m. on Sundays, tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com, 360-697-3183, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, December 1 – 23
It’s Christmas Eve and George Bailey is in total despair, standing on that bridge, ready to end it all—well, you know the rest of This Wonderful Life, but discover it in a new way when one actor reenacts all 31 characters, various times, Key City Public Theatre, Port Townsend, 379-0195, www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

Sunday, December 2
The Community Chorus of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County under the direction of Rebecca Rottsoek presents both sacred Christmas music and secular, wintry fare for its holiday program, 3:00 p.m., Chimacum High School Auditorium, 385-1402, www.ptchorus.org.

Sunday and Tuesday, December 2 and 4

Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, December 7 – 22
The Best Christmas Pageant Ever tells the story of six delinquent children who go to church for the first time after being told that the church offers snacks, so when they take over the annual Christmas pageant it’s told in a very unconventional fashion, 7:00 p.m., Sundays, 2:00 p.m., Port Gamble Theater Company, 360-977-7135, www.PortGambleTheater.com.

Saturday, December 8
The Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra’s Holiday Concert will include music by Leonovitch, Grieg, and Humperdinck, as well as traditional fare, 10:00 a.m. dress rehearsal, 6:40 p.m. pre-concert chat, 7:30 p.m. concert, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 360-457-5579, www.porangelesymphony.org.

Saturday, December 8
The Bremerton Symphony Orchestra will perform Handel’s Messiah, Bremerton Performing Arts Center, 6:30 p.m. pre-concert chat, 7:30 p.m. concert, 360-373-1722, www.bremertonsymphony.org.

Saturday, December 8
The Gregory Popovich Comedy Pet Theater is a family-oriented blend of the unique comedy and juggling skills of Popovich and the extraordinary talents of his performing pets, 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Sunday, December 9
Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents Seattle’s own Greta Matassa with her quartet, including Clipper Anderson on bass and vocals, performing selections from their holiday CD along with traditional favorites, 4:00 p.m., Bay Club, 437-2208, www.portludlowartsCouncil.com. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. for traditional wassail and seat selection.

Friday, December 14
The multi-platinum pop-trio Wilson Phillips is coming to Bremerton’s Admiral Theatre to spread some holiday cheer, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8:00 p.m. show, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Friday and Saturday, December 14 and 15
The Portable Reality Show is the Jewel Box Theatre’s resident comedy improvisation troupe which keeps the audience laughing as it weaves stories and songs in this Holiday Show, 8:00 p.m., Poulsbo, 360-697-3183, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org. Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Friday and Sunday, December 21 and 23
The Rawson Duo will present their sixth annual Nordlys (Northern Lights) concert showcasing works by Scandinavian composers from the early 1900s along with Sandy Rawson’s sumptuous Nordic reception, Rawson’s Chimacum home, 2:00 p.m., limited seating, 379-3449, email rawsonsduo@gmail.com or visit www.rawsonduo.com.

Sunday, December 23
Ballet in Cinema offers The Nutcracker danced by the Royal Ballet, London. This production creates the world of the 19th century onstage with a Christmas tree that grows and toy soldiers that come to life, 11:00 a.m., Rosebud Theatre, Port Townsend, 385-1089, www.rosetheatre.com.

Raid the Cellar

Friday, December 7
6 - 9 pm

$120* per person includes dinner, wine, tax and gratuity

The Resort at Port Ludlow’s Director of Food and Beverage, James Robinson, invites you to join him in raiding the resort’s wine cellar (recently recognized by Wine Spectator for an Award of Excellence.) Attendees will have an opportunity to taste esoteric, rare and strictly allocated wines paired with Executive Chef Dan Ratig’s extraordinary five-course cuisine. Maximum number of guests is 24.
Local News

Annual Chimacum Arts and Craft Fair

The 26th annual Chimacum Arts Fair takes place on Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Chimacum High School campus. Admission is $3 at the door or $2 with a canned food item and coupon. All proceeds go to students at Chimacum, Port Townsend and Quilcene/Brinnon school districts. The Chimacum Arts and Craft Fair has donated just over $160,000 to our local schools during the last twenty-three years.

This is a great opportunity to purchase quality, locally-made gifts. Jewelry, homespun hats and scarves, pottery, locally made soaps, trinkets, mirrors, pill boxes, handbags, calendars, original artwork and a whole array of products are all available for purchase. They are pleasing to the eye and easy on the pocketbook.

This fair features the local efforts and support of students from all three school districts (Port Townsend, Quilcene and Chimacum) who assist the vendors in setting up and closing their booths for a small percentage of the proceeds. It is a great example of teamwork at its best.

A new feature this year is the donation of one gift item from each booth to benefit a particular project or organization within our district. Donated items will be raffled. Anyone can “play” for $1 a ticket. This year’s funds will be used for purchasing equipment for the science and technology departments.

Community Church Activities

On Sunday, December 16 at 10:30 a.m., all are invited to Port Ludlow Community Church for “Christmas Joy,” a celebration of Christ’s birth, with a variety of music from instrumental solo to vocal solo to choir music and more.

On Tuesday, December 18, at 2:30 p.m., the church will host an Old Fashioned Community Carol Sing at the Bay Club, to carol together and then spread the joy to area shut-ins.

On Christmas Eve from 5:00 to 5:45 p.m., the community is welcome to an annual Candlelight Service to share the story through music and Scripture.

Port Ludlow Community Church is located at 9534 Oak Bay Road (above the lower village). Call 437-0145 for more information.

Local Author’s Newest Novel Hits the Market

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

Shirley Davies-Owens has done it again. Her newest novel, Paths Unknown, is out in print and e-book editions. The book offers a riveting tale set in Victorian England and the Canadian frontier. In the book 20-year old Lydia Fullerton risks everything for love and family. In a world of lavender, muslin gowns and hat pins, Lydia is an example of emotional honesty and steadfastness. An afternoon cuddled up with this romantic novel, some tea, and perhaps a cat will be rewarding indeed.

Born in the front bedroom of a house in an English village, Shirley Davies-Owens comes easily to the genre of the Victorian romantic novel. Victorian England is the setting of two of her novels, the first of which was Silver Linings, published by St. Martin’s Press, Harper Collins and ECI Holland. The novel garnered international acclaim.

Paths Unknown is available at Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com and at brick-and-mortar stores. Inquiries may also be sent to the publisher at pixelita-press.com. Shirley has another novel set in World War II England completed, has plans to reissue her first book and is currently at work on a new one. In her spare time she likes to act, has an online store on a major craft site, collects antiques and sells online for clients.

Shirley, a Port Ludlow resident, would be delighted to share her book-writing experiences with your group or book club. Feel free to call her at 360 437-9820.

Christmas Sing-along

Peace Lutheran Fellowship will hold a Community Christmas sing-along on Wednesday, December 12 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. with refreshments following. The event takes place at the very fun and funky Beaver Springs Lodge (just beyond the Beaver Valley Store) that features a wonderful organ and grand piano. Theresa Bowman, Juilliard alumna, will be featured at the organ playing holiday songs for all ages. If additional information is needed, call Karen Jensen at 360-301-1133.
Port Ludlow RV Club Visits BC  
by Paula Davis, Guest Writer

In early September, eighteen couples in their RVs boarded the Black Ball Ferry from Port Angeles to Victoria, British Columbia for the start of their two-week trip on Vancouver Island. Verba Abbott, the club’s scout, arranged all the RV trips this year, and selected four excellent and scenic RV resorts for the group to stay during our northern excursion to Port Hardy, BC and back.

Our first stop heading north was Salmon Point on the Campbell River where we relaxed, enjoyed potluck dinners together and visited the interesting Campbell River Historical Museum nearby. Several visited Goats on Roof Old Country Market and Restaurant in Coombs where some colorful goats enjoyed their lunch of grass and leaves on the restaurant’s roof, while we enjoyed our meal downstairs in the restaurant.

Further north in Port Hardy the weather continued to be in our favor for another ferry trip to Alert Bay on Cormorant Island. With a population of 1,248, it is the oldest fishing community on North Vancouver Island. There we experienced the rich cultural heritage from the artifacts, paintings, totem poles and grave sites of the Namgis First Nation Reserve people there.

Heading back south, we stopped at Ripple Rock on the Campbell River, named for a pair of dangerous underwater peaks that were an obstacle to ships. The rocks made it dangerous for ships to go through the Inland Passage en route to Alaska. In 1958, these peaks were pulverized by the largest non-nuclear explosion ever to make passage safe for both large and small boats. We observed some very large commercial cruise ships passing through at night.

Our last stop took us back to the beautiful city of Victoria for four more days of summer weather to enjoy the fabulous gardens, museums, restaurants, walking tours and, of course, shopping for those wonderful souvenirs of a most memorable and fascinating trip.

Resort Strives to Remove Old Minesweeper

Attempts to expedite the departure of the delinquent vessel New Star from the Port Ludlow Marina consumed most of October and were still ongoing in November. The press release from the resort indicated that all hands were on deck and working to keep the environment and community out of harm’s way as the owner of the 118-foot vessel sought to find a way to move it out of the Marina.

Port Ludlow Marina staff and the ship’s current owner, George Marincin, put a 24-hour vessel watch in place with the assistance of Roger Slade, Vessel Assist at Port Hadlock. The Coast Guard inspected the vessel and found that it does not pose any immediate environmental danger.

Kori Ward, Port Ludlow Marina’s Manager, also initiated a mandate to have a weather contingency plan in place to insure that the dock or other vessels located in the marina are not harmed.

Marincin owns and operates the Tacoma company that retrieves “hulks,” or delinquent vessels, to help dispose of them in a manner that is ecologically sound and helps to clean up waterways which have been the dumping grounds for vessels like the New Star in the past.

The New Star was last used in Tacoma as a breakwater and was headed south to be dismantled and sold for scrap. At press time, there was no clear exit plan for the New Star, but the owner as well as Port Ludlow Associates were doing all they could to find a solution. A plan to move the vessel to Neah Bay was blocked by the Makah tribe.

Affordable Care Act Is Topic of Forum

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

Winding one’s way through the intricacies of the new Affordable Health Care Act is no easy task. Those who attended the Port Ludlow Village Council Wellness Committee’s recent forum will have an advantage over those who stayed home. Speakers included representatives from the Washington State Insurance Commission, Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) and Harrison Hospital. Printed materials were available for the attendees.

Tom Boughner, Home Instead Senior Care, began the program by describing the dramatic changes in age distributions in developed and developing nations. By 2050, 32 percent of the population is expected to be over 60; only 12 percent fell into that category in the 1950s. The cost of health care has accelerated rapidly in the United States and has become increasingly unaffordable by many Americans, with disastrous consequences for families with medical crises. The Affordable Care Act, also known as Obama-care, aims to make insurance affordable for more people.

One of the most confusing aspects of the healthcare law is Medicare Part D, the drug coverage plan. The Medicare Part D enrollment period ends December 7. SHIBA offers clinics locally every Tuesday during the open enrollment

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period. Counseling will be available at the Tri-Area Community Center on November 27 and December 11, 9 a.m. to noon.

Now that the law has been deemed constitutional, Washington State will be implementing health reform and establishing a Health Benefit exchange. The Exchange is an online marketplace where individuals, families and small businesses can buy private health insurance. To learn about the exchange, visit www.insurance.wa.gov/hcr/exchange.html. Online navigators can help you find which plan is best for you.

To learn more about health reform generally, go to www.insurance.wa.gov/consumers/reform. Information is also available at Senior Information and Assistance, 915 Sheridan St., #202 in Port Townsend. The number of the Insurance Consumer Hotline is 1-800-562-6900.

Sheriff’s Report for October

For the month of October, 2012, the Sheriff’s Office responded to 85 events in Port Ludlow. There were 941 events county wide during the same period. The boundaries of Port Ludlow are SR 19, Tala Shore Drive, Oak Bay Road, and Olympus Boulevard.

Agency Assist 5
Alarm or Incomplete 911 Call 8
Animal Control 8
Disturbance (unwanted persons, gunshots, etc) 7
Miscellaneous/Informational 8
Theft/Burglary 2
Traffic Incident/Complaint 21
Welfare Check 3
Warrant Arrests 1
Traffic Violations 1
Field Investigations 7
Patrol Requests 3
Civil Assist 11

There were no incidents involving drugs, found property, malicious mischief, threats, harassment assaults or missing persons.

Let’s keep our neighborhoods safe: please contact the Sheriff’s Office if you notice any suspicious activity and always call 9-1-1 for an emergency.

The Trails Committee has been busy. Volunteers finished the new Talbot Trail in late April and then went into a maintenance mode for existing trails. The volunteers cleared one of two muddy areas on Niblicks Loop with a corduroy road and staged additional material (more to come) for the second wet spot. They also cleared a large area of Scot’s Broom and tackled the tansy ragwort bloom. In addition, mud was scraped off a sloppy section of Timberton near the Beaver Dam to get down to solid road surface, and a new layer of chips added to the path leading from the bench at the water behind the Bay Club to connect to Ward’s Walk.

Now we’re back to building one of our approved new trails, one we call Olympic Terrace Two. You can find it on our new “Trails” map with the estimated completion date (ECD) of 2013. If weather is forgiving enough and our volunteers continue to answer the requests to come out for a Fun Day of exercise, we will be on schedule. If you see one of our many volunteers, just pause for a moment and thank them, they are improving one of our major community assets a couple of hours at a time.

If you are interested in helping to improve our community by pitching in for a couple of hours at a time (our usual Fun Day routine), just let me know and I’ll add your e-mail address to our Fun Day announcement list. I can be reached at 437-9299 and mclgscott@cablespeed.com.
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**Message from the Chief**

*by Brad Martin, Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue*

“Time goes faster, the older you get.” I have found this especially true in recent weeks. We have been working hard on our budget and although we have made progress, there is still work to be done and hard decisions to be made to balance the budget while maintaining your expected high level of service. The month slipped quickly past as we continued our analyses.

Options for increasing our revenues include, but are not limited to, grants, alternate funding sources, and further negotiations with the firefighters. We would like to ensure our estimates of revenue from these sources are as detailed as possible. With that said, there are “brainstorming” ideas being discussed. Each unique solution has its pros and cons, which are being examined very carefully.

If you have any questions, ideas or suggestions, please feel free to contact me and/or schedule a time to come in and speak about them. I can be reached by email at brad.martin@plfr.org or you can call the fire station at 360-437-2236. I look forward to hearing from you.

Now here is a little tip to ensure you have a safe winter. In cold winter weather, most of you will use your fireplace. Before you do, please have your chimney cleaned and inspected. If you should experience a chimney fire, call 911 and follow the dispatcher’s directions. If you call from your cell phone, let the dispatcher know what county you are in so they can transfer you to the proper 911 center. Stay safe and have a happy holiday season.

**Free Tax Preparation Available**

Have your tax return prepared at the Tri-Area Center in Chimacum this tax season! IRS-certified AARP TAX-AIDE volunteers will be available again beginning in February. The volunteers will prepare and electronically file your tax return for you—and the service is free of charge!

The AARP TAX-AIDE volunteers are authorized to prepare most basic tax returns. They do not prepare returns for taxpayers that have income from rental properties, or for taxpayers with complicated business returns.

The TAX-AIDE program is sponsored by the IRS and the AARP Foundation. You do not need to be an AARP member—or even a senior—to take advantage of this free service.

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**Metro Bagels**

Your new spot for great bagels, coffee, sandwiches and friends.

67 Oak Bay Road ★ Port Hadlock
Community Meetings

Dine and Discover

On **Monday, December 3**, at the Bay Club, hear Wendy Hinman, author of *Tightwads on the Loose: A Seven Year Pacific Odyssey* relate the dream voyage she took with Garth Wilcox in a 31-foot boat, starting in 2000. They traveled to 19 countries on a shoestring budget.

Sign up at the Bay Club to bring a potluck dish to serve 10 people. To cancel or to be put on a wait list, call Doris and Milt Lum at 437-5143.

On **Monday, January 7**, at the Beach Club, hear retired journalist John Olson of Poulsbo describe his adventures traveling 12,000 miles around the United States in 2009, recreating a similar trip made by prize-winning author John Steinbeck in 1960. Steinbeck wrote *Travels with Charley* in 1962, and Olson recently published *Down John’s Road*. Olson is an exciting speaker who will weave in stories of other great road trippers in U.S. history amid his “wacky and wonderful” journey covering 34 states in 80 days. Olson worked for Voice of America in Munich, Germany, and as senior editor at Sound Publishing Inc.

Sign up at the Beach Club to bring a potluck dish to serve 10 people. To cancel or be put on a wait list, call Bev and Dean Nelson at 437-0762.

For both events, remember to bring complete table settings including placemats, dishes, glasses, utensils and napkins as well as your favorite beverage. A $2 per person fee will be collected at the door. Doors open at 5:30. For questions call Hilda and Michael Cahn at 437-8223.

First Wednesday Luncheon

The First Wednesday Luncheon is on **Wednesday, December 5** at the Bay Club. Come join us as we celebrate the holiday season with entertainment by pianist Peter Mercer, music director of the Community United Methodist Church of Port Hadlock. There will be a wrapped ornament (minimum $5) exchange for those wanting to participate. Also, you will have the opportunity to buy raffle tickets to win either a “booze” basket or a wine basket. Dress in your festive attire as we usher in the holidays.

Make your reservations by signing up at either the Bay Club or Beach Club by **Monday, December 3**. Last minute reservations, please contact Fran Bodman at 437-5110.

These luncheons benefit the Tri-Area Food Bank. They’re provided to you by the volunteer food committee. In lieu of paying for lunch, we ask each of you to make a generous donation of cash and/or food to the Food Bank. They are always in need of personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent.

This will be a special holiday luncheon so table service will be provided.

Save the date, **Wednesday, January 2, 2013**, for the annual Brown Bag Luncheon with Bingo on the agenda.

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

Unless otherwise noted, hikers will meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailheads.

**Friday, December 7 – Queen Anne Urban Hike**

Prepare for an adventure in the Queen Anne district of Seattle. The group will walk on the 9:40 a.m. Bainbridge Island ferry to Seattle and then take the bus (75 cents for seniors-exact change required) to Queen Anne. The group will be met by a docent who will lead us on a walk through the historic Queen Anne district and other interesting areas. Further emails will be sent to those on the hiking roster. For additional details contact Michael or Hilda Cahn at 437-8223.

**Friday, December 21 – Port Gamble trails**

Participate in an easy hike on the various trails located in Port Gamble. Following the walk you may choose to have lunch in Port Gamble and admire the holiday decorations. For further details contact Larry or Judi Scott at 437-9299.

**Friday, January 4 – Fort Flagler**

This is an easy 5 mile walk with forest and beach views of Port Townsend Bay, Rat Island and Admiralty Inlet. Following the hike there will be a guided tour (with coffee and donuts) of the Fort Flagler Historic Hospital (1905) by John and Carol Maki from the Friends of Fort Flagler. Those on the hiking roster will receive further information. Contact Don or Lynne Folsom at 437-9251 if you have any questions.

**Every Wednesday – Timberton Loop**

Walk the 4.5 mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains and Mt. Rainier. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m.
Senior Singles Christmas Luncheon

Senior singles will enjoy a Christmas luncheon at the Belmont Restaurant, 925 Water Street in Port Townsend on Friday, December 7. We will meet there at 11:30 a.m. Rick, the owner, has promised us the entire upstairs area and we will choose from the menu. Please bring a wrapped gift, approximately $15 in value, to place under the tree for our annual gift exchange.

Invite your friends and be sure to wear your holiday finery as well as your name tag. Our hostess, Peggy, needs your reservation no later than Monday, December 3. Her phone number is 437-9935. We will be carpooling so let Peggy know if you prefer to drive or to be a passenger. If you are a passenger be sure to give your driver several dollars to defray the cost of driving.

There will be no Singles outing in January.

Port Ludlow Book Club

On Tuesday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m., the Book Club will meet at the Bay Club to discuss the perfect holiday book, The Art of Racing in the Rain by Seattle author, Garth Stein. This book delivers an engaging story incorporating love, tragedy and danger that is told by an erudite and gifted narrator, Enzo. Enzo (named after Enzo Ferrari) is a lab terrier mix, who grieves his lack of opposable thumbs and his inability to speak, but espouses electrifying and heartfelt wisdom as he observes, protects and agonizes over the family with whom he resides. The novel tells the story of Denny Swift, a man who aspires to be a professional racecar driver, his love for his family, and the tragedy that befalls them and of course, Enzo, who manifests a Zen philosophical edge and believes his next incarnation will be that of a human.

The book is multi-layered. You will weep, laugh out loud and come away with a wonderfully invigorated philosophy on life. Enrich your holiday joy by reading this delicious book.

Please bring an appetizer and/or beverage to share.

The book selection for January is Mudbound by Hillary Jordan. Everyone is welcome. For questions, please call Martha Dawson at 437-4167.

Garden Club Members’ Annual Holiday Tea

It’s time once again for the Garden Club Members’ Annual Holiday Tea at the Bay Club.

We will gather Wednesday, December 12 at 11:00 a.m. to socialize, sip champagne or cider and enjoy the piano music of Peter Mercer.

Each table will be hosted and decorated by a garden club member in a holiday motif.

Following the social hour, hot tea and a delightful assortment of savories and sweets will be served.

To attend this festive event, sign up at either the Beach Club or Bay Club. Signup sheets, for volunteers willing to assist in making this an enjoyable and delicious day, are available in the folder. The seating reservation deadline is Saturday, December 8.

2012 current Garden Club members are free. If you are not a member of the Port Ludlow Garden Club and would like to attend this special event (and get to know us for the fun group we are!) you are invited to reserve your place and become a member for 2013.

Sign up at one of the clubs and pay $30 at the door on the day of the tea. This will cover the 2013 membership dues ($20) and $10 special event non-member cost.

For more information please contact Rita Clark (437-9104) or Margo Elton (437-0758).

The Cookie Monster Meets the PLAL!

The Port Ludlow Artists’ League will have its regular meeting to install the 2013 Board members on Wednesday, December 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beach Club. Come meet the new roster of 2013 Officers and give a hand to the great work done by the 2012 Board.

Following the meeting, there will be a cookie exchange and social hour. Each League member is asked to get out their best cookie recipes and bring one to one and a-half-dozen cookies to share, sample and take home. The League will have ice cream to accompany any cookies deemed too delicious to take home! Spouses and special guests are welcome.

More information can be obtained by contacting President Wanda Mawhinney at 437-9081 or by e-mail at mawhinneyw_w@msn.com.
DigitalLife in December

At the Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) December Community Event on Monday, December 10, a Washington State Patrol representative will discuss how technology helps them to better perform their jobs and keep the public safe. He will give us a view of the agency’s use of computers, portable devices, wireless, video cameras, etc. This presentation gives us a look at the current & future application of technology by this important organization responsible for public safety.

The evening will begin with the DigitalLife Annual Holiday Social at 5:00 p.m. The presentation follows at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome; membership in PLDL is not necessary. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

- Office Group meets Monday, December 3, 10:30 a.m. – noon
- Mac Group meets Monday, December 17, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Photography / Pro Show Gold meets Monday, December 24, 10:00 a.m. – noon.

The Women’s Workshop, normally held on the third Monday, will be rescheduled because of the holiday. Workshops are held every Saturday morning, 10:30 a.m. to noon. All groups and workshops meet at the Bay Club. For information about joining DigitalLife, contact Mary Ronen at 437-0268 or email her at maryr@olympus.net. Check the club’s website at www.pldigitallife.org to see up-to-date Club news or to obtain a membership application.

Out to Lunch at the Belmont

What could be more festive than Christmas in a Victorian seaport? Wear comfortable shoes to take advantage of shopping opportunities after you join the (CEA) Community Enrichment Alliance’s Out to Lunch Bunch at the Belmont Restaurant, located at 925 Water Street in Port Townsend. We will meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18.

We all know how good the food is at the Belmont so plan to order off the menu. Separate checks will be provided. If it snows, we will reschedule.

Reservations can be made by contacting Pat Lohrey at 437-7760 or pntlohrey@cablespeed.com, or at www.ceainfo.org. The deadline for reservations is Friday, December 14.

Stamping and Paper Arts

We will meet at the Bay Club this month on the third Wednesday, December 19 at 10:00 a.m. There will be a short meeting about next year’s programs and activities followed by a show-and-tell time to share those newly made or received handmade stamped cards and paper art.

Gently used rubber stamps and supplies donated for others to purchase at a reduced price may be brought as well. Money from these sales is used for mailing costs for our ongoing Cards for the Troops project.

Bailey Castillo, a young stamper and card maker who attends Chimacum High School, will be our special guest. She will show us how to make a “pop-up” greeting card. Those attending may make a card along with Bailey, or just enjoy her demonstration and make one at home later.

Holiday refreshments and time to socialize and celebrate another fun and successful year of our group’s creative and innovative programs will conclude our meeting. We hope you’ll join us at this festive gathering.

The Big Shot/Die Cut machine meeting will not be held this month. Any questions, please call Paula Davis at 437-2007.

CEA Silent Auction

On Saturday, November 3, the Community Enrichment Alliance’s (CEA) Silent Auction was held at the Bay Club where beautifully wrapped baskets were available for bid. Participants enjoyed tasty and temptingly arranged food and wine while listening to Peter Mercer at the piano. This great party raised $8,000 for the Boeing Bluebills for support of Victims of Domestic Violence and Abuse during the holidays.

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Port Ludlow Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council Report
by Vicki Tallerico, Secretary

President David Armitage called the Thursday, November 1 meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) to order at 3:00 pm. at the Beach Club. Other Council Members present were Linda Haskins, Tamra McDearmid, Larry Nobles, Susan Oemichen, Jerry Purdy, Lois Ruggles, Vicki Tallerico, Terry Umbreit, and Elizabeth Van Zonneveld. Absent were Tony Durham and Laury Hunt. A quorum was declared. The meeting was recorded. Nineteen residents attended the meeting and President Armitage welcomed them.

Introduction of New Board Members: President Armitage introduced the new Board Members for 2012/2013. Serving as President is David Armitage, Vice President is Tony Durham, Vicki Tallerico will be Secretary and Linda Haskins is the new Treasurer. The representative from SBCA is Susan Oemichen and Jerry Purdy will represent the Lot Owners Association. The Board Members are Laury Hunt, Tamra McDearmid, Larry Nobles, Lois Ruggles, Terry Umbreit, and Elizabeth Van Zonneveld.

Comments from the floor: President Armitage began the meeting by asking if there were any comments concerning past or current interests or business topics that needed to be addressed by the PLVC this year.

Council Committee Reports and Invited Speakers

Community Development: President Armitage introduced Larry Nobles, Chair of the Port Ludlow Community Development Committee. Larry gave a history on Port Ludlow and the growth of the community since 1990 with the Growth Management Act. The county’s plan was to create a Master Planned Resort with residences.

Nobles said that the existing resort in 1993-1994 included the Conference Center, the Beach and Bay Clubs and the townhomes. At that time, Port Ludlow attracted 25,000 visitors per year for conferences and recreation. Future plans were to expand the resort and add shops, an amphitheater and other amenities.

The PLVC was organized on the heels of another organization, Council of Ludlow Owners Associations (CLOA), to represent the residents of Port Ludlow. The financing of the organization was through the Friday Market, Phone Directory and a yearly festival called Port Ludlow Days. The organization was incorporated as a 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mandate to represent the community to the county and the developer and discuss future development with those entities.

Report from the Developer: Diana Smeland, President of the PLA, spoke on PLA’s planned new plat. She met with Jefferson County in order to obtain a five year extension of the existing development agreement (signed in 2000). That agreement will expire in May, 2020. The extension would allow PLA to pursue its goal of selling 25 units by 2025. Smeland said the PLA plans to construct 400 new homes beginning in 2013. The request affects Olympic Terrace as Phase I and Phase II preliminary plat.

There is a need to obtain a three year extension on the preliminary plat in the new agreement and a permanent change to ten years on all current and future plats. If the extension does not get approved, the process must start over and the consequences are unknown. There will be an open period for comments and Diana is asking PLVC and the community for their support through letters and attendance at future meetings. She is looking for positive or negative feedback concerning this issue.

County Reports

Department of Community Development: David W. Johnson, the County’s Lead Planner and Liaison for the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort, described the role of the PLVC with the county and developer as being the primary representative of the residents of Port Ludlow. He outlined the process to amend the Developers Agreement and stated that it would only deny the request if there was a violation of the code. David reported that Iron Mountain Quarry filed an appeal of the Storm Water Permit on October 19. The county has retained Attorney Ken Harper to represent them concerning this issue.

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Jefferson County Commissioners: John Austin reported that the county is working on improving Paradise Bay Road. It is also creating a sign ordinance for Port Ludlow to eliminate excessive signs on roadways. The county also is working on a state land Community Forest Trust involving three parcels. This will be a topic of discussion with community, the DNR and Commissioner Austin at a general meeting.

Council Reports and Actions
Secretary’s Report: Vicki Tallerico presented the minutes from the October 4 General Meeting. There was no discussion concerning the minutes; a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the October 4 General Meeting minutes.

Treasurer’s Report: Linda Haskins gave the recent Treasurer’s Report. IMQ Legal Fund contained $3,645; The General Operating Account held $22,504; Certificate of Deposit stood at $10,937; General Operating Funds available were $33,441. Following a discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer’s Report. Linda stated that there is a need for a resolution for new signers on the checking account. Elizabeth Van Zonneveld made a resolution to authorize all officers be signers on the Columbia Bank checking account. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the resolution.

Iron Mountain: Tony Simpson recommended that the committee be considered a monitoring committee at this time.

Archives: Tony Simpson stated there are two parts to this committee: the PLVC needs to create its own archive of what transpires on the board as well as an archive for what the board does on the website.

Trails/Natural Resources: Larry Scott reported that their committee is working on an extension of the Talbot Trail; asphaltling the west side of the trail along side Oak Bay Road; and continuing work on Olympic Terrace and the Teal Lake Loop.

Communications: Linda Haskins reported that she received a bill from the Port Ludlow Voice and a letter from the Secretary of State regarding our filing and requesting a physical address. There were also two more donations that came in with late ballots.

Wellness Committee: Vicki Tallerico was requested to announce the upcoming Wellness Forum concerning Healthcare Coverage held on November 14 at the Bay Club from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Friday Market: Vicki Tallerico announced that Tamra McDearmid and Terry Umbreit have joined the committee and they will be meeting in the near future.

New Business
Quarry Property Taxes: David Armitage did a presentation on the current taxes involving personal property taxes, real personal taxes, and Pope quarries. (See related article on p. 5) His results to date are: Pope has removed quarries from forest program; personal property taxes will now be collected from Mason and Miles Sand and Gravel quarry operations; Pope Quarries real property revalued Mason $284,000; formerly it was $40. Miles Sand & Gravel has also been revalued to $1,200,000, it was $500. His investigatory group has appealed to Board of Equalization which declined to take up matter, but will send a letter to Department of Revenue.

Announcements: The next PLVC General Meeting will be on Thursday, December 6 at 3:00 pm at the Bay Club. The workshop meeting is on Tuesday, December 18 at 3:00 pm at the Bay Club. Information about Port Ludlow and the PLVC is available at www.plvc.org. The meeting agenda is posted on the website at least one week in advance of the general meeting.
Village Activities Calendar

Most events are open to everyone in the community unless members-only is indicated, or unless obviously for special-interest groups.

December

Sat., December 1
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., CEA’s Holiday Homes Tour, Port Ludlow

Sun., December 2
2:00 – 6:00 p.m., CEA’s Victorian Holiday Homes Tour, Port Townsend

Mon., December 3
9:00 – 11:00 a.m., LOA meeting (members), Beach Club
10:30 – noon, Port Ludlow DigitalLife Office SIG (members), Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Board meeting (members), Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Voice staff meeting, Bay Club
5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Dine and Discover, Bay Club

Tues., December 4
9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Facilities meeting, Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CEA meeting, The Inn
Noon – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment meeting, Bay Club
2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Trails Committee meeting, Beach Club
5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Fly Tyers Christmas Party, Bay Club
5:00 – 8:00 p.m., LPV-3, LPV-4 Christmas Dinner (members), Bay Club

Wed., December 5
9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Facilities meeting, Bay Club
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon, Bay Club

Thurs., December 6
9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board meeting (members), Bay Club
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Bluebills Christmas Lunch, Bay Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC Special meeting (members), Beach Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC meeting, Bay Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Bluebills meeting, Bay Club

Fri., December 7
8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Seattle Queen Anne Hike, Bridge Deck
9:30 – 11:30 a.m., SBCA Board meeting (members), Bay Club
11:30 a.m., Singles Lunch at The Belmont, Port Townsend

Sat., December 8
6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Free Spirits Holiday Dinner, Bay Club

Sun., December 9
3:00 – 4:00 p.m., Pre-Concert Holiday Wassail and Seat Selection and Art Exhibit, Bay Club
4:00 – 6:00 p.m., “Music of the Holidays” with the Greta Matassa Quartet, featuring selections from their holiday traditional favorites

Mon., December 10
3:30 – 5:30 p.m., MGA Board meeting, Bay Club
5:00 p.m., DigitalLife Holiday Social, Bay Club
6:00 – 8:00 p.m., DigitalLife Presentation, Bay Club

Tues., December 11
6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Book Club, Bay Club

Wed., December 12
11:00 a.m., Garden Club Christmas Tea (members), Bay Club
4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists’ League Second Wednesday Reception, Columbia Bank
5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Artists’ League Reception continues, Art Gallery
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary General meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., December 13
10:00 a.m. – noon, Drainage Committee meeting, Beach Club
Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Fri., December 14
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
9:30 – 11:30 a.m., Design Standards Task Force, Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Board meeting (members), Bay Club
11:30 a.m., Homeowners Holiday Luncheon, Beach Club
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Monthly Social (members), Bay Club

Mon., December 17
5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Bayview Christmas Party (members), Bay Club
6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Port Ludlow DigitalLife Mac SIG (members), Bay Club

Tues., December 18
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists’ League meeting, Beach Club
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Fly Fishers general meeting, Bay Club
Readers’ Theater will resume in January

Wed., December 19
10:00 a.m. – noon, Stamp and Paper Arts Club, Bay Club
10:15 – 11:45 a.m., Long Range planning meeting, Bay Club
1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists’ League meeting, Beach Club
5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Olympic Terrace Christmas Party (members), Bay Club

Thurs., December 20
1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC Board meeting (members), Beach Club

Fri., December 21
8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Port Gamble Trails, Bridge Deck
9:30 – 11:00 a.m., ARC Review meeting, Bay Club

Mon., December 24
9:00 a.m. – noon, Breakfast with Santa, Beach Club
9:30 – 11:00 a.m., Finance Committee meeting, Bay Club
10:00 a.m. – noon, DigitalLife Photo/ProShow Gold SIG, (members) Bay Club
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**LMC October Board Meeting Highlights**

*by Vaughn Bradshaw, LMC Secretary*

The monthly business meeting of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees was held October 18 at the Beach Club. The following are highlights of that meeting:

Rose Hablutzel/Jackson was appointed by the board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Trustee Elizabeth Van Zonneveld.

LMC maintenance staff has been replacing trim and siding around the windows in the downstairs hallway facing the outdoor swimming pool at the Beach Club due to dry rot. The amount of damaged wood was not as extensive as originally thought because pressure-treated lumber had been previously used.

On August 1, Kim Bond celebrated 26 years of employment at the Beach Club. On October 1, Bob Carstensen, evening maintenance person, celebrated 23 years with the LMC.

Larry Scott, Chair of the PLVC Trails Committee, discussed the Talbot Trail. One new section of the Talbot Loop was previously approved by the board, but another section where it ties into upper Rainier was not. Maps of the area were provided to the trustees for their review and reconsideration of their previous decision. The matter was referred back to the Greenbelt Committee (GBC) for their comments. Mr. Scott will flag the route to assist the GBC and the board.

Barbara Berthiaume and Eva Van Buren have resigned from the Communications Committee. Eva Van Buren has also requested that she be replaced as North Bay Editor for the *Voice*. She will stay on until a new editor agrees to take over the position.

Trustee Jerry Purdy will serve as a liaison between the LMC board and the PLVC.

**Update from the Manager**

*by Brian Belmont, General Manager*

Jefferson County has issued the required permits for the Beach Club exterior drainage remediation project. Discussions are underway with the PLDD about a monetary contribution from the PLDD toward the cost of a French drain as part of the project.

The next business meeting of the LMC Board of Trustees was scheduled for November 15, and the meeting after that is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 20.

**Important Dates**

**LOA Meeting**

Monday, December 3, 9:00 a.m.

E-mail: PortLudlowLOA@yahoo.com

Sign up for the LOA Bulletin online at the above address

**LMC Special Voting Meeting**

Thursday, December 6, 1:00 p.m.

**LMC Board Meeting**

Thursday, December 20, 1:00 p.m.

Tel: 437-9201

E-mail: beachclub@olympus.net

Sign up for the Navigator online at the above address

Visit www.lmcbeachclub.com for more complete information

All LMC members are welcome.
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One of LMC’s biggest challenges has been to clearly communicate why it is so important financially to support LMC’s facilities for the long-term. The Finance Committee, in conjunction with the Board of Trustees and community members, has devoted long hours to minimize the financial burden to our members.

In spite of these challenges, the LMC Board of Trustees and other community volunteers have worked tirelessly to collect and disseminate accurate information throughout this long process.

The main focus of my article this month is to make the point that the Beach Club is much more than the North Bay fitness facility:

Did you know that in 2011 we had 42,578 Beach Club visitors? About two thirds of the visitors were there to use the swimming pools and exercise room. However, approximately 15,000 visits were for other reasons.

Are you in the Garden Club, the Artists’ League, CEA, the Knitting group, the Bluebills, the Wine Tasting Club, the Computer Club, Stamp Art or other community wide organizations that use the Beach Club for their meetings or functions?

Do you attend Port Ludlow Drainage District meetings? Do you serve on any of the condominium boards that meet at the Beach Club? Do you take classes at the Beach Club? Do you bring your grandchildren to enjoy the pools? Have you attended Dine and Discover, First Wednesday Lunch or a North Bay Lot Owners Association function? Have you attended one of our Homeowner Potluck dinners?

Did you know that many local realtors regard the LMC facilities and specifically the Beach Club as a “must see” when showing North Bay properties to prospective purchasers?

The Beach Club is so much more than the North Bay fitness facility; it is the center of our community! I sincerely hope that our LMC members agree with me and will support your LMC Board of Trustees dues and assessment recommendations when voting on December 6.

If you have questions or comments about this article or the work that is ongoing at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or beachclub@olympus.net.

Welcome New LMC Members

Jamieson Hodgson  Rainier Lane
Travis and Jasmine Cooper  Machias Loop
Jim and Kim McCaskey  Rainier Lane
Frank and Linda McCann  Admiralty Lane

Your Vote is Important on December 6

by Teddy Clark, LMC President

A community association is composed of diverse members with a variety of shared interests and hopefully similar dreams and goals for their community, the place they call home. Over 100 members shared ideas at the October 25 Community Meeting. At that meeting, a member asked for a straw vote on the proposed dues and the assessment under discussion. The majority of attendees raised their hands in favor. Now is the time to make the vote official.

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) will hold a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 6 at the Beach Club to vote on the proposal. The Elections Committee will mail information in advance to allow members time to clarify questions prior to voting. Members may vote either by proxy or in person at the meeting.

Members of the LMC will vote on two important ballot measures. Your LMC Board of Trustees is recommending approval of both ballot measures:

- A proposed amendment to change the LMC annual dues base to $550.00 per lot or condominium unit,
- A proposed vote for a $200.00 Special Assessment payable over a two year period, probably due mid-year.

In 1968 when the LMC was formed, little thought was given to future replacement of shared assets such as swimming pools, heat pumps, worn carpets and other items. Other than annual increases tied to the Consumer Price Index, association dues have not been raised since 1994. Fortunately, some thoughtful members did consider future needs and a Reserve Replacement Account was started in 1996. This account needs to be rebuilt so our association can move forward on a solid footing.

After encouragement from several members, the Board of Trustees sought legal counsel about the types of assessments as defined in our Governing Documents and other issues. The Board of Trustees is confident that it is on sound legal footing.

In 2009, a Long Range Planning Committee comprised of community members recommended several steps to the LMC Board of Trustees. A primary recommendation was evaluation of the structural status of the Beach Club. A professional study revealed the club is basically sound due to initial construction and member care and maintenance. After considerable study and analysis, the LMC Board of Trustees, with assistance from committees and LMC members with related professional backgrounds,
identified the Beach Club electrical and drainage as issues that must be addressed to ensure the long-term sustainability of the facility.

Other projects have been identified and will be addressed over the next five years. With passage of the two ballot measures, careful planning, and completion of several projects by in-house staff, the association will be able to step into the future on solid financial footing. Together we will have assured the long-term sustainability of our assets for our use and enjoyment, and secured our individual investments in our community.

If you have questions, please speak with a trustee, committee member or contact Brian Belmont at the Beach Club. It is very important that each member has all the necessary information and facts to make an informed vote. Working together, we can create a positive future for our community association. Catch the spirit!

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**North Bay Potlucks Update**

The Halloween party was a huge success with costumes, a trivia game, prizes and dancing. We will take a break in November. The Fourth Annual North Bay Holiday Luncheon will take place on **Friday, December 14**. (Have you made your reservations?)

We will resume our schedule of potlucks in 2013 with a Chili Cook Off on **January 19**. The Second Annual Talent Contest will take place on **February 16**. Can you sing, tell jokes, dance, perform a skit or juggle? Well, neither can we, but performing will be fun and prizes will be awarded. Any talent is welcome.

Contact Fran Bodman for information or to volunteer at 437-5110 or franbodman@cablespeed.com.

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**Holiday Luncheon at the Beach Club**

Please join us for the fourth annual North Bay catered Christmas Luncheon and Musical Program on **Friday, December 14** at 11:30 a.m. at the Beach Club.

The delicious luncheon is being catered by the Belmont Restaurant. The menu includes three appetizers, choice of Wild Salmon or Chicken Cordon Bleu, salad, vegetable, rice, and white chocolate raspberry cheesecake, all for $21 per person. BYOB if you wish; coffee and tea will be available.

Entertainment during appetizers will be cheerful holiday piano music by our accomplished pianist Kathie Sharp. David Weakley’s talented Port Ludlow Singers will perform, then conduct a sing-along!

A collection bowl will be placed at the entrance table for our local Food Bank should you care to donate to those less fortunate.

Please sign up early to reserve your seat. State your choice of Wild Salmon or Chicken Cordon Bleu at time of signup and payment at the Beach Club. Make checks payable to the Belmont Restaurant. Sign-ups will close at 5 p.m. **Wednesday, December 12**. Remind your friends to come enjoy this holiday celebration!
Bay Club/South Bay News

Submit articles to Judy Thomas, 437-7906, Bay Club Editor., by e-mail at judythomas2@yahoo.com
Janet Force, 437-0419, ludlow4c@gmail.com is the SBCA Editor.
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SBCA October and November Meeting News
by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

On Monday, October 22 at 9:30 a.m. the Board reconvened its October Meeting in Executive Session and, two hours later, returned to Open Session. Three motions were made, all unanimouslyapproved: To have the Finance Committee develop and bring to the Board a plan to bring the task of bookkeeping in-house; to assess existing management structures at the Club and develop necessary revisions to avoid persistent management problems that have occurred over the years; and to call another Executive Session on Monday, November 5 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Sue Oemichen called the November Board meeting to order Friday, November 2 at 9:30 a.m. Directors Kay Cathcart, John Walker, Chris Whitehurst and Ken Thomas were present; Tom Claudson and Richard Grieves were absent. Bay Club staff Mike Morgan and Linda Colasurdo, Recording Secretary Mea Graham and 27 members attended. A quorum was determined and agenda unanimously approved. Whitehurst voiced concern regarding inaccurate minutes; a letter she requested be attached to October’s minutes was not. Minutes were approved with a 3 to 1 vote, Whitehurst dissenting. Thomas gave a brief financial report (viewable online and at the Club). Cathcart noted the 2012 surplus would be used to fund the heat pump installation. A member noted those funds were earmarked for additional front desk staff; Morgan advised that required no surplus funds. A member questioned the feasibility of approving a project with such a long payback period. Oemichen advised the project would be re-addressed in December.

Long Range Planning (LRP): Sherry Robinson opened a discussion regarding the survey; she advised several negative comments be scrubbed prior to disseminating. The Board voted to email members the LRP Survey, including the number of commenters-per-question and all raw data with names, pronouns and titles stricken. A cover letter and SWOT (Strength, Weakness, Opportunity and Threat) form for member comment will be included. For those without email, a hard copy is at the front desk. It passed with Walker abstaining.

Operations: Morgan noted membership was unchanged; eight were in arrears two quarters or more. The pool is in compliance, the light-ring replaced and minor HVAC maintenance completed. To save money, staff shouldered cleaning responsibilities during Marie’s vacation. Members may help with holiday decorations on Wednesday, November 28, at 9:30 a.m.; cookies and pizza will be provided.

Other Highlights: A member questioned why inaccurate minutes were not amended or requests to have a statement attached not allowed. A discussion ensued; Oemichen will include this on December’s agenda. A member

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encouraged participation in Fire Commission meetings. The meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m. Oemichen reminded members that the Special Meeting on November 5 was for an executive session to discuss personnel.

On Monday, November 5, at 9:30 a.m. the Conference Room door was closed and the Special Meeting called to order; all Board Members, Morgan, Colasurdo and two members attended. The agenda was approved. A discussion regarding the heat pump culminated in Walker moving to approve the purchase of the heat pump as submitted by the committee; it passed with Oemichen and Whitehurst dissenting. A discussion commenced regarding the Club’s management structure. It was voted to have a Special Meeting Monday, January 7, at 9:30 a.m. Managers will provide job descriptions highlighting differences in responsibilities; the Board will provide a description of itself as well as input regarding other nearby associations. The Board moved to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m. and returned to Open Meeting at 11:50. No motions were made.

Planning the Future Together
by Kay Cathcart, SBCA Board Secretary

The Surveys that SBCA members and associate members returned to the Long Range Planning Committee (LRPC) were distributed in mid November by email in PDF format. If your inbox was empty, or you don’t have access to email, please stop by the Bay Club for a copy of the survey.

As with all communities, individuals have differing opinions. We all remember family gatherings where “Uncle Edgar” sat under a dark cloud and muttered continuously while “Aunt Edna” sat under a rainbow; her cheerful demeanor radiated warmth and acceptance. As you read the survey and its accompanying data, please remember that our members’ and associate members’ opinions should be respected.

The survey also included a worksheet that will be used to compile data; identify and separate trends and develop the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis. The LRPC invites SBCA members and associate members to participate in compiling information (data) from the survey into respective areas: activities, facilities, services, and amenities in order to identify trends.

There are several easily identifiable trends generated by the survey: some members and associate members would like more activities, others requested a larger exercise area with new equipment, and working members would like extended evening hours. All members and associate members are invited and encouraged to fill out the participation form that was included in the Survey results and actively participate in identifying trends and developing SBCA’s long range plan. Please return the form to the Bay Club by Saturday, December 15. Together, as a community, we can work together to keep Port Ludlow the vibrant, active community we selected to live in.

Free Spirits’ Festivities

Prepare yourself for “Holiday Delight!” On Saturday, December 8, Free Spirits will hold their annual holiday event at the Bay Club. Although you will see changes in our event this year, we are not deviating from tradition on our holiday menu. We will be serving our own savory prime rib with all of the trimmings.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an array of tantalizing appetizers and a variety of holiday beverages. The delicious Prime Rib dinner will include Holiday Salad, Roasted Red Potatoes and String Beans with Almond Streusel topping. The dessert is a very special treat accompanied by a delightful champagne (or coffee if you wish).

And best of all, we are delighted to announce that the Port Townsend High School “A Cappella A-Go-Go” choral group directed by Linda Dowdell will be entertaining us with wonderful seasonal music. The dress will be cocktail attire and the cost will be $25 for members and $32 for non-members. Sign-ups began on Thursday, November 8 for members and will open on Thursday, November 29 for non-members. The last day to sign up is Tuesday, December 4. Save the date. It will be special!

‘Tis the Season for Wreaths

This is just a reminder for Bay Club members that there is a wreath-making machine available for your use in making lovely seasonal wreaths. If you have had instructions in its use, please remember that it is there for you to use.

The procedure for using the equipment is first to reserve the Craft Room, then bring your wreath ring and the material you wish to use. Plan to work within the availability of the room. For questions, call Ann Radwick at 437-0318.
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Join your South Bay neighbors at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 14 for our members’ hosted holiday social. Our Club will be all dressed up, and the special hors d’oeuvres we all bring just might give us inspiration for our own parties.

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Great Employees!
by Diana Smeland, President, Port Ludlow Associates

I want to thank those of you who replied to my Voice articles. There were some very good suggestions which I have passed on to the managers.

**Employee Recognition Program:** Are you aware we are telling stories about our employees, and you can too? Every month we recognize two employees who are displaying the values of our company.

Customers, peers and managers can recognize any employee for their values--innovation, integrity, fun, stewardship and positive attitude.

When you visit our outlets, you can read the monthly stories, which are posted at each business on a plaque. If you have a story, please submit it to HR@portludlowassociates.com.

Here are two stories from 2012:

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**Greg Rae**

Greg Rae has many qualities that make him an important part of the OWSI and PLA team. As the operations supervisor for OWSI, he works closely with several business units. Greg is always consistent in his ability to analyze a situation and reach a workable solution. Greg is also trustworthy; he always follows through on his commitments. He is likeable, as he has a pleasant nature and a contagious sense of humor. Greg garners respect and cultivates positive relationships with employees, customers, vendors and regulatory agencies. His straightforward, non-defensive tone empowers and encourages employees in his charge to make the right decisions. The sum of these qualities is integrity, which leads to maintaining the value of the OWSI assets under his control and makes him a pleasure to work with.

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**Donetta Brown**

I would also like to recognize Donetta Brown for her innovation in creating tasty yet simple breakfast specials. Recently Donetta created a simple classic breakfast special (Biscuits and Country Gravy with Farm Fresh Eggs). One of our neighbors (who claims to be a biscuit and gravy connoisseur) said it was as good as he has ever had and maybe as good as his own! He and his wife have been in several times since then. Thank you to Donetta for continually working to keep things fresh and new.

Let me know your thoughts on Port Ludlow. My direct line is 360-437-8342, and my e-mail address is dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com.
Happenings at the Resort
by Jennifer Lampe, Marketing Manager, Port Ludlow Associates

Now that Thanksgiving has just wrapped up, the holiday season is officially upon us. I find that, especially right now, the chill of the winter air is a welcome delight with all the warmth of the season. With all that this time of year means to each of us, we would like to thank each and every one of you who joined us for Thanksgiving this past week. We are delighted to have welcomed you for such a special holiday and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

In fact, just around the corner on December 7 is our highly anticipated “Raid the Cellar” five-course pairing meal at the Fireside. This truly extraordinary event is your opportunity to experience the eccentric, rare, and highly coveted wines pulled from the depths of the Fireside’s award-winning cellars. Each glass will be expertly paired with one of Chef Dan’s remarkable dishes; while James, our Director of Food and Beverage, in preparation for his Level II Sommelier Certification, will be tested on his expertise. With only 24 opportunities to attend, be sure to purchase your tickets soon at www.brownPaperTickets.com/event/282212.

For the golfers in the community and those whose friends and family might appreciate the “gift of golf” this holiday season, be sure to stop by the Golf Club for specials on 2012 merchandise and rounds of golf. In addition, don’t forget to save the dates for the Port Ludlow Golf Club’s “Chili Open” on December 16, the “Arctic Open” on January 13 and the “Valentine Scramble” on February 10. Additional information is available on each event at the Golf Club. We hope you’ll stop by or call 360-437-0272 to register.

As each day passes, it seems another home lights up in celebration of the holidays, however there is nothing quite like seeing a whole marina full of vessels lit up for the festivities. Beginning December 21, Port Ludlow boat owners will once again light up the Marina each night through New Year’s. The best view of this beautiful sight is no doubt from The Firesides’ dining room in the evenings; so treat yourself to a winter evening out and enjoy this seasonal view while you dine. After dinner make the evening one to remember and ask for an espresso drink or cocoa to go. Then stroll along the waterfront to take in the sights and soak up all that is wonderful about this time of year.

Finally, if you still haven’t determined your plans for New Year’s, don’t miss our celebration here at The Resort. We will be ringing in 2013 with dinner, dancing and a champagne toast as the clock strikes twelve! The festivities will continue from there, and we hope you’ll join us for a night to remember on December 31. Tickets are now available at www.BrownPaperTickets.com/event/285467.

From all of us here At The Resort at Port Ludlow, we hope this holiday season is both merry and bright, and we look forward to many new memories with you in the New Year.

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Duplicate Bridge Winners for October
by Tom Stone, Scribe

October 1: Lucy Stone/Marilyn Elgin, first; Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, second; Ralph Story/Nancy McGillis, third

October 8: Ralph Phillips/Lois Ruggles, first; Darrell Fett/Norm Crump, second; Ralph Story/Nancy McGillis, third

October 15: Lucy Stone/Joy Herring, first; Ralph Phillips/Lois Ruggles tied with Barbara Sexauer/Marilyn Linrothe for second; Shirley Porter/Dorothy Winter, third.

October 22: Ted Wurtz/Eleanor Rodin, first; Shirley Porter/Dorothy Winter, second; Joy Herring/Marilyn Elgin, third.

October 29: Shirley Porter/Dorothy Winter, first; Joy Herring/Marilyn Elgin, second; Lynne Folsom/Shirley Bepler, third.

Duplicate Bridge is played at the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Bridge Deck on Mondays from noon to 5:00 p.m. For information call Doris or Ian Felton at 437-9196.

Overtricks Brings Chicago Style Bridge to the Bay Club

Every Friday, bridge players gather at the Bay Club at 1:00 p.m. for a pleasant afternoon of cards and camaraderie. At the present time, we have quite a fun group, but would like to add some new faces to the mix. This is a co-ed activity and you do not need to bring a partner. Come early to be assured a place at a table. Play begins at 1:00 p.m.

Where else could you while away about 3-1/2 hours by adding just one dollar to the kitty - and get this - if you play your cards right, you just might get your dollar back! Coffee and tea are always served and sometimes we get lucky and have treats too. Fall/Winter is upon us, so come make new friends and join us for a fun afternoon.

If you have questions, call Fran at 437-0883.

Vahcic Racks Up another Victory

Port Ludlow Golf Club’s Bonnie Vahcic was triumphant at the Huntsman World Senior Games this fall. She was low gross in her field and now qualifies for the National Senior Games, held in Cleveland, Ohio in July 2013. The Senior Games are held at different sites in the United States every odd year. This year they took place on two courses, Sunbrook and Coral Canyon, in Utah.

To participate in the Huntsman World Senior Games, players must be over 50 years old. The games are age-graded in five year increments. Golfers play two rounds on two different courses.

Vahcic has family in the Midwest and is planning to vie for the national title.

Lady Niners Soldier On

Two tee times will be set aside for Lady Niners casual play on Thursdays starting at 10 a.m. Golfers should meet down on Tide 1 at 9:50 a.m. to choose foursomes. If additional days of the week and times are needed, we will add them to the schedule.

Our first Lady Niners Board meeting of 2013 will be announced in March as well as the date of our April Lady Niners Welcome Back Luncheon. If you have any comments for Vito regarding the condition of the course, please email to Kathy Traci for presentation at the Greens Committee meetings.
Regional News

This Month on the Peninsula

Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair: December 8 and 9, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Chimacum High School, 732-4015.

Farmers’ Market: Corner of Lawrence and Tyler Streets in uptown Port Townsend, Saturdays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. through December.


Fort Flagler State Park: 10541 Flagler Road, Marrowstone Island, hiking trails and beaches, WWII defenses. Tours are $5 for adults; $2 for children. For information, email fofflagler@gmail.com.


Gateway Visitor Center: Route 19, open 1:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Featuring photographs of early immigrants, books, and travel information. For information or to volunteer, call 437-0120 or visit gatewayvcr@olympus.net.

JCHS Research Center: 13692 Airport Cutoff Road, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Admission - for adults, free for those under 12. Phone 379-6673.

Jefferson Museum of Art and History: 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. General admission - $4, free to Jefferson County residents on the first Saturday of the month. Porter Art Collection exhibit continues through 2012. Maritime heritage and other exhibits. History camps. Call 395-1003 for information.

Northwest Maritime Center: Wooden Boat Chandlery, 431 Water Street, Port Townsend. Tours available, 2 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday; other times by arrangement. Pets not allowed in the building. Free. Call 385-3628 for information.

Port Townsend Aero Museum: Jefferson County International Airport, 195 Airport Road, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Admission, $10 for adults, $9 for seniors, $6 for children 7-12, free for children less than 6. Exhibits feature vintage aircraft. Biplane rides by Goodwin Aviation Company, 531-1727.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC): 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend State Park. Natural history and marine exhibits. Admission – $5 for adults, $3 for youths 6-17, PTMSC members free. Call 385-5582, e-mail info@ptmsc.org or visit www.jchsmuseum.org for a schedule of events.

Puget Sound Coast Artillery Museum: Fort Worden State Park, 10:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission: $3 for adults, $1 for children, JCHS members free. Harbor defenses in Puget Sound and the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Call 385-0373 or visit jchsmuseum.org.

Quilcene Fish Hatchery: 281 Fish Hatchery Road, Quilcene, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Call 360-765-3334.


Port Hadlock Library

Renovation Commences

by Kate Nash, Contributing Writer

The Port Hadlock Library is beginning a much needed and anticipated renovation of its existing building and bookmobile barn this month. The Library will be closed from December 3 to December 15 and will reopen on December 17 at its temporary site. (Renovation is expected to be completed by June 1, 2013.) The temporary site is located off Rhody Drive at 51 Colwell Street on the grounds of the Tri Area Commercial Center. Parking is limited, with the greatest availability after 4 p.m. Bus routes, Tri Area Loop A and B, have stops at Nessie Corner Road, Highway 19 and Shold Business Park. The Port Ludlow Bookmobile will continue to be at the Port Ludlow Village Center on Wednesdays from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. and book drops can still be made at the Village Store.

Because of the limited space at the temporary site, not all books, CDs, DVDs and magazines will be available; holds can be placed on the Jefferson County Library website for pick up at the site or on the bookmobile. Another resource is the e-reader’s WA anytime library link which can be found on the website. There will be a limited number of computers for use and reservations are recommended. Wireless will not be accessible at the temporary site; however, a list of wireless hotspots that are open to the public will be made available.

There will be no interruption to the Reading Tutoring Program at Chimacum Creek, Primary School or the After School Program for the Middle/High School students. Early Learning programs will continue at the temporary site including Toddler Story Time on Mondays at 10:15, Baby Time on Tuesdays at 10:30, and Preschool Story time on Wednesdays at 10:30. Adult programming will be discontinued temporarily. Holiday closures will be December 24 and 25.

Professional movers will be used to transport materials to the temporary location so volunteers will not be needed; however, cash donations are still being accepted to support the remodeling of the library. For more information and updates, visit the Jefferson County Library website, www.jclibrary.info, or call 360-385-6544.
Port Gamble’s Country Christmas

Enjoy a weekend of holiday tradition in historic Port Gamble on **Saturday, December 8, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, December 9, 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.** Santa’s workshop will be filled with activities for families including photos with Santa and all kinds of craft opportunities for kids. There will be wagon rides, music, shopping and the tenth Annual Fruitcake Contest. Santa Claus will light the tree at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday followed by fireworks.

For adults, there will be a VIP Event in the Pavilion with a cash bar, hors d’oeuvres and a prime spot for viewing the fireworks.

For more information or to enter the fruitcake competition, go to [www.portgamble.com](http://www.portgamble.com) or call 360-297-8074.

Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park Needs Volunteers

by Rosemary Sykes, Admiralty Audubon Society Programs

Join us **Sunday, December 9** anytime between 9 a.m. and noon for work parties at Kah Tai Park. We will be focusing on pulling Scot’s Broom and picking up garbage. Park at the parking lot near the bathrooms and walk east toward the Benedict Street entrance southeast of the small pond. Look for a white Chevy pick-up with the bright green ‘volunteer’ sign.

Wear workclothes and bring work gloves. Bring pruners if you have them. Water, cookies, garbage bags and Scot’s Broom pullers will be provided. Hope to see you there. For additional information, contact rosemarysikes@olympus.net or call 385-0307.

OlyCAP Retired Senior Volunteers Host Dinner

Seniors have years of experience, knowledge and education that can be used in retirement. The RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) puts these useful skills to work by helping seniors find meaningful volunteer opportunities in a variety of rewarding programs in the Jefferson Community. Many seniors help Jefferson County nonprofits by being tutors, supporting the Food Bank, helping the Senior Nutrition Program, and offering assistance in the many other programs designed to serve the community.

RSVP’s annual Dinner and a Murder events are scheduled for **November 30 and December 1** to be held at the Oscar Erikson Building at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. This is RSVP’s premier event. Sponsors are needed to help raise much needed funds to continue supporting the missions of local nonprofit organizations.

Senior citizens can help nonprofits change lives. Nonprofits such as Blue Heron School use tutors and mentors to help students improve their grades and prepare for success in life. Seniors also share their knowledge and experience at many other nonprofits in Jefferson County. They help support the missions of the Food Banks, the Senior Nutrition Programs, Working Image, VetConnect, parks and much more.

Two ways to help are by sponsoring a table for $400 or providing a donation of $250, $100 or $50. In return you will receive recognition during the event by announcement, by program inserts and on easels placed around the room. A banner will display the logos and names of our larger sponsors.

To offer support the Retired Senior Volunteers and the organizations benefiting from them contact Program Manager Bob Logue at OlyCAP/RSVP at 803 W Park Avenue, Port Townsend, 360-385-2571.bcg111212

Scott Bosch Completes WSHA Term

Scott Bosch, President and CEO of Harrison Medical Center in Bremerton, was recognized for his leadership during the Washington State Hospital Association’s Annual Meeting last week. Bosch completed his term as chair of the association’s board of trustees.

“Scott led the association well during a time of rapid change in health care,” said WSHA president Scott Bond. “We are lucky to have a leader of such integrity and courage in Washington State. We look forward to continuing to work with Scott to tackle big issues that impact the health of our communities.

Prior to serving as the association’s chair, Bosch was an officer on the board for four years. He now moves to the position of immediate past president. He also served on the board of the Health Work Force Institute, a WSHA affiliate program.

The Washington State Hospital Association represents all of Washington’s 97 community hospitals. The association takes a major leadership role in issues that affect delivery, quality, accessibility, affordability, and continuity of health care. It works to serve its members, increase access to health care, and improve health care quality.
ECHHO Celebrates Anniversary

Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization (ECHHO) celebrated its fifteenth anniversary of service to East Jefferson County at an open house held at First Presbyterian Church in Port Townsend last month. About sixty people attended to honor the founders and current volunteers of ECHHO.

Tom Branigan, ECHHO’s Board Chairman offered a brief history of the organization and its services and offered praise for co-founders Bruce and Jeanette Travis and Shirley Champion. The Travises have continued to serve ECHHO in capacities from Director to Board member over the years. Branigan also announced that ECHHO has created the Bruce and Jeanette Travis Award to honor volunteers for their service and dedication. The first Bruce and Jeanette Travis award was presented to Linda Cooley for her dedication as a driver, office manager and trainer during years of volunteer service.

Ken Dane, ECHHO’s Executive Director, recognized the contributions of the ECHHO staff and volunteers. He noted that demand for help continues to increase and said ECHHO expects to set new records for service again this year.

ECHHO is a nonprofit organization, founded in 1997, which works with volunteers and community organizations to provide transportation, chores, social support and medical equipment services to Jefferson county residents in order to help them continue to live independently. In 2011 ECHHO served 898 area residents, providing more than 2000 services. For additional information, contact: Ken Dane at ECHHO, 360-379-3246.

December 17: Speaker Cammy Mills, Hood Canal Watershed Resources, presents a slideshow about local water quality, developed to be displayed in local businesses, libraries, agency offices, etc. We welcome your feedback.

December 24 and 31: no meetings.

Other Events

December 4: Coffee Talk, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. Casey Reeter will discuss the Young Professional Network Mentor Program.

December 11: After Hours Mixer, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., Studio 49/Silverwater Cafè, 237 Taylor St., Port Townsend

December 12: Executive Board meeting, 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. at VIC, 440 12th St., Port Townsend

December 19: Board of Directors meeting, 8:00 to 9:00 am at Jefferson County Library, 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock

December 20: Ambassador Meeting, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 555 Otto St., Port Townsend.

Put Car Maintenance on the Winter To-do List

by Dave Krafsky, Circle and Square Auto Care

The winter in the Northwest can be a challenge to predict. At Circle and Square we certainly don’t want your vehicle to get caught in the cold! There are a few areas that will qualify for “an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.”

First, make sure the vehicle’s vital fluids are not compromised by time or mileage. A general rule of thumb on most vehicles is to change the engine’s coolant every two years or 30,000 miles. The engine oil should be changed every six months or 5,000 miles.

As odd is it may sound check your air conditioner; it works in the winter as a dehumidifier in conjunction with the heating system. Let’s not forget our wiper blades. If the driver can’t see clearly, there is an increased risk of an accident.

Last but not least, make sure your tire tread is safe and tires are inflated properly. When in doubt, always check your vehicle owner’s guide for the specific requirements recommended by the manufacturer, or give Circle and Square or another reputable dealer a call. We are always eager to assist.

Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce

by Laura Brackenridge, Media and Events Coordinator

Monday Member Lunch Meetings: Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Elks Lodge, 555 Otto Street, Port Townsend. Lunch served by Jordini’s.


December 10: Speaker David Moseley, Assistant Secretary for the Washington State Department of Transportation, Ferries Division, will discuss the future of the ferry system as we head into the 2013 legislative session. Topics include the upcoming legislative session, proposed service reductions on some routes, new ferry construction, and liquefied natural gas as a potential fuel for ferries.
Funds Awarded to Key PT Projects

Development of Port Townsend infrastructure received a boost last month when the Jefferson Board of County Commissioners awarded Public Infrastructure Funds (PIF) to key projects in the City. John Austin, Port Ludlow, acclaimed the award, saying that it was good to see cooperation between the county and the city.

The award designates $75,000 toward completing the Fort Worden Building 202 which will become a learning hub and to repairs on the public swimming pool. The pool project will ensure that youth, seniors, and those with medical needs can continue to use the pool. The Board also approved $450,000 for the Esplanade project. That project will provide a series of improvements in the downtown commercial district. It will also free money to support maintenance of the Athletic field and the Port Townsend Recreational Center. The awards will be for 2014 and 2015.

PIF funds also went to support projects in Quilcene. Those included a septic system in the village core ($100,000) and a commercial fire flow system ($155,000). Both grants are active in 2012.
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