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ON THE FRONT COVER

River (the dog) watches over the growing gardens of Kodama Farm & Food Forest—a major beneficiary of the Jefferson Land Trust. *See story, page 18.*

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News & Community

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Editorial

by Mary Ronen, Editor

Can you believe it is June already? The days are getting longer, weather is getting warmer, and flowers are blooming. The other day I saw the tiniest baby fawn I have ever seen—which reminds me that the wildlife is out and about and are very apt to be jumping out in front of me as I drive.

We are seeing progress in the fight against Covid-19 as people are getting vaccinated. Did you get your shots yet? It seems that is one of the first topics of conversation when we run into friends. We compare notes about when we got our shot and what side effects we experienced. No one can foresee when, or if, things will return to normal; but it seems we are heading in the right direction. Stay safe, continue to wash your hands, and wear your mask at the grocery store and at other inside gatherings.

Our Spotlight this month is on Jefferson Land Trust. We have all heard of them; here you can learn what they do. They are, as stated in the article, dedicated to preserving farmland, forests, and wildlife habitat.

This issue has a number of articles that are food related. Carol's Edibles article has a yummy-sounding recipe for the old standard, grilled cheese sandwiches. Tim Rensema paints an interesting picture of food and shopping for food in early Port Ludlow. Do you ever think about growing your own cherries? But don't want to wait for a tree to grow? Read Eline's article about Bush Cherries. Then, to further add to the mix, there is a new book on healthy food choices by local author Walt Biondi.

What do you know about Juneteenth? Here we have an interesting article by Carol Riley that will fill you in.

We hope you enjoy this issue of the *Voice*, and we invite you to send us your story to be considered for publication.

Shoulder Surgeon Joins Jefferson Healthcare

Dr. Jeremy Idjadi is a new member of the Jefferson Healthcare orthopedics team. Treating patients with musculoskeletal issues including sports injuries, Idjadi specializes in arthroscopic surgery of the shoulder.

Pain in the shoulder can be significant and can affect activities of daily living. It can even cause instability when walking. According to Jefferson Healthcare, the shoulder is made up of several joints along with muscles and tendons, which provide a wide range of motion in the arm. Whether you are hiking, gardening, golfing, or just doing the dishes, the shoulder gets involved.

Idjadi's training and experience give him the ability to offer patients a range of surgical and non-surgical options. In addition to shoulder treatment, his expertise includes arthroscopic surgery of the elbow and knee, as well as general orthopedic fracture care.

He earned his medical degree from New York University School of Medicine and completed a residency at New York University for Joint Diseases as well as a fellowship in sports medicine at Kerlan-Jobe Orthopedic Institute in Los Angeles. Idjadi is board-certified and a member of both the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and the American Orthopaedic Society for Sports Medicine.

Back Yard Critters

Brian Jennings, the Photo Editor for the *Voice*, set up an outdoor game camera to see what kind of critters were visiting at night. It turns out there was a wide range of evening visitors showing up. Head to YouTube to see his results, youtu.be/fJEwVSTuxTQ

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics April 2021

Alarms

Fires	5
Rescue/Emergency Medical	64
Service Call/Good Intent	6
False Alarms	1
Dispatched and Canceled	10
Total Alarms	86

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	13
St. Michaels, Bremerton	15
Medevac	1
Total Transports	29

Aid

Aid Given	23
Aid Received	6

Create Fire-Safe Spaces Around Your Home

by *Keppie Keplinger, Public Information Officer, Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue*

With June here and warmer weather to come, it's time to protect the area around your home from the risk of fire. Your local fire department provides these guidelines:

- Move any combustible materials—including mulch, flammable plants, leaves, and firewood piles—away from the exterior walls of your house.
- Clear leaves and fir needles from roofs and gutters.
- Remove items stored underneath decks or porches.
- Remove vegetation under trees.
- Remove vegetation under large stationary propane tanks.
- Remove dead plant and tree material from your yard.
- Deter fire progress with fuel breaks such as drive-ways, walkways, paths, patios, and decks.
- Trim low-hanging foliage back to a safe distance from the outer reaches of your house.
- Plan for a mature tree canopy that will be no closer than ten feet from edge of the structure.

You can find more information about fire safety at *Firewise.org*. If you have questions about creating fire-safe spaces outside your home or have other questions for Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, please contact the fire station at 360-437-2236.

Meet Your Firefighters

by *Ron Dawson, Guest Writer*

Meet Tye Seeley, firefighter and EMT at Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue. Tye has been a firefighter for twenty-eight years. He was born and raised on Mats Mats Bay. His mother was a member and descendant of the Chimacum Tribe. He decided to become a firefighter when, as a teenager, his father thought Tye could benefit from more structure in his life. So, he became a teenage volunteer, working with other volunteers at the fire station, most of whom were between 40 and 60 years of age. For a period of time he was in the Coast Guard, involved in rescue work.



Tye Seeley.

Submitted photo

Tye has five children: three are adults, and two teenagers are still at home. He has a life partner, with whom he has been with for four years. She is a teacher who is originally from Wisconsin. They like to hike and participate in 5K and 10K runs. Because of Covid-19, the runs are done virtually, and they do the outings on local trails.

What Tye likes best about his job is getting to help the community, which he considers an honor. The hardest part is the personal stress that is created by seeing human suffering and terrible conditions he encounters. He has been very appreciative of the people who have told him that he has made a difference for them or their family.

When Tye retires he would like to be involved full time in youth outreach programs. He has a long history with our community and fire department.

Library Offers New Hours, New Programs

Jefferson County Library (JCL) has expanded its operating hours. In-library and curbside services are now offered Tuesday to Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the computer lab is open from noon to 4:45 p.m. for both drop-in visitors as well as those with reservations. Short-term laptop loans are available for use in the library parking lot.

Masks and social distancing are still required indoors, per CDC guidelines. The bookmobile continues to offer contactless-holds delivery and is open for browsing at regular stops Monday to Friday.

Need internet? First-come, first-served financial assistance is available, via the federal Emergency Broadband Benefit. EBB provides aid to low-income households for internet service and equipment. Qualifying households can receive \$50 a month off broadband fees and a one-time discount of \$100 off a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer. For application assistance call (360) 385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.

The EBB application period will end when funds are exhausted or six months after the Covid-19 health emergency has been declared officially over. No personal information will be shared with government agencies except those administering the EBB Program. No questions will be asked about immigration status. For more information on this benefit see getemergencybroadband.org.

June 19: Library closed. The library board of trustees approved the addition of June 19 to the list of library holidays, mirroring the decision of the state legislature to recognize Juneteenth as a state holiday. Juneteenth commemorates the 1865 arrival of federal troops in Galveston, Texas, to secure the freedom of those who had remained enslaved despite the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation two years earlier.

Interested in learning about technology? Join professional librarians for Tech Tuesday classes offered twice-monthly from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. The June 1 class topic will be Introduction to Zoom Online Meetings. You'll learn how to use Zoom with a smartphone,

tablet, or computer. The June 8 class will present home-networking basics. It will focus on components and troubleshooting, as well as sharing files, printers, and internet connections between devices.

Colorful reading. The library invites you to see with a different set of lenses on June 18, as it kicks off *Reading Colors Your World*, the summer reading program for both kids and adults. Readers will have a chance to win a t-shirt, \$50 gift certificate, and other prizes. Get details on the JCL website or in the library.

Colorful nature. What does a bee see when it looks for a sweet sip? Why are hummingbirds so attracted to red flowers? Staff from Heronswood Garden will present *Nature's Color Connections* on June 22, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. You'll explore the ways plants, animals, and people interact with the colors in our world. Join online at jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/natures-color-connections.

Where the wild things are. Learn about amazing mammals that make their homes in the Pacific Northwest. Staff from Northwest Trek will host a presentation and Q&A session June 29, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Join online at jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/amazing-mammals-northwest-trek.

Storytime for tots. Preschoolers and toddlers can enjoy age-appropriate stories, songs, and movement activities on Mondays and Wednesdays. The 30-minute sessions foster a love of books and reading, with the whole family in mind. Join online at jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/family-storytime.

Coding for tweens and young teens. Kids from 9 to 14 can join a library program called *Learn to Code Using Scratch*, June 30, 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. Scratch is a visual programming language and online community where youths learn how to write computer code and share their work. This session will explore coding concepts such as variables and loops. Join online at jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/coding-scratch-2.

The Jefferson County Library is located at 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock. Wi-Fi is available in the parking lot 24/7. Contact library staff at 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.

New Book Promotes Healthy Food Choices



Walter Biondi.

Submitted photo

Port Ludlow resident Walter B. Biondi has published a book titled *The Plant Food Diet Miracle*, which emphasizes the health benefits of plant and whole food diets.

The book investigates the prevalence of many modern medical disorders and draws a link between

disease and diet. Moreover, the book claims our longevity can be significantly improved by our dietary choices. It explores how whole foods, plant foods, and a healthy lifestyle are a significant part of that equation.

“I am not a vegetarian and am beyond being vegan,” said Biondi. “But on a whole food plant-based diet, I feel younger and stronger. It is my fountain of youth.”

The book also contains recipes celebrating menus that are based on plants. *The Plant Food Diet Miracle*, Biondi’s third book, was released by Archway Publishing (partner of Simon & Schuster). It’s available at Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other book stores.

Free Forum on Legal Guardianships

On **Thursday, June 17**, at 11:30 a.m., Compass & Clock will sponsor a virtual discussion on guardianships. Fiduciaries Elaine Morgan and Kathy Traci of Caring Choices for Seniors will address questions such as these:

- What is a court-appointed guardianship?
- Why would someone need a legal guardian?
- How does the program work?
- What are the upcoming changes to the program?

They will also talk about the alternatives to guardianships.

The monthly “Compass Points” seminars are held live online so you can interact directly with the experts in their field. For more information and registration visit compassandclock.com/compasspoints

Free Legal and Estate Planning Seminars

On **Tuesdays, June 1, 15, and 29**, at 11:30 a.m., Tony Hinson will host an online estate planning session with a focus on retirement-account inheritance planning in a changing landscape. He will discuss Washington and federal estate-tax rules, as well as some major changes likely for both in 2021 or 2022. You’ll learn why estate plans are more than just a will or trust; why powers of attorney and medical directives are critical; and why proper planning for retirement accounts is now more important than ever with the ‘stretch IRA’ largely being gone. Anyone wanting a comprehensive estate plan that incorporates tax planning and retirement accounts should attend.

On **Tuesdays, June 8 and 22**, at 11:30 a.m., Hinson and Richard Tizzano will explore estate and life-care planning solutions that can prepare you to protect your assets and remain independent. Topics will include health care, Medicare & Medicaid, long-term care insurance, maintaining quality of life, aging in place, preserving wealth, estate plans, and supplemental-needs trusts.

These virtual seminars will be held live, providing an opportunity to ask the experts. To register, visit sherrardlaw.com/seminars, or call 360-779-5551.

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Traveling with Matilda - Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer



Contemplating a dip in 103 degree hot springs
Photo by Carol Riley

Sol Duc Hot Springs Resort, located in the northwest region of Olympic National Park, is less than a two-hour drive from Port Ludlow. The resort opened its 2021 season on April 16 and will remain open until late October.

For those of us who are fully vaccinated and feeling more comfortable about travel, Sol Duc is a great getaway. My husband and I and our charming (silent) companion, the winsome French hen Matilda decided that a two-night stay in a charming, rustic cabin along the Sol Duc River was just what the doctor ordered.

You can certainly go to Sol Duc as a day visitor. The three hot springs pools and swimming pool are open daily at 8:00 a.m. The schedule is posted on the website olympicnationalparks.com. The three hot springs pools, each with a different temperature, are well maintained. The staff checks the temperature of the water frequently, and there is a 30-minute rest period between open sessions. Each evening the hot springs pools are emptied, cleaned, and allowed to refill naturally. The swimming pool at a chilly 72 degrees is quite bracing after soaking at 106 degrees. Rates are reasonable with varying charges for adults, seniors, and children. Parking is free and visitors can access the Springs Restaurant, hiking trails, and more. There are campsites available should you choose to tent or drive your RV.

We opted for the Bed and Breakfast package—a clean, comfortable cabin and breakfast for two at the Springs Restaurant (Matilda was OK with sharing our breakfast—no eggs, please). The restaurant service is takeout only with limited inside seating and plenty of outside seating. We were blessed with good weather, so sitting outside was an easy choice for us. The menu has plenty of breakfast, lunch and dinner options, the portions are generous, and the food was very good.

Matilda was quite at home at the pools, and although she was wearing her wrist band sportily on her wing, I never actually saw her soaking.

If you would like to see more pictures of Matilda enjoying the Sol Duc experience, please visit our website plvoice.org/sections/featuresandstories.

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The Summer of the Leucistic Hummer

By Milton Lum, Contributing Writer



Hummingbird.

Photo by Milton Lum

The strangely colored hummingbird appeared like an apparition below our kitchen window in August of 2020. It was not a typical Anna's with the fluorescent

green shimmering off its back, but white unlike any we have seen in Port Ludlow. Soon the neighborhood social media was abuzz with sightings of the white hummingbird. Initial speculation was that it was an albino, but further observations determined that it lacked the key features of albinism.

Albino hummingbirds, according to Hummingbird Central, have pink eyes, bill, and feet and are pure white. The other white hummingbird is called leucistic, showing variations of whiteness or whiteness mixed with grey with black eyes, bill and feet. Albinos are the result of a rare genetic mutation and have a total absence of color. Leucistic hummingbirds have a non-genetic defect in their pigment cells during development which results in the reduction of color. Both types are rare, albinos being the rarest. In a year of surprises, this sighting was a pleasant change.

Leucistic hummingbird sightings were noted throughout Washington from June through August of 2020 in Seattle, Vancouver, Silverdale, Bellingham, and Port Ludlow.

Absent any coloring, it was difficult to provide a gender to our visitor so rather than continue calling the bird 'it', an ignominious pronoun for such a special visitor, I christened our visitor LH (leucistic hummer).

LH returned on several occasions to the fuchsias and to the statuesque gladiolas in our front yard. LH flitted among the tall stalks, head and bill disappearing into the large blossoms seeking the succulent nectar. LH visited other flowers down the street and in different neighborhoods, thrilling everyone who saw it. I realized the need to document LH's visit for posterity and

the unbeliever. A visit to the website Hummingbird Central showed photographers who managed to capture the essence of these tiny hyperactive creatures. My mission was to attempt to do the same for LH.

LH appeared twice a day, once in the morning and once in the afternoon for several weeks. I parked myself on a small camp stool in the shadow of the garage near the gladiola bed waiting for LH to appear. Even with watchful waiting and camera primed, LH would be there and gone before I could react. Gloomy, cloudy days with poor lighting added to my woes and thwarted my efforts at getting a good photo.

However, just waiting for LH provided some unintended rewards. Sitting and watching heightened my senses to the tempo of the neighborhood. Bird songs, squirrel activity, neighbors' walking routines, osprey soaring, warmth of the afternoon sun, and the subtle color shades on the gladiola petals were absorbed and appreciated to a greater degree. Hours passed each day with sightings and blurred photos or frames with LH partially in. Rather than being disheartened by my lack of success I felt refreshed. Observing that fleeting "blithe spirit" I experienced the emotions described by Shelley in his poem 'To a Skylark':

Hail to thee, blithe Spirit! / Bird thou never wert, / That from Heaven, or near it /

Pourest thy full heart / In profuse strains of unpremeditated art.

LH's probing, dashing, and flitting were indeed profuse, unpremeditated art.

I did finally succeed in capturing the essence of LH. Whenever I view the photos, I marvel that LH stopped long enough at a single flower bathed in the bright sun. Fortune smiled and I fired off several bursts resulting in a few memorable photos. Viewing them now, I realize what LH meant to me and our little neighborhood that August in the year of Covid-19. A strange little white bird, unencumbered by the perils of the virus, arrived in our neighborhood to sample the nectar and give us a rare sighting and a welcome diversion.



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Edibles

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

We are taking a break from restaurant reviews this month to focus on some fun food facts and celebrations that occur during the month of June. There are actually too many food holidays in June to write about in one column! There are, however, some days that can't be overlooked—starting with National Cheese Day celebrated on June 4. Did you know that there are over 800 varieties of cheese? Some sources say there are as many as 1,400, but many of those cheeses come from remote areas in miniscule quantities and most of us will never find or taste them. Somehow, even taking that into account, each American manages to consume about 31 pounds of cheese a year. Cheese is produced from the pressed curds of milk—milk from cows, goats, sheep, and even buffalo. You can eat cheese from morning to night in recipes ranging from quiche to cheesecake. That ultimate comfort food, the grilled cheese sandwich, gets an update from Ina Garten in this “cheddar & chutney” grilled cheese recipe.

Makes 6 sandwiches:

- 12 slices of good bakery white bread
- 1 stick of unsalted butter, melted
- 1 jar (8.5 oz) mango chutney
- 3 cups of grated extra-sharp cheddar cheese

Lay 6 slices bread on cutting board, brush with butter. Turn slices over and spread each one with 1 ½ tablespoons of the chutney. Place ½ cup of the cheddar on each slice and top with the second slice of bread. Brush tops with butter. Heat a panini press (or use a skillet with a weight on top of the sandwiches) and grill the sandwiches until golden brown. Remove, cut, and serve.

Another food day we cannot ignore is National Doughnut Day, celebrated on the first Friday of June. National Doughnut Day honors the Salvation Army “Lassies” of WWI who first served a Salvation Army doughnut in 1917. These brave Lassies served on the front lines making home-cooked foods and providing a morale boost to troops. Often the doughnuts were cooked in oil inside the metal helmets of American soldiers. Lt. Colonel Helen Purviance is considered to

be the Salvation Army's “first doughnut girl.” If you find yourself near a Krispy Kreme or a Dunkin' Donuts on **Friday, June 4**, you might check to see if they are giving free doughnuts as many of them do.

Next stop on the food tour is a celebration of the lowly prune on June 15 for National Prune Day. Did you just shudder—shame on you! This wrinkly dried plum is a treasure trove of goodness. Did you know that the prune has more antioxidants than the blueberry? The fruit and the juice are probably best known as digestive aids but they fight cancer, are rich in potassium and vitamins, promote eye health and more. It might be time for an attitude adjustment.

Moving on, literally, to Food Truck Day which is celebrated on the fourth Friday of June. With over 18,000 food trucks in the U.S., these traveling restaurants offer a wide array of diverse foods ranging from the humble hot dog to gourmet ethnic food. Food truck owners are hard-working small business owners who provide us with unique opportunities to sample amazing fare. Food truck rodeos are often featured at special events. It is a win/win as the food truck owners get to widen their customer base and the presence of the food trucks attract more attendees to the special events.

Finally, the celebration of Ice Cream Soda Day on June 20. There are several ice cream related holidays in June, not surprisingly, as the weather warms up and our thoughts turn to ice cream. But Ice Cream Soda Day is a special favorite of mine for other reasons as well. I am a Connecticut native who has lived for the past 27 years in California and Washington. Before my mom passed away in 2005 at the age of 96, I made frequent trips to visit with her. As she got older, her idea of a good breakfast was strong coffee and a plate of Pepperidge Farm cookies. And her favorite lunch? You guessed it—an ice cream soda created by yours truly. June 20 may be THE day, but we celebrated anytime and all the time. Refreshing, delicious, nutritious coffee ice cream sodas—her favorite. I still love them, too, but I confess I get a little teary-eyed thinking of all the ones we consumed together and the great visits we had over the years.

A Woodworker Needs to Eat— Where did the food come from?

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer



Picture taken by Terra Cohan of a Port Ludlow Food Ration Book.
Submitted photo

In my younger days, I worked seasonally for Great Northern Nekoosa Paper Company in Millinocket, Maine. We worked in the woods and stayed at logging camps in the middle of nowhere. Loggers would come down from Quebec and work ten-hour days, going home on Friday. We crossed paths when we ate in the dining hall and slept in the bunk area. These guys could snore with the best of them (though not in French!). They liked a pie called “sugar pie,” which for the most part was just that! Given the work load they did during the day, I guess they needed all the calories they could get. Well, how does this apply to here?

The loggers of Pope and Talbot also needed woods camps. Many stayed at Camp Walker in the 1930s but early on there were camps throughout eastern Jefferson County. These were also times in Port Ludlow where the population was well over 300 who needed food. Given the challenges in transportation (there were few roads available), much had to come by way of Puget Sound on ships. The Port Ludlow Store (located in the mill office, across from the Admiralty Inn) sold hardware and food (but NO alcohol) to the surrounding community. Arnold Swanson was the storekeeper when the store closed in the 1950s. This was a general store that had a butcher shop, groceries, hardware, dry goods, and gasoline. Signe Swanson remembered in her oral history, that the store had sold lutefisk and pickled herring (in brine). If you have ever eaten at the Sons of Norway,

then you probably know what lutefisk is. They used dried cod and soaked it in lye.

Much of the produce for the store came from Swansonville, just up the hill. The Klocker farm sold eggs, and the Swanson farm provided milk and produce. Fish, of course was provided by the large fishing fleet. However, a town of over 300 people (as well as the communities of Beaver Valley, Mats Mats, and Shine) needed meat other than fish. In “Cougar” (Bob) Garten’s book, *“Shine – Family memories and history of the community where I grew up,”* he discusses the Puget Mill Company Ranch. This ranch operated between 1900 and 1930. Mr. Garten remembers visiting the site when the buildings were still there. The house though had been acquired by the Churchill family and it was moved into Shine. The ranch had a milking parlor, barn, house, garage, and woodshed. Dances used to be conducted in the barn. It was managed by Harry Shattuck and his wife Alma. Prisoner workers were brought in by Harry’s brother (he was in the corrections system) and they evidently were housed in the top floor of the house which was open like a dormitory. The Company Ranch provided eggs, produce, meat, and milk to the numerous Puget Mill logging camps throughout the area. Once the Shine to Ludlow road was completed in 1915, the ranch may have provided meat and other supplies to the Port Ludlow store.

Today, we don’t think twice about the food we purchase at Costco, Safeway, or QFC. Chimacum Corner Farmstand provides locally grown meat and produce which is probably as close as you could get to what was available in the Puget Mill store. To purchase food in the store, you purchased booklets that had coupons inside that permitted the exchange of the coupons for purchases. You could get booklets in \$1.00 and \$2.00 denominations. I would assume that workers in the mill may have been paid in coupons to purchase food (and other supplies) in the store. These transactions resembled the company towns of West Virginia and English coal towns where what you made in the mine was quickly expended paying the rent on your lodgings and food. Nothing remains of the farm today, except the memories of the dances and the stories told by loggers and farm workers of the early Pope and Talbot lumber days. I wonder if they had “sugar pies” in their cook houses or some other high calorie dessert to prepare them for the next day of logging in the woods?

Bush Cherries

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer



Bush Cherry.

Provided photo

Tree-ripened fruit is a delicious treat, but even dwarf trees can grow to over twelve feet, requiring a ladder to pick the fruit or prune the tree. Espalier is an option, but it requires new skills and constant pruning. Bush Cherries are a great alternative—easy to grow shrubs, reaching only about four feet high and wide, that will produce fruit by the third year. They prefer moist, well-drained soil so mulch is recommended. Full sun will produce the most fruit and many cultivars do not need a pollinator; these can be planted alone. They are native to the coldest parts of Asia, which makes them tough enough for rooftop planters or a wind break. Although they are hardy, if you put one in a container, insulate it during the winter as the roots are not as protected as they would be in the ground. Fortunately, few pests or diseases bother them. If it is an extremely wet spring, a fungal disease, Cherry Leaf Spot, may occur, affecting both leaves and fruit. This can be controlled by removing all leaves that drop, or if the disease persists, use a fungicide labeled for fruit beginning at budbreak in the spring through midsummer. One pest you will need to control are birds; put bird netting on your bushes after blooming.

Being a bush, they tend to sucker outward, so to keep them as a small tree you will need to prune. It is best

to prune immediately after flowering. Yes, you will sacrifice some fruit, but pruning when dormant can be worse, as fruit develops on second year and older branches. However, if you are using the plant as a privacy hedge, you may want to let it continue to sucker and spread.

Here are some cultivars for consideration. ‘Nanking Cherry’ (*Prunus tomentosa*) is tough, drought tolerant, fast-growing with high yields, but it is not self-fertile so you will need to plant two in full sun. The blossoms are red, pink, or white and the fruit is formed on the branches instead of at the end of stems. It can reach twelve feet in height if left unpruned. ‘Carmine Jewel’ (*Prunus cerasus x Prunus fruticosa*) grows to only six feet; the early spring flowers have a sweet fragrance and are self-pollinating. The fruit is tart and nearly black. In the fall the leaves turn a bright yellow. ‘Jan’ and ‘Joel’ (*Prunus japonica x Prunus jacquemontii*) each grow to four feet by four feet and require a pollinator. ‘Jan’ needs ‘Joel’ or ‘Joy’; ‘Joel’ needs ‘Jan’ or ‘Joy.’ Both varieties tolerate some shade but will fruit better in full sun. ‘Joy’ (*Prunus japonica x Prunus jacquemontii*) grows four feet wide and four feet tall. It is self-pollinating but produces a larger harvest when planted with ‘Jan’ or ‘Joel.’ The fruit does not ripen until September, so an early frost could cause loss of the harvest. ‘Juliet’ (*Prunus cerasus x Prunus fruticosa*) is slightly larger at eight feet tall and wide. It begins with large white blossoms that are self-fertilizing, followed by the largest, sweetest, dark cherries.

These varieties all make wonderful pies and jams, can be frozen or canned, and ‘Juliet’ can be nibbled straight from the tree. For the tarter varieties, try soaking them in a simple syrup to use as an attractive, tasty garnish in iced tea, or even a Manhattan.

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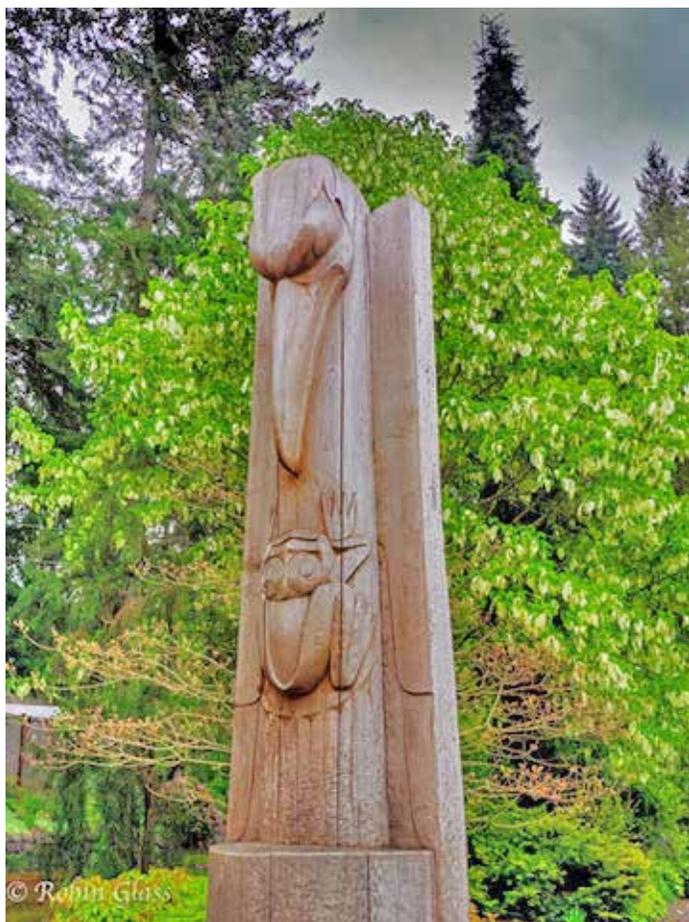
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PLDL Looks to Post-Pandemic Growth and Activities



Heronswood Totem

Do you want to improve your photography skills? Learn more about using your cell phone camera? Update your knowledge of your computer? Port Ludlow DigitalLife Club (PLDL) can help.

The club's focus is threefold: photography, photo editing, and all things digital. Each of the three disciplines is represented by its own section of the organization. Members of all skill levels are welcome to attend meetings, share knowledge, and learn from one another.

Meetings are typically held at the Bay Club, once a month for each of the three sections, with occasional field trips planned by members. When the Bay Club can again host gatherings, PLDL will post meeting times and dates on their website.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, PLDL members have stayed in touch via a monthly newsletter and online meetings. One Zoom meeting was a workshop on negative-space photography led by Jane Herzog. Another featured the work of Andy Sambuceto, who shared his tips for landscape photography. The digital section of the club reported that new member John Nuerenberg presented a session on the topic of Facebook security.



Heronswood Garden Trillium.

With the easing of state Covid-19 restrictions on group size, PLDL recently held its first outing of the year, when members met for a photo shoot at Heronswood Gardens in Kingston. For more information about the club and its upcoming plans, see the new PLDL website at pldigitallife.org.



Heronswood Garden Piano.

Photos by Robin Glass

It's Bigger Than Rhode Island

by Jim Gormly, Contributing Writer

We use imperial standard units of measurement daily, such as the teaspoon, gallon, foot, mile, and pound, as well as some of those confounding *Système International* units; think engine size, wine bottles, vaccination syringes, prescription dosage, or a 10K run. Having a scientific background, plus having worked in Europe for eight years, I used the metric system regularly, appreciating its logic and simplicity, but I admit that it was easy to slip back to imperial system unit references once I retired. By contrast, journalists have a propensity to use a non-standard, object-unit system in which they compare the property of one object with that of another, under the often-harebrained notion that we'll understand the comparison.

To illustrate, the 59-year-old Seattle Space Needle (SSN), has been used as a height unit (605 feet). According to King 5 News, the CN Tower in Toronto is three SSNs tall, while the Empire State Building, celebrating 90 years this month, is nearly two-and-a-half SSNs. At 305 feet, the Statue of Liberty is another favorite of journalists, requiring two stacked Statues to measure up to the Needle. I admit there is some value to these comparisons, as many of us have visited several of these structures, but not all objects are as familiar.

For example, CNN reported on the 2016 Fort McMurray wildfire in Alberta as burning an area twice the size of Rhode Island (RI). If you're a New Englander, maybe you understand that, but never having been there, I had no size reference. Thanks to Wikipedia I learned that RI is slightly smaller than the Olympic National Park (and a lot flatter). I can relate to that, and it confirms that RI is embarrassingly tiny for a state, but that the fire was huge.

Taking distance measurement to its third dimension, the favorite volume unit, without question, is the Olympic swimming pool. If you're not a serious swimmer or a Summer Olympics aficionado, you probably don't know that an official pool holds 660,000 gallons, which is a lot of milk cartons. Nonetheless, the Victoria Sun reported that the city shamelessly dumped 52 Olympic pools' worth of raw

sewage daily, for years, into the Strait. The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation reported in 2016 that the amount of untreated wastewater, which includes raw sewage as well as rain and snow runoff, that flowed into all Canadian rivers and oceans would fill 82,255 Olympic-size swimming pools. Huh? I can't picture 82,000 examples of anything, and why include the rain and snow—aren't they harmless? Reporting on a different, though perhaps no less toxic discharge, CNBC declared that the 2010 BP Deepwater Horizon oil spill of 170 million gallons would fill nearly 300 pools. Why not use a unit that makes sense? At nearly 500-million-gallons capacity (pre-implosion, of course), the Kingdome could have handled the BP oil spill three times over. That's visualizable and would have been a good use for the jilted structure.

Weight is another property often described with nonsensical units. In the story about the CN Tower, King 5 reported that the observation deck's glass floor is strong enough to hold three and a half orcas. Do you know how much an orca weighs, much less three and a half of them? Are they big males, smaller females? Did they just eat a school of Chinook? If King 5 had said the deck can hold 175 Seahawk fans celebrating a Wilson-to-Baldwin touchdown with fifteen seconds left to win the Super Bowl, I could understand that reference, and be suitably impressed with the strength of the glass floor. Go, Seahawks!

While standard units are necessary for commerce, safety, and recipes, some of the journalists' object units are effective if you're familiar with them and the numbers don't get too high. I can picture the Space Needle and perhaps one Olympic swimming pool, but not 200 of them. I doubt many Americans know what the area of Rhode Island is, but describing the burned area in Canada as if it were a square, forty-eight miles on a side, would be close to accurate, more understandable and, frankly, make a bigger impression. And I dare most people to guess the weight of an orca. Why not just say that the glass floor is extraordinarily strong, without invoking a silly image of an orca pod sightseeing at 1,200 feet above sea-level in Toronto? Leave the whales where they belong in the Salish Sea, which, by the way, has an area equal to that of Fiji.

Juneteenth

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

Juneteenth (a combination of June and nineteen) commemorates June 19, 1865, when Major General Gordon Granger rode into Galveston, TX, along with 2,000 Union soldiers and announced the end of the Civil War and of slavery in the United States.

His announcement, General Order Number 3 reads:

“The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property, between former masters and slaves and the connection heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor. The Freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts; and they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.”

This announcement came two and half years after The Emancipation Proclamation issued by President Abraham Lincoln took effect on January 1, 1863, freeing enslaved people in Confederate states. Texas, being the westernmost of the confederate states, was seeing a huge influx of slave owners and slaves in front of the Union army. They paid little attention to the Emancipation Proclamation, and there was little Union presence to enforce it. Even after General Granger’s arrival, many slave owners paid little heed as they hoped to get in another harvest before losing their slave labor. Depending on the conditions at the plantations, some freed slaves decided to remain and test out the “employer/employee” relationship with their former owners, but many left before the reading of Order Number 3 was finished hoping to join family members in the North.

The first official Juneteenth celebrations took place in Texas in 1866 on the first anniversary of the emancipation day. The original observances included prayer meetings, the singing of spirituals, community sharing of foods and speeches with an emphasis on education and self-improvement. Within a few years, African Americans in other states were celebrating the day as well, making it an annual tradition. Texas declared Juneteenth an official state holiday in 1980,

the State of Washington in 2007, and now 47 states and Washington D.C. have declared June 19 a state holiday. On May 13, 2021, Governor Jay Inslee signed HB1016 making June 19 a paid day off for state workers. “The holiday is a celebration of the resiliency and spirit of Black Americans, reminding us of our country’s past moral failures, alongside a persistent hope for a more equitable future,” he said.

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Arts & Entertainment

This section features Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events, as well as events in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit items to editor@plvoice.org by the 8th of the preceding month.

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Alan Ahtow



Pearl in the Shell, by Alan Ahtow.

Photographer Alan Ahtow has a flare for images that tell a story and strike a chord with the observer. For example, Alan's photo of a homeless man wrapped in the American flag in the doorway of a San Francisco retailer won a prestigious Photo Journalist award and Best in Class ribbon.

"One of the exercises I perform when exploring a possible subject for a photograph is to examine it through the lens from various angles, positions, and heights. I often take multiple shots to approach the subject from different perspectives and hope to find the photo that I like the best."

In June, Alan's photographs will be on display at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase Alan's artwork, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment. The Sound Community Bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Jeweler of the Month – Georganne Muse

After collecting semi-precious stones for many years, Georganne began creating artisan wire jewelry. She

enjoyed the activity of turning whatever colorful stones happened to strike her fancy into stunning jewelry designs.

In addition to exploring the relationships between the stones and understanding which stones "play well with each other," Georganne finds the repetitive movements of wire-wrapping puts her into a pleasing Zen-like state. Her pleasure in combining the stones and the assembly process is clearly reflected in her jewelry.

Georganne's jewelry will be online at portludlowart.org and on display at the Sound Community Bank and at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The Sound Community Bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The Gallery is located next to the bank and open every Thursday and Friday from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.



Necklaces by Georganne Muse.

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Room With a View, by Diane Walker.

Submitted photo

This month, members of the Port Ludlow Art League feature artwork inspired by the notion of a room with a view whether that be inside looking out, outside looking in, or just looking. Each participating artist will lend their own interpretation of the view they see or invent.

To view the online art show, please visit portludlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase any of the artwork, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment with the artist. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.



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Spotlight

Jefferson Land Trust: Farms, Fish, and Forests Forever

by Rachel S. Imper, Guest Writer



Newcomers to Port Ludlow are often greeted with the phrase, “Welcome to paradise.” Although that greeting may be slightly overstated, most of us appreciate living here. Along with our friendly neighbors and rich history, the sparkling waters, forested mountains, farm-fresh produce, and abundant wildlife make us the envy of friends in traffic-choked urban areas. One organization that’s working hard to maintain our way of life here is Jefferson Land Trust.

A nonprofit organization, Jefferson Land Trust is dedicated to preserving farmland, forests, and wildlife habitat. If you’ve walked the shores of Chimacum Creek, bought fresh produce from a Land Trust-protected farm—at a farmers market or a farm stand with an honesty box—sipped cider in Chimacum, or hiked in area preserves, you’ve experienced some of what the Land Trust has made possible. But there is much more to the story.

Since it was founded in 1989, the Land Trust has preserved more than 17,250 acres of farmland, fish and wildlife habitat, working forests, and open space in Jefferson County. This work is done with multiple partners, aligning with its 100 Year Conservation Plan. Richard Tucker, Executive Director of Jefferson Land Trust, explained: “Everything we do, we do together with our partners. We could not do it alone, and we could not do it without the support of the community.”

Land Trust partners are a strikingly diverse group, ranging from local, state, and tribal governments to federal agencies—including the U.S. Navy—along with other nonprofit organizations, landowners, foundations, private donors, and volunteers. The goal? Simply put, it’s “farms, fish, and forests forever.”

Saving the family farm



Midori Farm Quilcene: 16 acres of farmland protected by a Land Trust easement.

Photo by John Gussman

To save family farms and support local food security, the Land Trust uses a powerful tool: conservation easements, which remove future development rights from land. These easements are purchased from or donated by the landowner, who still retains ownership of the land, and the easements keep the land intact and open for agricultural use forever.

The Land Trust works only with willing landowners, who may receive a tax deduction in addition to saving precious farmland. Proceeds from the sale of an easement are often used to purchase equipment or to make other investments in the farm. “It’s pretty amazing, but we’ve protected over 1,000 acres of farmland in the Chimacum Valley alone,” said Tucker. “There are so

many people here who care deeply about family farms.”

That concern was evident when Covid-19 hit, and local farmers were in a bind. Just when they needed to buy seeds and supplies, farmers markets and farm-to-table restaurants were shutting down. The Land Trust acted quickly, partnering with other organizations on the peninsula including Clallam and Jefferson counties,

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and launching the *Strong Farms, Strong Futures* appeal to help. It struck a chord: the fundraising goal was exceeded in two weeks. As one contributor said, “I really want the small farms to survive this time, so they can flourish again.”



Quimper Wildlife Corridor: Home to hundreds of species of plants, trees, animals and birds.

Photo by John Gussman

Through a program administered by the North Olympic Development Council, advance-payment contracts were set up with local farmers, so they had funds at a critical time. Then, when the produce was ripe, it was delivered to local food banks—a win for all.

Securing habitat for animals, fish, and birds

Fish and wildlife habitat are also an essential concern. In a little over three decades, the Land Trust has conserved more than 10,690 acres of habitat. One successful, and ongoing, project is the restoration of the Chimacum Creek watershed. In the late 1980s, a culvert under Irondale Road washed out and filled lower Chimacum

Creek with so much sediment that the summer chum salmon (an essential food for our resident orcas) were destroyed. Joining with other groups, including the North Olympic Salmon Coalition, the Land Trust has worked to protect and restore the creek over the last three decades, and the salmon have returned. While salmon, otters, kingfishers, and other birds and animals in and near the creek have thrived, county residents kayak, canoe, and clamber along its banks. (If you want to watch the chum surging upstream to spawn in late summer or early fall, the Land Trust’s Illahee Preserve on Chimacum Creek is a popular observation spot.)

Similar efforts have preserved large stretches of land throughout the county, from Snow Creek to the Duckabush River. Another project is Port Townsend’s Quimper Wildlife Corridor, a special focus this year, with two-thirds of the corridor still unprotected and threatened by development. This 250-acre ribbon of green links six important wetlands, which are vital for filtering stormwater and replenishing aquifers. The wetlands also help ensure water quality locally and in the Salish Sea—where 70 percent of Puget Sound seabirds nest on nearby Protection Island.

Preserving working forests

Many Land Trust preserves are open to the public. For Port Ludlow residents, one of these, the newest preserve, Valley View Forest, is scarcely more than a hop, skip, and jump away. The 65 acres of Valley View Forest rise on the hill above the Land Trust-protected farms below with their rich bounty of summer vegetables—and the cidery, a convivial meeting place. When you hike through the stands of fir and cedar at Valley View, you may even catch a glimpse of a bounding deer or a shy bobcat. Plans call for the short wheelchair-accessible trail to be improved. An open-sided pavilion is also planned as a community gathering space. But Valley View offers an even more exciting prospect—as a gateway to the Chimacum Ridge Community Forest, a project underway for the Land Trust.

Why should you care about protecting natural spaces?
Take a walk in the woods with a Land Trust steward and see how Valley View is becoming a community forest for all of us.
You’ll find a YouTube link in the online version of this article at *plvoice.org*. The three-minute video—a treat for the ears and eyes—shows how everything is interconnected.



Valley View Forest Trail.

Submitted photo

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In 2023, the Land Trust intends to purchase an adjoining 853-acre forest to link to Valley View, forming the Chimacum Ridge Community Forest. It's designed to be a working, sustainable forest with multiple uses. Done well, it will be a model for other forests. "We're not afraid of big projects or new ideas," said Tucker.



Chimacum Ridge from Beaver Valley.

Photo by Robert Tognoli

As a community forest, Chimacum Ridge will provide wood from selective tree-thinning to local woodworkers, boat builders, and crafters. Ten miles of trails will open up new hikes to individuals and families. The forested slopes will shield the farms below from storm runoff and stream erosion. By incorporating the community gathering pavilion at Valley View, opportunities will arise for nature education, science programs, classes in heritage crafts, or special events. The facility could be used by community groups, schools, and scientific research organizations.

Delivering economic benefits

In addition to all the other advantages, conservation also contributes to our region's economy. A recent study conducted by Jefferson Land Trust in partnership with The Trust for Public Land and North Olympic Land Trust, found significant economic benefits from the conserved lands, trails, and parks in the North Olympic Peninsula. For example, each year, they yield \$29.4 million in farm products from local farms; \$92.1 million in wages (and 1,440 jobs) from forestry; \$168 million in value from carbon removed from the atmosphere; and \$306 million from tourists. That's just a sampling. See the web site below to learn more.

Preparing for the future

But what about tomorrow? How can the Land Trust carry out its 100-year vision? That's where education and stewardship make a difference. Land Trust

programs, such as school field trips and its *Tidelands to Timberline* course that is taught by expert naturalists, have inspired students of all ages to care about conservation. When Covid-19 prevented in-person learning, the Land Trust launched a virtual eight-week learning series, *Nature in Your Neighborhood*, featuring a different topic each week, from ferns and mosses to birds and mammals, along with programs on geology and wildlife tracking. More than 800 people signed up to take the free classes—and people are still signing up on the web site to view the recordings and explore program resources.

Stewardship training means new volunteers are ready to take up the torch. Land stewards monitor protected properties, help set up work parties to remove brush and noxious weeds, and work together with landowners who are committed to protecting salmon and wildlife habitat.

Moving forward, the Land Trust is looking at new projects, such as using data on our area's climate resiliency to prioritize conservation projects. Future plans may also include the creation of a conservation wildland burial cemetery and a memorial forest, allowing for burials without embalming and the use of biodegradable burial materials, as well as offering places for cremated remains. Selected properties may need to be restored to a natural state, but then they will be green and growing memorials.

Maintaining a legacy

Jefferson Land Trust is well respected in the U.S. land trust community. Every five years, it is audited by the Land Trust Accreditation Commission and consistently earns its "seal of approval." Reflecting on the success of the Land Trust, Tucker said, "We have a wonderful staff, amazing volunteers, and an exceptional board of directors. It also really helps that we live in a community that appreciates and supports what we do."

Even with so much at stake, it's a reasonable hope that, with the help of Jefferson Land Trust, we can retain a little bit of paradise with "farms, fish, and forests forever."

Learn more about Jefferson Land Trust: saveland.org. View the study on economic benefits: saveland.org/economic-benefits. Sign up for Nature in Your Neighborhood: saveland.org/nature-in-your-neighborhood. Indicate your interest in the conservation burial

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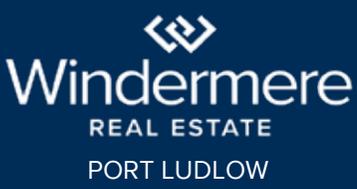
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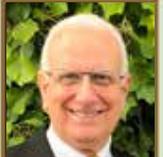
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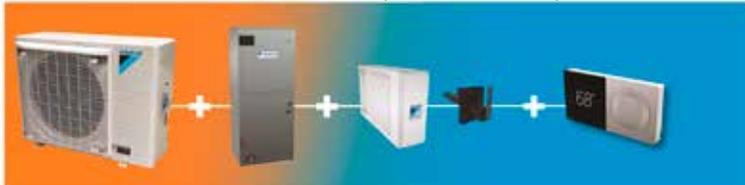
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Village Council

Board Meeting Summary

by Mike Towner, Communications Committee Chair

Report for May 6, 2021 meeting.

Greg Brotherton—County Commissioner,

District 3: The County Administrator resigned last week. Mark McCauley, Central Services Director, will be the interim Director. The county council is investigating how it does business in the absence of a few other positions that have recently been and will be vacated in the near future. The commission will reach out to stakeholders who are interested in defining how the county will conduct business going forward.

Port Hadlock Sewer: A substantial funding boost of \$21.125 million has been received from the state legislature. The contractor has been chosen, Avivo from Texas. Brotherton supports the 2021 Comprehensive Docket Planning Proposal that commercial zoning boundaries need to be reconsidered in light of changes in the Port Hadlock area. Other budget considerations discussed included broadband and housing.

Local news: Dog park planning will require the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) approval. Discussions are being planned for next month. If the county operates the dog park, it will have to be open to public access. The Port Ludlow Drainage District has appealed to the county to suspend operations for five years. The proposal requires a public hearing and ratification by the Board of County Commissioners. There is no need for capital outlays. One hundred dollars (\$100) a year per user could be used in a more efficient manner. Reserve funds would be used for maintenance activities.

Rayonier Presentation. Bill Monahan, Director of Western Forest Resources; Adrian Miller, Director of Public Affairs; and Griffin Chamberlain, in charge of the region's non-timber income business, discussed Rayonier's acquisition of Pope Resources and provided in-depth information of Rayonier's land use policies focusing on the Port Ludlow area. In addition to harvesting, they also discussed Rayonier's position on the No Shooting Zone. The full presentation can be accessed at this location: plarchive.org/archive/Port-Ludlow-Village-Council-5-6-21.pdf.

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, June 3

2:45 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, June 15

2:45 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

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Diana Smeland—President, Port Ludlow

Associates: Diana discussed new builds in the MPR. The Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) filtration project is proceeding as scheduled. OWSI is filing for a 7.4 percent rate increase. The Port Ludlow Resort room refresh is nearly completed. The Yacht Club will conduct a boat christening and parade on Saturday, May 8. Permits have been filed for two new coffee shops: one in the Conference Center and one in the Village Center.

Committee Reports:

Emergency Management. Bill Dean discussed the disaster emergency backup plan for using the fire station and the Port Ludlow Brokers' office as backups to the Beach Club and Bay Club. He also described the progress of building the ham radio communications capability with the County.

Health & Wellness. Jim Moffitt announced that Jefferson County leads the state in terms of Covid-19 vaccinations and emphasized the importance of everyone getting vaccinated.

Utilities. Robert Chanpong's report: The OWSI Filtration project is on schedule. The replacement water well is moving ahead. Recycling reminders will be placed in the *Voice*. *Moving it On 2021* provides resources for all recyclable objects, over and above what can be deposited in the recycling area bins. Jefferson Public Utility District (PUD) is proposing rate increases for all their services. Bill Dean and Dave

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Jurca suggested that PLVC request amplifying information from OWSI regarding their rate increase proposal.

Transportation Safety. Allan Kiesler reported on Phase I of the speed limit changes in the Port Ludlow area, and discussed the changes coming in the summer for Phase II. County Public Works will monitor changes in speeds and driving habits as a result of these two phases. Traffic circles and other changes may come in future phases.

LMC Update: Allan Kiesler announced that the Beach Club is in a limited opening. The indoor pool is open, and the outdoor pool opens next week.

South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Update: Tom Sprandel announced that the new website *sbca.club* is up and operational and includes a document repository. The SBCA board meeting schedule has changed to the second Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. The Bay Club is planning on a limited reopening by the end of the month, depending on the HVAC update completion.

Citizen Comments: Bill Dean reported that the Covid-19 communications, including the weekly eBlasts, are very informative. Jim opined that the Resources section, emphasizing the graphical ones, is very important.

Internal Reports:

Tam McDearmid proposed that the Board support the VolksWalk program with a donation not to exceed \$500. The motion was approved. PLA also approved a donation of \$500.

The upcoming Community Development committee meeting will be held on Monday via Zoom teleconferencing.

Dave Jurca commented that the upcoming eBlast regarding the OWSI rate increase should include a statement indicating the PLVC is taking an active role, not merely a neutral role on the issue. Jim Moffitt agreed we should ensure that we provide the opportunity for the community to become involved in the discourse.

Allan Kiesler announced that the North Bay storage lots renovation will be completed within the next two weeks.

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Recycling Responsibility

by the PLVC Utilities Committee

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Utilities Committee oversees the recycling facility at the Village Center. According to the Jefferson County Solid Waste Division, this recycling facility is the worst offender of waste being placed in the recycling bins. With a little education and forethought, we can do better—we need to do better. If not, the Port Ludlow recycling facility at the Village Center may be permanently closed. No one wants that.

When waste is placed in the recycle bins, someone has to sort through the mess and remove the non-recyclable materials. As you can imagine, this is labor intensive and not sustainable. Four areas where you can help: (1) Materials need to be placed loose in the bin (especially plastic and cans) not in a plastic garbage bag which will clog up the sorting equipment. (2) If you go to the recycling facility and the bins are full, you need to take your recycling home with you and come back at a later date. Don't leave it outside the bins. (3) Garbage should never be left at the recycling facility. If it doesn't fit in your garbage can, take it to the landfill on Jacob Miller Road. (4) Lastly, cardboard boxes must be flattened before putting into the bin to conserve space.

So, your help is urgently needed. Look over the recent flyer that was included in your PUD bill. It's a great resource. Also, view a video from Commissioner Greg Brotherton entitled "Blue is Recycling, Red is Not." See [facebook.com/jeffcowagov/videos/635056723910091/](https://www.facebook.com/jeffcowagov/videos/635056723910091/)

With some self-education and forethought, we can all take steps to keep our recycling facility operational. Remember the recycling mantra, "when in doubt, throw it out."



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From the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

For the first time in 19 months the Beach Club outdoor pool opened on May 10. On April 19 the indoor pool opened. Use of both pools is by reservation only with limited number of swimmers in each due to Covid-19 restrictions. The pools are open Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and on weekends 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Reservations can be made by calling the Beach Club at 360-437-9201.

Swim times are still limited to 40 minutes per visit and begin at the top of the hour. Now that the outdoor pool is open, members are permitted to swim three times per week. Because pool time access is limited, only LMC members and those living in their household on an ongoing basis will be permitted to use the pool during this limited opening, and members may bring guests to swim.

The gym, meeting rooms and Bridge Deck building remain closed at this time.

The work in the LMC RV storage lots is nearing completion and, I expect by the time this article is published, our member tenants will have been notified that they can now start bringing back their RVs, boats and trailers to the storage area.

Once the storage lots reopen, **Title VI, Regulation 6.11 Parking** will be reinstated, which limits the parking of RVs, boats and trailers on lots to a maximum cumulative total of 72 hours in any calendar month. Because LMC asked the storage lot tenants to vacate lots while the fencing was replaced, and the electrical system and overhead lighting upgraded, the LMC Board of Trustees voted to temporarily suspend Regulation 6.11 until such time the work was completed.

LMC members that did not have the space to keep their stored equipment at home were permitted to use the Beach Club parking lot while the work was underway. Those boats and trailers should be clearing out soon.

Although the RV lot project took a few weeks longer than we had anticipated, I believe our tenants will be pleased with how things turned out. In addition to the fencing and electrical work, we added five additional security cameras,

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

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LMC Board Meeting

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the lots were regraded and graveled, and our staff repainted and numbered all the parking spaces. Because we also made changes to the fence line in some areas, we were able to widen the driving lanes in the Talbot lot and a portion of the Rainier lot, which should allow parking of boats and trailers to go much easier.

As always, if you have questions or comments about this article or the ongoing work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or by email at beachclub@olympus.net.

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South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Update

by Bartholomew Clark, SBCA President

SBCA Launches New Website

Our new website *sbca.club* was designed by Tom Sprandel, Vice President and Chair of the Communications Committee. Although Tom has decided not to seek reelection to his current Board position, he has generously offered to remain on the SBCA Communications Committee and to maintain and update the *sbca.club* website after his Board term has ended. Thank you, Tom!

Although the old website has been deactivated, if someone enters the old URL *plsbca.org* they automatically will be taken to the new *sbca.club* site. Because it was decided that SBCA would no longer host Village websites, Tom has worked closely with the individual villages to assist them in transitioning to their own websites, independent of the SBCA's. Tom notes to SBCA's Villages that the SBCA's Communications Committee stands ready to help them. Contact the Communications Committee at: contact@sbca.club. We can update your info, link your website, set up an email forwarder, help you set up your own independent website if desired, and publish your CC&R's on the SBCA's Document Repository.

Upcoming SBCA Annual Meeting

The SBCA Annual Meeting will take place on **Wednesday, July 21** at 3:00 p.m. via internet and telephone connections at freeconferencecall.com/wall/bayclubgm and 339-209-6193. As handled last year, voting on the election of directors or other potential ballot issues will occur via proxy ballots mailed to or dropped off at the Bay Club drop box. Full details regarding voting procedures and the deadline for submission of proxy ballots will be provided in Annual Meeting packets mailed to SBCA members. Also, check the new SBCA website, *sbca.club*, for Annual Meeting information and updates, or send your questions in an email to contact@sbca.club.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, June 10, 9:30 a.m.

Plans are for a virtual meeting.
To join by phone, dial 339-209-6193.

To Join by computer:
join.freeconferencecall.com/bayclubgm
Online meeting ID: bayclubgm
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Committee Meetings

All committee meetings are held virtually.
To keep informed of meeting dates and times, please visit sbca.club/home/scxhede-sbca
Meeting minutes are posted at sbca.club, then click on Board Minutes Page



As of the April 30 deadline for submission of nominations for the three open director positions on the Board, six SBCA members have been nominated. In alphabetical order they are:

- Bruce Birch
- Bartholomew Clark
- Janet DeDonato
- Joe Guillien
- Bert Loomis
- Gil Skinner

All members are encouraged to participate in the Annual Meeting, election of directors to serve on the Board, and voting on any other potential ballot issues. Everyone's voice should be heard.

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PLWGA News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson



Top Hat Team: From left to right: Lucinda Thompson, Grace Allen, Linda Haskin.

Submitted photo

The PLWGA, an 18-hole Women's League, celebrated the beginning of May with a Spring Fling Two-Day Tournament on May 3 and 4. Tournament Chair Bonnie Vahcic executed the Monopoly theme of the tournament to perfection. All members were assigned to a Monopoly themed team of three for two days of Best Ball play. Tournament winners were announced at the May 4 luncheon at the Dusty Green Café. The Top Hats team, composed of Linda Haskin, Grace Allen, and Lucinda Thompson, won the tournament, with a two-day net score of 119.

During play, Vahcic kept players interested in the Monopoly theme by placing two monopoly cards at each tee box. The team chose one card and added the listed winnings or deficits from their beginning bank roll. At the end of the first day, some teams were almost bankrupt. The winning amount of \$59,800 was accumulated by the Roadsters Team of Diane Germain, Cyndy Kelley, and Ann Nugent.

A giant Monopoly Board decorated the Café's wall and monopoly cash, cards, and game pieces decorated the luncheon tables. Dusty Green Café chef, Kass, served delicious sandwich fillings on scrumptious homemade buns, strawberry salad, and a yummy rhubarb-strawberry shortcake. Captain Meryl Friedman introduced Gals Getaway Chairperson, Turney Oswald, who updated the league members on

the plans for the September trip.

PLWGA Handicap Chairperson, Diane Germain, is regularly publishing "Handicap News" via email. The last installment reviewed initials used for "Score Type" on the Scores Posted Report and the ramifications of a player's posted "exceptional score." Diane posts the Scores Posted Report on the first and fifteenth of each month on the bulletin board in the Women's Locker Room.

PLWGA members' Tuesday scores will be posted for them, but members will need to post their own scores for all other games. The new World Handicap System requires that on the day of play members post each hole's individual score on the GHIN website. This will result in a current daily handicap for each player.

Tuesday, June 8, is day one of the Captain's Cup participation round and **Tuesday, June 29**, is the Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association Ladies Invitational. Area women's golf teams usually attend this invitational tournament because they enjoy the challenge and beauty of the Port Ludlow Golf Course.

Prospective PLWGA members may contact the Port Ludlow Golf Club (PLGC) Pro Shop for information about the league, and they are invited to join the group on any Tuesday Play Day. Note: PLGC membership is a prerequisite for joining the golf leagues.

Niners' News

by Kathy Traci, Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson

The Niners' Men and Women, who play nine holes of competitive golf on Thursdays, are led by Tim Propeck, Niners' Men's Play Day Chairman; Lady Niners' Captain Sharon Russell; and Co-Captain Barbara Burke. Thursday's game formats usually allow the league members to post their scores on a weekly basis.

The Port Ludlow Golf Course's Golf Genius Scheduling Program is used for Niners' event sign-ups. Members are notified of play opportunities and receive confirmation tee sheets via email. This computer program also calculates individual golf statistics for members. The Pro Shop will collect the end of the round score cards, enter the scores into Golf Genius, and deposit the winnings into the players' PLGC accounts.

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Niners' Couples Chairpersons, Barbara and Mike Burke, have planned a fun season of monthly events for the final Thursday of each month. Members will be reminded by email of future Couples Golf opportunities. The winners of the April couples golf event were the foursome of Mike and Barbara Burke and Linda and Dave Aho. The next two Couples Golf Events are Thursday, May 27, and **Thursday, June 24**.

Lady Niners' Handicap Chairperson Linda Aho reminded Niners' that the new World Handicap System requires members to post each hole's individual score on the GHIN website on the day of play. This will result in a current daily handicap for each player.

Prospective Niners' members should contact the Pro Shop Desk at the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) for league information. The Port Ludlow Lady Niners' and the Port Ludlow Men Niners' invite prospective members to join the group for nine holes of play any Thursday. Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) membership is required for participation in the PLGC golf leagues.

PLWGA'S New Captain's Cup Format

by the PLWGA Captain's Cup Team: Diane Kobz, Bonnie Vahcic, and Dana Durasoff

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! All Port Ludlow Golfing Damsels,

The Kingdom of Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) is announcing a shiny, brand-new inaugural Captain's Cup format for 2021. We sincerely hope that all golfing damsels of our lovely Port Ludlow kingdom will join the fun this year of our Captain's Cup Tournament scheduled to start on **Tuesday, June 8**. Our goal is to make this tournament fun and friendly.

League members will be organized in pods of four to six players who will have a chance to play every other damsel in their pod. Sign-up will be through Golf Genius the week before June 8. The Captain's Cup Team of Diane Kobz and Bonnie Vahcic will form the pods and let members know who their pod mates are. Once formed, each pod will need a name ASAP. The

Captain's Cup Team wants to see the creative juices flowing with this naming process. After each pod member has played all of the members of their pod and a pod winner is determined, the pod winners will play an elimination round to determine the overall Champion and Runner Up.

This is when pod names really become important! Members will want to be able to cheer their pod winner on to victory in the elimination rounds. Remember...handicaps are meant to even the field, so all handicaps are encouraged to join in. We have all witnessed the higher handicap players as being in the winning circle of this type of tournament. Those of us other damsels, who don't end up in the winners' circles, will be the designated cheerleaders. **WOO HOO!** Remember, the cheerleaders get to wear those cute little skirts and wave the bright frilly pom poms—now that's the Captain's Cup Team's favorite kind of job (maybe not the short skirt, though).

Port Ludlow Yacht Club

by Judi du Nann, Guest Writer

The Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) welcomes new members. Perhaps you are looking for a way to meet new people and connect with those with similar interests. The Yacht Club may be right for you. We are both a cruising and social organization where forty percent of our members are social and sixty percent are boaters.

Our social venue, the Wreck Room, is now open one night a week from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. We have a full bar with snacks provided. We alternate between offering a catered meal or Bring Your Own Edibles (BYOE) while operating under Phase 3 guidelines for restaurants and taverns in Washington State.

PLYC sponsors cruises for members and the season is now well underway. If you are a boater, this is a great time to join and enjoy social distancing while cruising the waters of Puget Sound. We also have a robust offering in boater education in partnership with the Port Wilson Sail and Power Squadron.

Please consider joining us—your first meal will be free, hosted by one of our officers for the evening. To express interest in visiting PLYC, please complete the form on our website plyc.us/visit.

Port Ludlow Hiking

by Dan Darrow

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads and depart at 8:30 a.m.

The hikers abide by the “Stay Healthy” recommendations and follow CDC guidelines for outdoor recreation.

Those on the hiking email roster receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. If you would like to be added to the email roster, send a note to desdarrow@olypen.com.

Friday, June 4 - Duckabush

This is a moderate hike of up to eight miles with 1,300-feet of elevation gain. Hike along the Duckabush River and up Little and Big Humps. Enjoy impressive second growth forest and a nice lunch spot view. Information: Tieta Ralston 206-276-4826

Friday, June 18 – Tubal Cain Trail

Anticipate a moderate to difficult hike of seven to nine miles with an 1,100-foot elevation gain. The first part of the hike is a steady climb through a rhododendron forest that, hopefully, will be blooming. After three miles, the trail splits and there is a steep climb to the ultimate goal of viewing the remaining wreckage of a B-17 bomber that crashed in 1952. Information: Gary Hicks 510-566-2401

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Join the “Trail Club Group” that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led walk on the abandoned golf cart path trail or other alternative route.

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