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# News & Community

## The Cell Tower Saga Gets Worse

By Evie Maxwell

Sadly, the Verizon/Horizon cell tower that looms over residents of Port Ludlow's LMC territory has not gone the way of the Velociraptor. Opposition to this tower is strong, and determined, as demonstrated at a town hall held on February 24. At that meeting, a large crowd gathered to hear Jefferson County planners go step by step through the process by which the tower, which is slated for construction just off of Fleet Drive, will, or will not, get approved.

It's a long bureaucratic maze, and we all owe thanks to the planners who volunteered their time at the meeting, to the Beach Club which hosted it, and, most of all to the Port Ludlow Village Council which arranged for the meeting.

So, what did we learn?

First, we've said it before, but cannot emphasize it enough: It is true that many local areas need better cell service. This is most apparent in the vicinity of Mats Mats, for which the proposed tower is named, and there are also some poorly served areas within Port Ludlow.

Thus, the need for a cell tower is a given. But does it need to be situated on the border line of a thriving residential community within a few hundred feet of family homes? That's our primary concern along with issues revolving around: the tower's likely impact on the dollar value of nearby private homes, its impact on our environment and roads, its impact to the character of our peaceful community; and the company's apparent refusal to consider alternative locations. The fact is that there are alternative, far less harmful, locations for the tower. We'll get to that, but for now, let's start with the proposed cell tower's likely impact on Port Ludlow.

### The SEPA Requirement

In the State of Washington, applicants for new construction such as cell towers are required to complete a State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) questionnaire on the impacts of the proposed project on both environmental and community concerns. Based on national standards, this requirement is meant to ensure that the proposed project will not cause undue stress on the area where it is constructed.

We reviewed the completed questionnaire submitted by

the Verizon/Horizon cell tower applicants, and what did we find?

A litany of answers all along the lines of: 'Nothin' to see here, folks.'

That is not a joke. For example, in reply to a question of the project's impact on waterways, Verizon/Horizon answered with only this: "Mats Mats Bay is nearby but over 200' from site; no direct impact."

What was NOT said is that Port Ludlow Bay is much closer to the site; the concrete base proposed for the site will increase effluent runoff exponentially; and all of that will flow through Port Ludlow properties and empty into the Port Ludlow Bay.

In another head-scratcher, the Verizon/Horizon consortium replied to a question about whether views in the area would be altered or obstructed, with this: "Minimal; screened by vegetation. No view alteration or obstruction is anticipated." The group provided a simulation of how their 150' tower would look in the grove of trees now on the property. We have reproduced it here and, as you can see, it dwarfs the existing the tree line.

While to Verizon, whose enterprise value in the \$379 billion to \$385 billion range, this might be 'minimal', to us it looks a bit more like a middle-finger salute to a quiet, scenic residential community.

We could go on but you get the idea. So, let's address one of the most serious, and painful, questions of this process: The impact on the home values of folks living within sight of the tower.

### A Hit to Home Values

This was covered in our previous editorial, but it bears repeating: According to multiple, well reviewed sources, construction of the cell tower, in its proposed location, would rob nearby homeowners of thousands upon

thousands in home values. We looked at research from the Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics, the Environmental Health Trust and from the Environmental Health Services. The most conservative estimate among



these (from the Journal of Real Estate) predicted home value losses in the 2.46% to 9.78% range. On the low end, that would translate to a loss of \$14,451 in value for a median priced home (\$587,450 per an October 2025 estimate from [Realtor.com](https://www.realtor.com)). On the high end the loss would come in at whopping \$57,452

### The ‘Who Me?’ Effect

We realize that some people reading this article will feel inclined to dismiss it. After all, if your home is not in sight of the proposed tower, why care? Okay. But consider this: The multi-billion dollar company looking to erect a 150’ cell tower on the edge of a residential community is not doing so as a public service.

### They’re doing it for the money.

As it stands, the proposed cell tower will have the ability to host an additional three cell service carriers on its tower. According to recent data from Dgtl Infra (a company specializing in information about the digital infrastructure) each of those additional carriers could pay up to \$3,500 per month for the service. Multiply that by three carriers over 12 months and you get \$126,000 per year in rental fees, to say nothing of a significant increase in revenue due to improved service.

### The Bottom Line

At the end of all this we must point out that Jefferson County codes (UDC Ch. 18.42), and best practices for wireless facilities, require the applicant to demonstrate that no alternative location with less visual impact is available. That has not yet happened. There are many locations to consider including the two clear cuts above Oak Bay Rd that are close to Mats Mats, higher than the proposed site, not located in a neighborhood, and would not subject homeowners and local roads to the additional vehicle traffic required by multiple cell tower carriers.

Sadly, we must also report that LMC board of directors, the group entrusted to protect the interests of residents, elected to maintain a No Comment on the cell phone issue. The decision was not agreed upon by all board members and, thus far, the LMC has declined to provide any information on how the decision was reached or why.

In the end, the lesson here is that a mega-rich company could dramatically impact Port Ludlow residents and our surrounding community in negative ways forever.

The only way to stop it is to band together for a loud, ‘NO!’

If we fail in that, your home could be next.

(To express your opinion on the proposed cell tower, please write to the Jefferson County planning office at: [dcd@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:dcd@co.jefferson.wa.us). The office recommends that you include Horizon, Verizon, Mats Mats, Port Ludlow cell tower & preferably ZON 2024-11 in the subject line. For additional information on the tower plus sample letters, please email [plcelltoweropposition@gmail.com](mailto:plcelltoweropposition@gmail.com). Or go to Port Ludlow Life’s website [portludlow.life/cell-tower-issue](http://portludlow.life/cell-tower-issue).) Be aware that comments to the County must be sent by April 6th.

### Martha’s Book Group - *How to Read a Book*

Monica Wood’s *How to Read a Book* is Martha’s Book Group selection for its **Tuesday, April 14**, meeting at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club. Wood’s novel is about the power of books in affecting changes in the lives of people beset by tragedies. The novel begins at a book group meeting in a women’s correctional facility moderated by a bookstore owner. Does Wood’s fictional book group’s discussions reflect our discussions? Come on by and find out.

MBG meets the second Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club. For further information contact Sarah Schuch at [bookclub@plvoice.org](mailto:bookclub@plvoice.org). *Freeman* by Leonard Pitts, Jr., is May’s book club selection.



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## First Wednesday Luncheon

by Stephanie Buehler, Guest Writer

First Wednesday luncheon will be back at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, May 6**, with a taco salad bar provided by volunteers from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Please RSVP by **May 3**.

Olympic Area Agency on Aging will be discussing their Dementia Outreach Program. Did you know that dementia is the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in Washington? It is expected that the number of persons living with dementia in our state will double by 2040. You may be surprised and heartened to learn of all the support offered for both those suffering from the disease as well as their caregivers. We've been fortunate to have so many wonderful programs over the past few years.

However, our Program Chair is needing to retire at the end of this season (June). We are asking those of you who have some interesting ideas and who would like to help in our continuing effort to support the Food Bank monthly (October through June), please contact one of the following people to discuss what's involved:

Stephanie Buehler at 360-301-6824,

Fran Bodman at 360-437-5110 or

Joan Astin at 360-437-9307.

There is no charge to attend our luncheons. Instead, we ask that you bring a donation in the form of cash, check made payable to the Jefferson County Food Bank Association (JCFBA) and/or non-perishable food such as condiments, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, boxed pasta, etc., egg cartons, and hygiene products. Food donations must be unopened, undamaged and unexpired,

## Jefferson County Library District Springs into April

Happy April from JCLD! Whether you're curling up on the couch listening to April showers or can't wait to splash in the puddles, be sure to visit the library, too! We've got plenty of programs this month, so don't forget to check out our calendar at [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info) for more exciting and entertaining things to do.

Our next Live Online Author Talk is out of this world! Smithsonian Curator Emerita Valerie Neal will be online to discuss the history of U.S. Women Astronauts. *On a Mission: The Smithsonian History of U.S. Women Astronauts* covers 61 Astronauts and their journeys, making a name for themselves in a predominately male-dominated field. This cosmic event takes place **Thursday, April 2**, from 11 a.m. – noon.

Build your way to a fun time with *Lego® at the Library* on **Thursday, April 9**, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Enjoy challenges that encourage problem-solving or just play with the bricks and build something cool! *Art and Meditation for Adults* is also happening **April 9** from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. After a short inspiring reading, you will listen to some calming music and create what's in your mind with paint and brushes.

Do you have a green thumb but don't know where to start? The WSU Master Gardeners are back to assist you with all things gardening. Find them at the library on **Saturday, April 11**. They'll start with a class on *Tomato Tips* from noon – 1 p.m., then from 1 – 3 p.m. they will answer questions in *Ask a Master Gardener*. This is an ongoing class, and the rest of the schedule can be found at [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info).

On **Saturday, April 18**, the library will host a full-day workshop on *Genealogy Basics for Beginners & Advanced Users*. This is an opportunity to learn more about how to trace your family history. At 10:30 a.m. there will be a one-hour session designed for beginners who are just getting started. Then in the afternoon, experienced researchers can sign up for a personal session with a genealogist who will help you take your research to a new level. There is no need to sign up for the beginner class, but the advanced workshops require registration at [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info). The Friends of the Library Book Sale will also take place on **Saturday, April 18**. Looking for a book or two to add to your permanent collection? Come join us from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the Hagen building next to the library. Find a variety of well-loved books, music CDs, DVDs and audio books. All proceeds support the Library District.

Don't miss a special *Online Author Talk* just for kids! Award-winning author Jason Reynolds will join us live on **Thursday, April 30**, from 4 – 5 p.m. to share his latest work, *Coach*, the final installment of his popular *Track* series. Following the immersive stories of Ghost, Lu, Patina and Sunny, it's finally time for Coach to shine in his own book as we discover: Who was Coach before he became an inspiring leader?

Visit the Jefferson County Library at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email [information@jclibrary.info](mailto:information@jclibrary.info).

## Port Townsend Paper Mill Remains a Key Economic Force

The Port Townsend Paper Mill continues to stand as one of Jefferson County’s most important economic anchors, according to a 2025 economic impact study commissioned by the Port Townsend Paper Company (PTPC). The analysis confirms that the mill remains a major driver of regional prosperity, supporting hundreds of highwage jobs and generating substantial economic activity throughout the Olympic Peninsula.



The mill employs about 310 workers, including 96 Port Townsend residents, and provides an average annual salary of \$92,600, among the highest wages in the county. It accounts for approximately 40 percent of all manufacturing jobs in Jefferson County, making it a critical source of stable, year-round employment in a region where many industries are seasonal.

The study highlights the mill’s role as a base industry employer, meaning it brings outside dollars into the region through the sale of paper, pulp, and containerboard products. This inflow of revenue creates a significant multiplier effect. According to the report, the mill’s operations support additional jobs across transportation, equipment maintenance, contracting, and professional services, and help sustain local businesses that rely on employee spending.

PTPC’s economic footprint extends well beyond its payroll. The study notes that the company’s annual operations generate



hundreds of millions of dollars in regional economic activity, with estimated yearly revenues ranging from \$100 million to \$500 million, depending on market conditions. These operations contribute meaningfully to local and county tax bases, supporting public services, schools, and infrastructure.

The report also emphasizes the mill’s longstanding role

in the community. Operating for nearly a century, PTPC has provided generations of familywage jobs and remains one of the few large industrial employers on the Olympic Peninsula. Its presence continues to stabilize the local economy, particularly during periods of tourism downturn or broader economic uncertainty.

Please read the full Economic Impact Study at [www.ptpc.com](http://www.ptpc.com).

## Meet Your Firefighters

by Emily Stewart, EJFR

My name is Kade Wilford, I am 30 years old and local to Port Townsend. I am a US Marine, pilot, wrestling coach, and climber. I am



excited to be a part of EJFR and believe I can be an asset to the community. As a wrestling coach, I enjoy and am committed to lifting up our families and giving kids an opportunity to learn hard lessons through hard work. As a Marine I had the opportunity to be trained in rope and open water rescue. I am looking forward to putting those skills to the best possible use for Jefferson County.

### 2026 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Effective 01/01/2023 Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue merged with East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Our monthly statistics will now include information for the entire newly combined Fire District.

Communities served include: Port Townsend, Cape George, Kala Point, Marrowstone Is., Port Hadlock, Chimacum, Irondale, Port Ludlow MPR (North and South Bay), Paradise Bay, Beaver Valley, Bridgehaven, Mats Mats, Shine, South Point and other areas located within our boundaries.

#### February Alarms

Fires .....	5
Rescue/Emergency Medical .....	327
Non-Emergency .....	38
Hazardous Condition .....	17
Service Call .....	55
Other .....	4
<b>Total Alarms .....</b>	<b>446</b>
<b>February Ambulance Transports</b>	
911 Transports .....	212
Hospital Requested Transport .....	4
Non Transports.....	96
<b>CARES Contacts .....</b>	<b>130</b>

## **Daniel Ferland Strikes a National Chord: The Chimacum (Valley Near the Water) Marching Band in D.C.!**

When the first big notes and booming drums of the Cowboy marching band echo down Constitution Avenue next July, they will carry the sound of a small rural school with a big heart and bold musical voice.

In 2026, Chimacum music teacher Daniel Ferland will



lead the Chimacum Marching Band to Washington D.C, as Washington State’s representative in the National 250<sup>th</sup> Independence Day Parade. In February, the Washington State Senate recognized the band as “the first and only band in the state chosen for this honor,” celebrating the students’ dedication and the strength of the community behind them.

Ferland, Band Director and Elementary Music Teacher in the Chimacum School District, was also named the 2025 Art Educator of the Year by the Port Townsend Arts Commission. The award honors an educator whose steady leadership, high expectations, and belief in a student’s potential have reshaped what is possible for young musicians in Chimacum.

Over the past several years, he has rebuilt and grown the high school band into a vibrant, cohesive program, expanding participation, strengthening performance, and raising the bar. More importantly, he has cultivated a powerful culture of belonging. Students show up early, stay late, support one another, and take pride in representing their school – and now their state!

That success is reinforced by strong community partnership. The Chimacum band booster club, CHIME, has played a vital role in sustaining the program and supporting the upcoming trip to our national stage. Their behind-the-scenes work reflects that same commitment and pride that students carry into every performance.

A graduate of Georgia Southern University with a master’s degree in Educational Leadership from Troy

State University, Ferland brings both strong training and decades of experience to his work. From elementary school classrooms to the marching field, his philosophy is simple and unwavering: every student can grow, contribute, and find their place in the music.

From the Valley Near the Water to the nation’s capital, that belief is about to ring out on a national stage.

## **The *Voice* Has Something to Say at Dine and Discover**

*by Allan and Nancy Kiesler, Guest Writers*

When you find a copy of the *Port Ludlow Voice* in your mailbox at the beginning of every month, the first thing you notice is the always impressive cover photo. After that, you peruse the many pages of articles, announcements, and advertisements. Have you ever thought about what a big job it must be to produce the *Voice* monthly, year after year? So many things to do (too many to list here) and then to accomplish them by a deadline.

We have, which is why we invited Donna Geer and Milt Lum, long-time volunteers with the *Voice*, to share what it takes to produce our treasured monthly print publication, recent changes, and the future.

Donna and Milt’s presentation will be held at the Bay Club on **Monday, May 4**. Sign-up sheets will be available at the front desk at both the Beach and the Bay Club by **April 10**. This event is open to North and South Bay members and their guests. We suggest you arrive at 5:30 p.m. and appetizers will start being served soon after. For those who bring an appetizer, please arrive 10 minutes early and bring an appetizer that can be easily served by our volunteers. Dips do not work well. Whatever dish you sign up to bring, please make it large enough to serve 8-10 people. Some of us have dietary issues, so please put a note on your dish if it contains any of the following allergens: wheat, soy, eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, or shellfish.

To minimize our cost and ecological footprint, we ask that you bring your place setting (plates, napkins, eating utensils, glasses), placemats, if desired, and a plastic bag to put your dirty dishes in to go home. We provide coffee/tea/water but if you would prefer something else to drink, you’re welcome to bring your beverage of choice. Admission is \$5 per person payable at the door. This covers the cost of the facility, coffee/tea, banquet permit and the honorarium we provide to the speakers. If you sign up but are unable to attend, please let us know as no-shows

can significantly affect the food selection. Questions or suggestions - call us at 360-437-8091. We look forward to seeing you there at our last Dine and Discover of the 2025-2026 season.

## Port Ludlow Tangle Club to Meet April 9

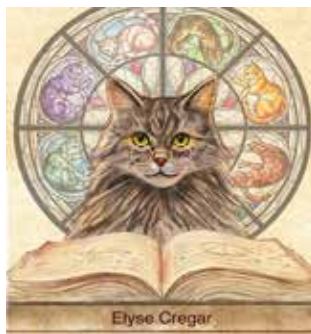
The Port Ludlow Tangle Club will meet **Thursday, April 9**, at the Bay Club from 1 – 3 p.m. April's meeting will be a "Chat and Tangle" meeting – come with your own supplies, tangle whatever you want, and have fun with others who share a common passion and interest.

Anyone can tangle! It's easy to learn - repeated strokes, used in structured patterns called tangles, can be meditative and relaxing, helping you to slow down, unwind, and "find your Zen," all while creating something beautiful! For first-timers, beginner kits will be available for a nominal fee. To RSVP, please contact Certified Zentangle teacher Alice Clive at [foureyes22@outlook.com](mailto:foureyes22@outlook.com).

## Port Ludlow Author Elyse Cregar Highlights New Book

In a rather bizarre twist of fate, the ancient Egyptians and their mummified pets may have the last word, so to speak. Learn more about the fascinating connection your cats have to the culture of Ancient Egypt!

Are the molecules of cat mummies embedded in our morning cereal? What strategies might help me find my missing pet? These and many more questions are addressed in Elyse Cregar's new book, *Mews and Views for the Curious Cat Lover*.



*(I think the picture here is of the author)*

Elyse will be offering excerpts from her (mostly!) adult non-fiction paperback book on **Saturday, April 11**, from 4 – 6 p.m., including a Q&A session at the Beach Club Gallery room. Guests will be treated to an unusual flight of imagination with her story *Movie Night 30,000 Years Ago*.

For those interested in self-publishing, Elyse will welcome her audience with a very short rundown of the easy and not-so-easy steps to take for writers in almost any genre.

Cregar's new book contains short articles about our domestic cats, with a few bites from lions thrown in. She is intrigued by the adaptive strategies that enable cats to

function effectively as predators, prey, and companions to humans. Cregar hopes her book will provide recent findings on many unusual topics and answer often puzzling questions. A book to keep handy as it may prove beneficial to cats as well as to cat lovers.

Born in Chicago, Elyse Cregar has served as a career public school Library Media-Specialist in Hanover, Pennsylvania; Swampscott, Massachusetts; and Moscow, Idaho. As a Licensed Battlefield Guide, she has led tours of the National Military Park in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. She currently lives in Port Ludlow and writes cat lore articles for her 1200 subscribers at MORE CATS, PLEASE! on [substack.com](http://substack.com).

*Mews and Views for the Curious Cat Lover* is a treasure trove of histories and mysteries about cats. The paperback edition is only available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com). Visit Cregar's website [felineonline.net](http://felineonline.net) for news about her upcoming book titles for 2026, including *Book 1: Feline Online and the Cats of Ancient Egypt* for young readers.

Cregar will offer her signed paperback books for \$15 each; check or cash only, please, and all net proceeds will be donated to Center Valley Animal Rescue.

## 28th Annual AAUW Home & Kitchen Tour

Don't miss the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual AAUW Home & Kitchen Tour on **Saturday, April 25**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Seven distinctive homes in the beautiful waterfront community of Kala Point will be featured, offering plenty of inspiration for anyone interested in home design, remodeling, or simply enjoying a peek inside some remarkable residences.

Make a day of it with friends. The Home & Kitchen Tour is both fun and inspiring – a wonderful opportunity to gather ideas for your own home while supporting a worthwhile cause.

Proceeds from this popular event fund scholarships and awards for women and girls, as well as education projects benefiting public schools throughout East Jefferson County.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [aauwpt.org](http://aauwpt.org) or scan the QR code above. Advance tickets are \$35, with a limited number available on the day of the tour for \$40 at the Kala Point Clubhouse Welcome Center.

And if you're not already one of our Port Ludlow AAUW members, consider joining! It's a wonderful way to connect with neighbors, make new friends, and support meaningful work in our community. Join us at [aauwpt.org/join](http://aauwpt.org/join).

## Wildfire Awareness and Preparation Presentation

by J. Warburton – LMC Firewise Committee

Throughout Washington state, we've experienced low precipitation levels this past winter. Our summers continue to be warmer and dryer, which means our area is increasingly more prone to wildfires. In recent years, we've been fortunate that any nearby wildfires were controlled without injuries or property damage. However, due to these changing climatic conditions, we expect the situation to worsen this coming fire season (May – through October).

You may be asking yourself, "What can I do?" Well, to start, awareness, education and preparedness are critical. There are simple, practical and effective steps you can take now to reduce the risk of wildfire to your home and property. Staying informed through local alerts and having a clear family evacuation plan could be lifesaving.

The LMC Firewise Committee in conjunction with East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) is planning an important community program to help us learn how wildfires start and spread, proactive steps to prepare your home and property against wildfires, and what to do in the event big wildfires happen. The guest speaker for this event is Robert Wittenberg, Community Risk Manager for East Jefferson Fire Rescue. The Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Jefferson County Conservation District (JCCD) will host informational tables.

This in-person presentation will be held on **Tuesday, April 28**, from 2 – 3:30 p.m. at the LMC Beach Club. All our Port Ludlow community is welcome to attend.

This presentation is designed to inform and create action in our Port Ludlow community.

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us!

If you want to know more about protecting your home from wildfires, you can also request a free Home Wildfire Assessment by visiting [ejfr.org](http://ejfr.org).

## Community Opportunity Fair Becomes "Port Ludlow Connects"

Planning has kicked off for the 2026 Port Ludlow Community Opportunity Fair, now called Port Ludlow Connects. We've rebranded this year with a new name and new tagline: **Port Ludlow Connects: Connect**

**with Purpose.** We love that the new name showcases the incredible value this biennial gathering brings for the entire community.

The 2024 event was a great success with 60 exhibitors and over 250 attendees! Exhibitors had lively conversations with attendees and reported adding many new volunteers and members.

You may want to save the date, **Friday, August 28**, from 4 – 6 p.m. The event will again be held at the Bay Club with both inside and outside booths and live entertainment! Exhibitor reservation forms will be sent out soon. Space is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis.

To keep costs to a minimum, we are requesting each exhibitor provide a volunteer to help the organizing committee on the day of the fair or the day before. This is in addition to the people you will need to staff your booth during the fair. We will send more detailed information about volunteer needs with roles and duties as we get closer to the date.

Think about fun and creative things you can do at your booth: interesting visuals, fun games, baskets for donations, and giveaways. The very popular "passports" will be back. As attendees come to your booth, you stamp their passport to fill it in. And to keep things exciting, we will do periodic drawings of the completed passports for fun prizes!

In-kind donations rather than a Volunteer: We are also in need of the following items to help make the Fair a success:

- **Van and Driver:** We are looking for one more van and driver to transport attendees to and from the extended parking area at the Beach Club on the day of the event. Please let us know if your organization could help with a van and driver instead of a volunteer joining our team. With two vans in 2024, attendees flowed very nicely between the Bay Club and extended parking.
- **Tables:** We also need about fifteen 8'x30" lightweight folding tables that could be donated for the day of the event, in lieu of a volunteer.
- **Water Bottles:** To add to attendees' bags and offer to exhibitors.

Candace Joy is the exhibitor contact this year. Please feel free to call or email her with any questions. Candace's phone is 425-985-9990, and her email is [cjoy4259@gmail.com](mailto:cjoy4259@gmail.com).

Thank you so much for all you do to make this a fun, informative and successful event for you, the exhibitors, and all the attendees who want to know how Port Ludlow can help residents “connect with purpose.”

## **Port Ludlow – Upcoming Informational and Educational Programs**

The following programs are open to all Port Ludlow Community residents. Programs are free of charge at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place, and will begin at 1 p.m.

Informational and educational presentations are intended to provide a forum for increasing knowledge for members of our community. Just as one needs on-going exercise to strengthen the body, these presentations are intended to help on-going strengthening of the mind. Topics and speakers from a multitude of backgrounds will be offered for our members.

Jefferson Land Trust – **Tuesday, April 7.** For the past 36 years, Jefferson Land Trust has worked the farms, forests, and fish and wildlife habitats that embody the rich natural environment of Jefferson County. Executive Director, Richard Tucker, will discuss the many elements of how the land trust conducts its work and the areas where it has focused its efforts. He will summarize its community-led strategic plan which helped shape the priorities, guardrails, and vision guiding their work – and what it means for the lands, waters, and communities we love.

U.S. intelligence operations and agencies from the American Revolution through the Civil War and the two World Wars, Part 1 of 2 – **Thursday, April 9.** Gary B. Keeley, a retired CIA staff historian with broad experience across the U.S. Intelligence Community, including the CIA, NSA, and the Departments of Defense and State, both in Washington, D.C. and overseas, will be our presenter. In this first of a two-part series, we will learn that U.S. intelligence has waxed and waned, starting out strongly under George Washington and only reaching maturity during the Second World War. We’ll see spies, invisible ink, balloons, aircraft, telegraph and radio intercept, and sabotage – all practiced by American leaders since the beginning.

“A closer look at ‘Klallam Ethnography’: S’Klallam Interviews with Erna Gunther” – **Tuesday, April 14.** Mr. David Brownell continues his fascinating series about the First Nation People with his presentation. Erna Gunther was an ethnographer and ethnobotanist from the University of Washington who spent extensive time with the tribes of the Olympic Peninsula. On her multiple trips

to Jamestown, she interviewed Tribal ancestors about the history of the S’Klallam people.

Pelvic Floor Health – **Tuesday, April 28.** Jefferson Healthcare physical therapist, Amy Irene Lynch, returns to explain how to improve pelvic floor health at every age and stage. This program is open to both men and women.

## **What To Do When a Loved One Dies**

Amanda Wilson, locally based Estate Planning Attorney with Northwest Estate Planning & Probate P.S., will present this free seminar and answer questions as time will allow.

Join us at the Beach Club, 121 Marina View Dr., Port Ludlow, on

**Wednesday, April 22,** from 1 – 2 p.m. Walk-ins welcome but RSVP appreciated at (360) 437-4172 or [info@nwpepp.com](mailto:info@nwpepp.com)

## **Port Ludlow Photographers**

With spring upon us, we are anxious to be outdoors and enjoy our local scenes. So, get your cameras out and be ready to capture these beautiful images, ours for the taking. The meeting this month will be **Monday, April 27,** at the usual Bay Club classroom from 10 a.m. – noon. The topic of discussion will be a continuation of “Framing Images and Organizing Images, Part II.” We will also discuss how AI can help with organization. Both segments include a Q & A session. We will view and critique shared images to learn from our various photo experiences. Please submit images for sharing to: [aven1936@live.com](mailto:aven1936@live.com). No dues, just fun learning and sharing. Hope to see you there!

## **April Plant Exchange & Garden Party**

**Wednesday, April 8,** 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., at the Bay Club, the Port Ludlow Garden Club will celebrate Spring with our annual plant exchange and garden party luncheon. *RSVP today* if you haven’t already! Members and guests are welcome to bring garden plants, house plants, seeds, bulbs, cuttings, veggie seedlings, etc., to swap at the event. Wear your favorite spring hat and celebrate with us the beauty and hope of spring and the friendship gardening brings. Guests are welcome with \$5 at the door, as space allows, but please RSVP. The event will include sandwiches, salads, and sweets on the menu.

Please RSVP by **April 5,** at [portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com](mailto:portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com). The Garden Club wishes all of Port Ludlow a beautiful spring filled with blossoms and the beauty of nature.

# Features & Stories

## A New Kind of Housing

It's becoming harder to ignore a quiet shift happening across Jefferson County: many of the people who grow our food, care for our seniors, and keep local businesses running can no longer afford to live where they work. Long commutes, seasonal housing, and constant uncertainty have become normal for workers who are essential to the fabric of this peninsula. One needs only to look at the stream of cars entering from Kitsap and Clallam counties every day to understand this growing challenge.

However, just 10 miles north of Port Ludlow, a modest and innovative affordable housing project called Chimacum Commons is launching with the goal of addressing that unstable reality in a practical, long-term way.

Chimacum Commons is a permanent affordable housing project being developed by Olympic Housing Trust, a nonprofit housing developer, in partnership with Jefferson Land Trust. Located near the Chimacum Corner Farmstand, the project includes a mixture of rentals and home ownership units designed for, and that will be marketed to, farm and food-system workers, people whose labor sustains Jefferson County's rural food economy, but who are increasingly priced out of the housing market.

While the project features a variety of housing types for about 30 residents, most of the land will be protected as working farmland and critical habitat along Chimacum Creek by Jefferson Land Trust. This combination of project priorities is a strategic choice by Jefferson Land Trust and Olympic Housing Trust and has long been encouraged by community members. By enabling affordable housing for food-system workers, Chimacum Commons is boosting local food security and productivity from our working land.

This emphasis on permanence and partnership makes Chimacum Commons different from many housing projects. The Olympic Housing Trust's model ensures that homes remain affordable over generations. The project also reflects a simple reality of rural places: land stewardship and housing stability go hand in hand. Working farms and forests depend on people who can afford to live nearby.

The project team's guiding light has been to design with future generations in mind. This means creating homes that fit into the rural character of Chimacum. With local building professionals from Terrapin Architecture and Inhabit Design, this vision is coming to fruition.

Chimacum Commons has secured early public funding to support feasibility and design work, and the Olympic Housing Trust will be seeking construction funding through private and public contributions throughout 2026 to break ground in 2027. Now with completed site and building plans, the team can confidently step into this next phase.

For nearby communities like Port Ludlow, Chimacum Commons may soon become a familiar name. It represents a local effort to ensure that the people who help make Jefferson County what it is, can continue to live and work here – now and well into the future.

Learn more about this important project at: [olympichousingtrust.org/chimacumcommons](http://olympichousingtrust.org/chimacumcommons)

## Yeehaw! It's Market Time

If you've spent any time on the Olympic Peninsula, especially East Jefferson County, you know that April marks the opening of several farmers markets that run from spring through December. They bring us the best in local fresh foods – from incredible bread to fabulous fruit, veggies, eggs, grains, and more. Also available are specialty foods, such as dim sum, mushrooms, coffee, local wines, and ciders. And besides edible products, you will find artisanal crafts, including jewelry, clothing, red clay cups, and artisan glass.

The big kahuna of the markets – Port Townsend's Saturday Market – opens on Saturday, April 4, with the last day being Saturday, December 19. Open 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., April through October, and 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in November and December, the Saturday market is held at 650 Tyler Street (just opposite Aldrich's). This is the most crowded of the markets, especially midsummer, and it offers almost everything you can think of. While only service animals are permitted in this market, there's a large, grassy open space adjacent where pets are allowed.

The Chimacum Farmers Market will be open on Sundays, May through October, just outside of the Chimacum Farm Store. Hours are 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. This is a more rustic version of the Port Townsend market, but with a similar mix of products. Pups are allowed at this market.

Returning this year is the Wednesday Farmers Market in Port Townsend, which runs from June through September, from 3 – 6 p.m. This venue offers mostly food items, PLUS some exciting events that'll be announced closer to the market opening!

These three markets are all part of the long-running nonprofit Jefferson County Farmers Markets group ([jcfmarkets.org](http://jcfmarkets.org)). In addition to the markets, the organization offers food access programs to help meet nutritional needs in the county. These include Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Market Match, Women Infants and Children (WIC) and Farmers Market Nutrition Program (WIC FMNP), the Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP), and VegRx.

Although not part of the Jefferson County Farmers Markets, there will be a new Port Ludlow Farmers Market this year. This one's a Friday market which will be located next to the restaurant El Molcajete. The Port Ludlow market is planned to start **June 5** and will run through September. Here you'll find fresh vegetables from Quilcene, fruit from the Hadlock Fruit Stand (starting on **Friday, June 19**), baked goodies, gourmet mushrooms, flowers, garden arts, and more. For more information, email [kandicecrusat@gmail.com](mailto:kandicecrusat@gmail.com).

## Celestial Navigation and the Hawaiian Renaissance

by Milt Lum, staff writer

The constancy of the planetary movements during the earth's daily rotation on its axis and its annual journey around the sun was codified by the observations of Copernicus and Galileo in the 16th century. Centuries earlier societies inhabiting the islands of the Pacific Ocean had developed a celestial navigational guide using these observations. This tradition became extinct due to technological advances until a part-Hawaiian expat, Herb Kawainui Kane, began exploring his ancestral roots.

Kane, born to a Danish mother and a Hawaiian-Chinese father in Minnesota, retained his Hawaiian roots by travels to his grandparents' home in the islands. He became a successful commercial artist in Chicago but returned to Hawaii in 1970 with a specific interest in the early sailing canoes of his ancestors. Researching historical documents, communicating with scholars around the world, and listening to stories from older Hawaiians, Kane envisioned building a canoe seaworthy enough to replicate the journeys of the early Polynesians.

Concurrently Ben Finney, who holds a Ph.D from Harvard in anthropology, introduced Kane to the prevailing opinion promoted by Andrew Sharp, a New Zealand historian. Sharp claimed that the early Polynesians had neither the canoes nor the navigational acumen to cross thousands of

miles of open water, and that they found the islands only after being blown off course by storms. Having studied the illustrations of Captain Cook, Finney questioned Sharp's opinion. In 1973 Finney, Kane, and Tommy Holmes, a famous island surfer and canoe paddler, formed the nonprofit corporation, The Polynesian Voyaging Society (PVS), to secure the funding to build a sailing canoe to replicate those illustrated by early explorers.

They set a deadline of three years to design, fund, and build a vessel capable of making the 2500 mile trip from Hawaii to Tahiti. In addition to the monumental task of financing and building the canoe, Finney considered it imperative that they make the journey without any contemporary navigational aides in order to refute Sharp's premise.

On March 8, 1975 at a beach on the shore of O'ahu, a 62 foot double-hulled sailing canoe, named the *Hōkūle'a* was launched. Fifteen months later, on June 6, 1976, the canoe sailed into Papeete Harbor in Tahiti thus demonstrating that the early Polynesians passed the nautical skills to reach their new home in the Hawaiian islands. In this case, however, the navigator was a Micronesian, Pius Mau Pilailug, one of the few men who was trained in the art of celestial navigation.

The *Hōkūle'a's* second voyage to Tahiti in March, 1978 met with disaster when it capsized in stormy seas five hours after leaving Honolulu. Eddie Aikau, a lifeguard and expert surfer, was lost at sea when he ventured out on a surfboard to get help. This tragedy forced the leadership of the PVS to examine the future of the *Hōkūle'a*. The decision to continue with the voyage was made to honor the memory of Eddie Aikau and to restore the dignity of all native Hawaiians. Nainoa Thompson was selected to be the navigator for the next voyage. He had sailed on the *Hōkūle'a* on its return trip from Tahiti and was also a crew member on the ill-fated second trip. Realizing that Mau's experience was an essential part of his training, Thompson flew to Saipan when he learned that Mau would be there visiting relatives.

Mau met with Thompson and they spent the day together. In the end, Mao agreed to train Thompson and, in the spring of 1980, the *Hōkūle'a* completed a 5000 mile round trip voyage from Hawai'i to Tahiti guided by Thompson.

The last two decades of the twentieth century saw a renewed interest in celestial navigation stimulated by Mau's presence in the documentary films: *The Navigators - Pathfinders of the Pacific* by Sam Low and *The Last*

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## Celestial Navigation (continued)

*Navigator* by Steve Thomas. Mau accompanied Nainoa from 1985-1987 on a two-year, 16,000 mile voyage aboard the *Hōkūle‘a* retracing the traditional voyaging routes throughout Polynesia. In the wake of that trip, traditional canoes were built in New Zealand, Tahiti, and Rarotonga. As one of his final acts as a master navigator in 2007, Mau presided over the traditional ceremonial initiation of 11 men from Satawal and five from Hawai‘i as masters of celestial navigation.

Thompson and his crew of Hawaiian watermen had proved to the world that their ancestors were worthy sailors equal to that of Captain Cook’s crew who arrived centuries later. In the post-war years of the twentieth century, interest in Hawaiian arts and language was supplanted by the latest cultural imports from the mainland. The Hawaiian elders who retained the legacy of their ancestors were dwindling. The Hawaiian culture was appropriated by the tourist industry. The success of *Hōkūle‘a* awakened cultural pride in Hawaiians all over the globe. They reclaimed their ancestors as courageous navigators willing to cross the vast expanse of uncharted waters to a new land.

On March 8, 2025 at the 50th anniversary celebration of the launching of the *Hōkūle‘a*, Thompson, the current president of the PVS, extolled the courage and vision of the original founders. They defied the odds and succeeded. They had demonstrated that the vision and courage of the ancient Hawaiians had not been diminished. Since that first successful voyage, there has been: an increased enrollment at Hawaiian language schools, more schools teaching the classical forms of hula, and healing of lands ravaged by commercial agriculture. In 1993 the 103rd Congress passed a bill acknowledging the 100th anniversary of the January 17, 1893 overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, and offered an apology for the United States’ complicity in that action. The cultural renaissance fostered by an ancient sailing canoe had become the inspiration to guide the future generations of Hawaiians.

## Porch Talk with Tim Rensema

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer

There’s an art to this kind of shuffling, running intentionally slower even when you want to go faster, even when your body says whoa. It takes practice, which makes it look deceptively easy. Tim Rensema calls it the *airborne shuffle*, his version of slow jogging when he doesn’t want to pound the pavement or his knees. He shuffles fifteen-minute miles now, moving on from the marathons and

10Ks he used to run.

But on Fun Days, he gets his exercise other ways, like when he’s out bushwhacking trails with other Trails volunteers, something he’s done for nine years. I sat with Tim at the Shell Gas Station where he and the Fun Days crews like to gather after a hard day’s work. It’s a fellowship of shared interests, not unlike the camaraderie he remembers from the military. He would know – he was in the Army, active duty and National Guard, for a combined 30 years. He says it was a phenomenal experience.

He’s a 1984 West Point graduate with a BA in Military Science and general engineering. He earned another bachelor’s degree in Forest Management and a master’s degree in Forest Genetics at the University of Maine using the GI Bill. He then he accepted a job at North Dakota State University, and was an advisor to the Horticulture Club, which is where he met his wife Hayley.

Tim joined the North Dakota National Guard, plus he traveled all over North Dakota as a research specialist after earning his forestry degree. Did you know the state would have a lot more trees if the farmers would just let them grow, he tells me? I’ll have to take his word on that. He transferred to the Maine National Guard in 1987 and became the Department Chief for environmental programs at Camp Keyes in Augusta. There, he set up the conservation, compliance and pollution prevention system.

In 1993, he joined the Active Guard Reserve (AGR) at Aberdeen, Maryland and was in charge of cleanup sites for all the Midwest states. He started commuting between Baltimore and DC after his promotion to Lieutenant Colonel and then Battalion Commander. He was off to War College in 1998. His last tour in the military was with Army Installation Management as Program Director for Compliance, Pollution Prevention and the Environmental Enterprise System from 2002 – 2004.

With only 18.5 years of active service, Tim still had to work until he could retire at age 60, so he became an Environmental Engineer at Camp Darby, a logistics and munitions supply hub, in Livorno, Italy for a few years until he moved his family back to Fredericksburg, Virginia for an engineering position with the Department of Public Works at Fort A.P. Hill.

During his tenure at the Fort, Tim volunteered to serve in Afghanistan for six months with the Corp of Engineers as Operations Maintenance Chief for the Afghan National Army bases. The bases, (some of which used to be Russian),

needed to be converted to military standards, which meant putting in water, waste and electrical systems. He also volunteered to serve in Iraq for eight months with a FOB (Forward Operating Base) Hammer in Besmaya, an old armor base when Saddam Hussein was still alive. He told me stories about an old cemetery with 3000-year-old urns, and Hussein's palace, which he toured.

Tim's a natural history buff. Maybe because his father was a history teacher. While Tim was still at Fort A.P. Hill, he and his daughter volunteered at the Fredericksburg National Battlefield Park with the U.S Park Service. He was a docent at Chatham, an antebellum plantation that served as the headquarters, and later as a field hospital, for the US Army during the Battle of Fredericksburg.

Tim's eyes lit up when he walked me through the history, how Stonewall Jackson and the Confederates bivouacked over the winter at Fort A.P. Hill after the battle, and how you can still find remnants of the buildings they occupied. There were four major Civil War battles within a five mile radius of Chatham, but it's the Battle of Chancellorsville that's important to Tim. His great-grandfather lost his left arm fighting for the 124th New York Infantry Regiment in that war. Also known as the Orange Blossoms, they were

part of the Union Army of the Potomac. Tim's actually walked the grounds where his ancestor's unit fought for the Union.

Now he rambles through the grounds of another historic cemetery right here in Port Ludlow, when it was an active mill town in the 1800's.





*Tim Rensema standing next to replica of missing headstone from historic Port Ludlow cemetery*

You've probably read Tim's stories in the *PL Voice*. He said they've found fourteen graves with ground penetrating radar. Only one grave ever had a headstone though, but there's rumor the stone's been in Swansonville somewhere since 1960. I'll admit I'm intrigued.

He's learned a lot about Port Ludlow since his family moved here in 2016. He's volunteered at the Visitor Center for Jefferson County, and at the Worthington

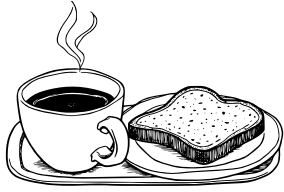
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Port Ludlow Art League's Jeweler of the Month – Lora De La Portilla

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Lora's inspiration is her belief that every woman deserves a piece of beautiful jewelry in her wardrobe. Her hope is that when someone puts on one of her pieces, they will be reminded that they are as unique and beautiful as the piece of jewelry they are wearing.



During April, Lora's jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, Sound Community Bank, and online at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

### *Sapphire and KHT Silver Bracelet*

*by Lora De La Portilla*

The public is invited to attend a reception for Lora on **Wednesday, April 8**, from 4 – 5 p.m. in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org) or visit [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

## Port Ludlow Art League Artist of the

### Month - Featured Artist: Joanmarie Eggert

A geologist by training and an artist by vocation, Joanmarie enjoys exploring the interplay between the physicality of materials and the serendipity of how they interact with each other. While Joanmarie works imaginatively, her work is inspired by her observations of the natural world. Joanmarie says, "My artwork is experimental. I'm never sure of the outcome."

Joanmarie creates favorable conditions so that the magic of serendipity and the nature of physics do the rest. Joanmarie's process involves creating the surface for each piece and then introducing paint so that it interacts with the surface, enabling the paint's unique properties to shine

through. Sometimes, Joanmarie applies paint very thinly, and other times she applies it thickly, often then scraping away the top layers to reveal the paint underneath. Further experimentation blends watercolor and inks that flow into one another, creating complex colors that pool and granulate. Another method involves applying transparent acrylics over gold leaf, creating a luminous effect.

Joanmarie also uses a camera-less printing process where exposure is determined by time in the sun, called Cyanotypes.

This is a long-standing photographic process by painting light-sensitive solutions onto paper, placing objects on the paper, and then setting them in the sun to be exposed. As a group, these paintings run the spectrum from abstraction to nonrepresentational.

During April you can enjoy Joanmarie's artwork at Sound Community Bank and online at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).



The public is invited to attend a reception for Joanmarie on **Wednesday, April 8**, 4 – 5 p.m. in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port

### *Untitled by Joanmarie Eggert*

Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The bank is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org) or visit [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

## Port Ludlow Art League – April Classes

**Watercolor Class – Friday, April 3**, 10 a.m. – noon at the Bridge Deck

Join us for a class with artist, Pamela Raine, to complete the *Raining Blossoms* watercolor painting.

All supplies and instructions are

provided for a fee. To register, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org)



*Raining Blossoms*  
by Pamela Raine

**Acrylic Paint Class – Saturday, April 11, 9:30 a.m. – noon** at the Bridge Deck

Join us for a fun class with artist, Shirley Bomgaars, to complete the *Country Lane* acrylic painting while enjoying brunchy sips and nibbles. All supplies and instructions are provided for \$50. Space is limited. To register, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).



*Country Lane*  
by Shirley Bomgaars

The Bridge Deck is located adjacent to the Beach Club parking lot at 121 Marina View Drive, Port Ludlow.

## **Port Ludlow Art League April Program Speakers:**

### **Eileen Sorg and Farren Moss**

The Port Ludlow Art League welcomes Eileen Sorg and Farren Moss as the speakers for their April Program Meeting.

Eileen Sorg is a professional artist based in the Pacific Northwest and is well known for her magical, narrative drawings. She shows her work at juried festivals across the country and has originals in museums and private collections worldwide. In addition to her personal studio work, she accepts commissions. She is a popular instructor, teaching workshops across the U.S. and Canada, where she shares her love of drawing and the mixed media technique she has developed over the years.

Eileen is also recognized as a Signature Member of the Colored Pencil Society of America and the author of several books on drawing in colored pencils produced by Walter Foster Publishing.

Black Barn Fine Art Studio, located in Kingston, was Eileen's brainchild for many years. The studio is a teaching facility that offers workshops covering a wide range of disciplines taught by working artists that are both local and from across the country. Eileen will talk about how the idea for the studio originated, what classes are offered, artist residencies and mentorships.

Farren Moss is the studio's oil painting guru. Farren will be talking about her education and background, along with discussing her oil mentorship courses at the studio.

Eileen will also be bringing examples of the studio instructor's artwork and will be available to answer questions. For more information about Eileen's artwork, visit [twodogstudio.com](http://twodogstudio.com).



For information about Black Barn Fine Art Studio, visit

*Black Barn Studio* [blackbarnfineartstudio.com](http://blackbarnfineartstudio.com).  
The program meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 15, 1 – 3 p.m.** at the Port Ludlow Beach Club. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome to attend for a \$5 fee. For more information, visit [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org)

## **Talk to the Animals**

by Jim Gormly, Ludlow Village Players

People love their pets and marvel at their intelligence, unique personalities, and apparent empathy and communication skills. No doubt most people chat with their cat or gab with their Lab, interpreting a bark, meow, or head tilt as their pet's response. You've seen this type of exchange in the *Dr. Dolittle* or *Ace Ventura: Pet Detective* movies. In the upcoming Ludlow Village Players' production of *Pets (and Their Humans)*, you'll find out that Brad also has the ability to converse with his pets.

Years after his wife's sudden death, Brad (Michael Haberpointner), is still grieving the loss in the only way he knows how by talking with his pet dog, Titina (Starley Flynn) and his cat, Mac (Jeff Groves). Titina and Mac give him advice to help him move on and debate issues of philosophy and the meaning of life. Brad's younger daughter, Cassie (Anja Haberpointner) shares Dad's skill, much to the dismay and disbelief of older daughter, Barb (October Flynn-Freeman). As Brad starts dating again, Brad's new girlfriend, Stefanie (Caroline Miner), begins to question Brad's sanity after hearing he has interactive conversations with his pets. To top it off, a bigger surprise involves Stefanie's puppy, Scout (Bella Rose Dillon), who threatens to ruin their budding relationship.

A funny and poignant look at the role animals play in our lives, *Pets (and Their Humans)* is the perfect show for any pet lover. Come see Port Ludlow's physical therapist and the rest of the pets and humans, all herded by

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## Talk to the Animals (continued)

Co-Directors, Kate Marshall and Ted Brown.

Performances at the Bay Club are on **Friday, April 17** and **24**, at 6:30 p.m. and **Saturday** and **Sunday, April 18, 19, 25** and **26**, at 2 p.m. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place. Tickets are available at [ludlowvillageplayers.org](http://ludlowvillageplayers.org). Online general admission tickets are \$25 (\$30 at the door) and student tickets are \$10 (\$10 at the door). Doors open 30 minutes before showtime.

## At Northwind Art in April

Two new exhibits featuring animal sculptures and dramatic paintings open at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery in Port Townsend. The nonprofit gallery hosts the New Work exhibit by Randy Sturgis and Peter Koronakos, and the Ars Poetica exhibit in which painters respond to poetry.

The public is invited to meet the artists and explore the exhibits during the Saturday Art Walk on **April 4** from 5 – 8 p.m. The gallery is open Thursdays through Mondays from noon – 5 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the following special presentations at the Jeanette Best Gallery:

- Lacy Muhich of Seattle, whose wood sculptures are on display in the gallery's Showcase space, will talk on **Saturday, April 4**, at 3 p.m.
- Lucia Enriquez of Anacortes will give a demonstration of her digital painting process on **Sunday, April 12**, at 3 p.m.
- The artists in the Ars Poetica exhibit will give a reading on **Saturday, April 25**, at 3 p.m. The public is invited to the celebration after the reading.

For more information about these exhibits and activities, please visit [NorthwindArt.org](http://NorthwindArt.org).

The Northwind Art School at Fort Worden State Park is offering the following classes in April:

- Mini Altar Boxes with Jan Jorgensen, **April 2**
- Watercolor: Boats & Harbors with David Repyak, **April 2**
- Women in Art History: Yayoi Kusama with Lorelei Amato, **April 3**
- Art Journaling through Change in Community with Meg Kaczyk, live streaming online **April 9**
- Intro to Mixed Media in 3-D with Erika Wurm, **April 10**
- Print Night: a meetup for photographers with Rick York, **April 13**

- Aging Creatively: an art workshop for people with memory loss and their caregivers with Jodi Ericksen, **April 14** and **April 28**
- All Levels Rock Wrapping with Sue Stanton, **April 15**
- Acrylic Painting 101 with David Repyak, four Thursdays during **April 16-May 7**
- Acrylic Painting Level 2 with Beth Herrild, **April 18**



*Acrylic Painting 101 with David Repyak*

- Intro to Silk Painting with Water-based Resist with Evette Allerdings, **April 19**
- Gouache for Painters with Anne Pfeiffer, **April 20**
- Explore Color Harmony with Wayne Jiang, **April 25-26**
- Cedar Bark Basket Weaving with David Repyak, **April 27**

For more information about classes, please visit [NorthwindArt.org](http://NorthwindArt.org). The Northwind Art School is located at Fort Worden State Park, 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend.

## Bayside Art Gallery - Birds of a Feather Exhibit by Suzanne and Emi Burns

The Bayside Art Gallery is harkening the call of spring with its upcoming exhibit, Birds of a Feather, featuring paintings, sculptures, and photography by Washington artists Suzanne Burns and Emi Burns. Running from **March 8** through **April 30**, the exhibit explores the artists' shared connections to nature and artistic expression through diverse media. The opening reception is on **Sunday, March 8**, from 4 – 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

Suzanne Burns is a Port Ludlow artist working in graphite, oil paint, mixed-media, and stone. Her paintings are often paired with sculptural forms carved in marble, alabaster, and variations



*Masked Marvel, by Suzanne Burns*

of soapstone, creating a dialogue between image and object, surface and mass. Suzanne's artwork is rooted in

the idea of the visual haiku, appearing light or whimsical at first encounter only to reveal layered symbolism through closer appreciation.

Emi Burns, Suzanne's daughter-in-law, is a Seattle-based visual artist working in mixed media painting, collage, and photography. The Birds of a Feather exhibit showcases Emi's ongoing exploration of the connection between inner and outer worlds, memory and nature, and shared human experiences. Moving between abstraction and realism, her emotionally-driven artwork draws on Japanese aesthetic principles, among other global influences, to explore transition, identity, and resonance.

For more information, please contact Christopher Forrest at 206.465.2193 or [cforrest@baysidehousing.org](mailto:cforrest@baysidehousing.org).

## Choirs Bring Nostalgic Swing and Jazz to Spring Concerts

The Community Chorus of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County travel back in time to perform *Sentimental Journey: Swingin' through the 1920s, 30s and 40s*. Concerts will be held at two different locations on **Friday, April 10**, 7 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church located at 1111 Franklin St., Port Townsend, and on **Sunday, April 12**, 3 p.m., at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer located at 45 Redeemer Way in Port Hadlock.

Director Jon Stafford urged singers to embrace the heart and passion of these nostalgic favorites during rehearsals. The program features charts from beloved American songwriters such as Cole Porter, George Gershwin, and Irving Berlin. Song highlights include *Summertime* and *They Can't Take That Away from Me* by George and Ira Gershwin; *Blue Skies* by Irving Berlin; a Cole Porter medley including *You'd Be So Nice to Come Home To* and *I've Got You Under My Skin*; and *Sentimental Journey* by Bud Green, Les Brown, and Ben Homer.

Chorus representatives say they grew up with these songs and find them personally satisfying. Chorus president, Linda Atkins stated, "These songs bring back such sweet memories of riding with my mom in the car and singing together."

Chorus accompanist Liz Hopkins is featured on a Gershwin piano solo. Guest instrumentalists Aaron Spieldenner on guitar and Conor Sisk on percussion join the singers on some numbers. Also featured are the newly formed Port Townsend Women's Chorus and the Wild Rose Chorale that are directed by Leslie Lewis. Pianist Lisa Lanza accompanies the Women's Chorus. Wild Rose Chorale

sings a cappella.

George Gershwin said, "True music must repeat the thoughts and inspirations of the people and the time. My people are Americans and my time is today."

Tickets are a suggested \$20 at the door. For more information, please visit [ptchorus.org](http://ptchorus.org), or call 360-643-3345 or 360-385-1912.

## Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra's April Concert

The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Tigran Arakelyan, will present its April concert on **Sunday, April 26** at 2 p.m. at Chimacum High School Auditorium. This is a free concert. There will also be an open dress rehearsal **Friday, April 24**, at 7 p.m.

This concert presents great music from a variety of Broadway musicals and movies, along with a world premiere performance by Seattle-based violinist Luke Fitzpatrick. Luke Fitzpatrick is a multi-instrumentalist, composer, and artistic director of Inverted Space, a Seattle-based new-music collective. He has played with the Seattle Philharmonic, Deltron 3030, and the E-Collective. His music has been commissioned by multiple groups, and he received Seattle's 2023 City Artists Grant. He is known for combining modern techniques with long, singing, melodic lines. He will be debuting his new violin concerto.

*Fiddler on the Roof* opened in 1964 and was the longest running musical at that time. Its iconic music reshaped how culturally specific stories were told, and the *Sunrise, Sunset* song is still used at weddings.

Opening a year apart, *Les Misérables* and *Phantom of the Opera* redefined the Broadway mega musical. *Les Mis*, a quasi-opera, introduced the sung-through narrative and *Phantom*, running for 35 years, added a new level of visual and technical production. Both musicals introduced lush scenery, large casts, and elaborate staging. They helped redefine how long a Broadway musical could run and become a worldwide brand.

*Titanic* is perhaps the most popular romantic movie ever made and its music reflects that. While there is only one hit song, *My Heart Will Go On*, the soundtrack became the best-selling soundtrack of all time.

Chimacum High School is located at 91 W Valley Rd., Chimacum, WA. For more information about the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra, please visit [ptsymphony.org](http://ptsymphony.org).


## Port Angeles Field Arts & Events Hall – April Calendar of Events

The Donna M. Morris Theater at Field Arts & Events Hall in Port Angeles will host these April events:

- Friday, April 3** at 7 p.m. | Mike Marshall & Alessandro Penezzi  
Three-time Grammy Nominee and acclaimed mandolinist Mike Marshall (originally of the David Grisman Quartet) takes the stage with composer and premier Brazilian 7-string guitarist Alessandro Penezzi for an evening of joyful acoustic music. Tickets are \$25 - \$45.
- Friday, April 10** at 6 p.m. | 5-Course Cocktail Pairing Dinner in The Sunset Lounge  
Enjoy a four-course gourmet dinner, each dish thoughtfully paired by Chef Brandon and Mixologist Monique with a distinctive mix of cocktails or mocktails. Food and Beverage Manager and culinary expert Jeff Andrew will guide you through the flavors, stories, and science behind each pairing. Tickets are \$115 General Admission and \$95 for Field Hall Members.
- Tuesday, April 21** at 7 p.m. | MOMIX: ALICE  
Experience a visually stunning, surreal journey inspired by Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland, where illusion, acrobatics, and dance merge into a dreamlike world of whimsy and mystery. MOMIX has captivated audiences as one of the most innovative and acclaimed theatrical companies. Tickets are \$30 – \$60 adult and \$20 – \$30 youth. - *See the photo online!*
- Thursday, April 23** at 7 p.m. | Iris Dement  
Iris Dement brings her unmistakable voice and poignant storytelling to The Strait Country Music Series at Field Hall in a deeply moving concert that blends folk, country, and gospel traditions with reflections on love, justice, and the human spirit. Tickets are \$29.50 – \$54.50.
- Sunday, April 26** at 3 p.m. | Saint Martin's University Music Department: Groove, A Concert  
Groove is a wind ensemble concert highlighting American music and history through jazz, Latin, and dance inspired works. Pay-what-makes-you-happy event. Suggested donations are \$20 adult and \$10 youth.
- Monday, April 27** at 6:30 p.m. | Trio Brasileiro: Dudu Maia, Douglas Lora & Alexandre Lora  
Grammy winning Trio Brasileiro brings a radiant, intimate approach to Brazilian choro. The trio's chemistry is rooted in lifelong musical bonds between brothers Douglas Lora (seven-string guitar) and Alexandre Lora (percussion), joined by bandolin virtuoso Dudu Maia. General Admission tickets are \$20.

For more information, please visit [fieldhallevents.org](http://fieldhallevents.org). To purchase tickets, please visit [fieldhallevents.org/tickets](http://fieldhallevents.org/tickets). Field Arts & Events Hall is located at 201 W Front Street in Port Angeles, WA.

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# Village News

## Bay Club / South Bay

### SBCA Happenings

by Carolyn O’Keeffe, President; SBCA Board of Directors

Welcome to April 2026! We made it to Spring!

Our Health and Fitness Committee had an Open House in late March providing a demonstration and information on the new weights equipment. They are planning drop-in sessions for members this month and will be sending notifications out via the SBCA eBlasts. Changes to the lockers in our two locker rooms did not occur in March as planned due to questions regarding the locker materials and their resistance to a very moist environment. The installation of new lockers will occur this spring. In addition to the daily cleaning of the showers, we hired a company to come do a deep cleaning of the showers, and we have now scheduled deep cleaning on a quarterly basis. The small 1” square tiles and white grout are not the best design for constant use and 85% moisture, and we are looking at viable solutions to this challenging situation with our Facilities Committee.

Repairs to specific sections of the sidewalks in the front of the building occurred in March and they look great! We will do additional root removal and stump grinding this month with soil enhancement coming after that. We are working with the landscaper and our Facilities Committee on determining new plantings for the front area.

Our Pancake Breakfast on **April 3** will benefit Jefferson Healthcare Hospice program. Please join us in supporting this worthwhile program.

As a Board, we have been working with our attorney on revising our SBCA Bylaws required by new State laws (RCW 64.90) that have taken effect this year. The State law requires specific changes to the Bylaws this year with more changes to come by January 1, 2028. The Board will recommend a finalized version of the Bylaws that will go to members along with the Annual meeting materials to be mailed out in May. SBCA members will vote to approve these newly revised bylaws at the Annual Membership Meeting in July. The recommended draft will be provided on the website as well.

Speaking of websites, we will be switching over to a new website provider this spring and early summer. It will be a two-phase process. Stay tuned for more details in May!

### April SBCA Important Dates

**Friday, April 3**, 8:30 – 10 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast benefitting Jefferson Healthcare Hospice\*\*

**Tuesday, April 7**, 1 p.m. – Jefferson Land Trust\*\*\*

**Thursday, April 9**, 9:30 – 11 a.m. – Monthly Board meeting \*\*

**Thursday, April 9**, 1 p.m. – Historical Overview of American Intelligence Agencies presentation with Gary B. Keeley\*\*\*

**Friday, April 10**, 5 – 7 p.m. - Members Social\*\*

**Tuesday, April 14**, 1 p.m. - First Nations presentation with David Brownell, A Closer Look at “Klallam Ethnography” – S’Klallam Interviews with Erna Gunther

**Tuesday, April 28**, 1 p.m. - Jefferson Healthcare - Maintaining Pelvic Health\*\*\*

All Thursdays 4 p.m. – Member’s Lounge

To keep informed of all dates and times, please visit [sbca.club](http://sbca.club)

\*\* All SBCA members are welcome.

\*\*\* All Port Ludlow residents are welcome.

We have great speakers and presentations scheduled in April. David Brownell continues his wonderful presentations on the First Nations. Jefferson Healthcare will be presenting this month. And a new speaker has been added – Gary B. Keeley will share his knowledge on American Intelligence Agencies. Check out the box on this page for details on all our presentations and activities for April and May. Enjoy your gardens, longer days, and more sunshine!

### Get Ready to Giggle! Michael Harrison Brings Ventriloquism Magic to the Bay Club

by Jason Wright, Guest Writer

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, May 3**, 2 p.m. at the Bay Club for an afternoon of laughter and fun as the Port Ludlow Performing Arts welcomes the incredibly talented Michael Harrison for a special performance. *Port Ludlow is so busy we couldn't fit all our articles in the print version of the Voice. Go to [plvoice.org](http://plvoice.org) to read this and other interesting articles.*

## Beach Club / North Bay

### Update from the Manager

by Mike Wilson, General Manager

April showers bring May flowers, as the saying goes. I've been pleasantly surprised by the milder winter weather here compared to Vancouver, Washington. While it has still been cold, the rain hasn't been as constant as expected. With spring approaching, let's hope for some much-needed late March and April snowpack in the mountains.

As we look ahead, please mark your calendars for two important dates:

- Annual Meeting Reception – **Friday, April 17**
- Annual Meeting – **Saturday, April 18**

I'm eager to see how many of you attend both events. These gatherings are a great opportunity to connect, review the past year, and learn more about the projects and initiatives planned for 2026.

If you haven't already scheduled any needed work for your home – such as roofing, painting, landscaping, or general repairs – now is the time. Our window for outdoor projects is short, and getting an early start is beneficial for everyone involved. I also encourage you to talk with your neighbors about coordinating services like gutter cleaning, moss treatment, or landscaping. When done in groups, these projects often come at a lower cost.

In March, we hosted our first-ever Mariners Opening Day Social, and it was a wonderful start to what I hope will become a more active community calendar. As your new General Manager, I'm excited to explore more opportunities for social events in the Bayview Room. In a perfect world, we'd have something happening every month – and I'm optimistic we're moving in that direction.

As always, I'm here if you have any questions, comments, or ideas for future activities. I look forward to seeing many of you in April!

If you have questions or comments about this article or the on-going work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or by email at [GM@LMCBeachClub.org](mailto:GM@LMCBeachClub.org).

#### LMC and the Beach Club

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Sign up for our monthly e-*Navigator* by emailing the above address.

Visit [LMCBeachClub.org](http://LMCBeachClub.org) for more information about your North Bay HOA

## Village Council

### Think Globally, Act Locally

by Geoff Lang, Port Ludlow Village Council President

April often brings us the first real taste of spring in the Pacific Northwest with tulips popping, frogs chirping, birds in full plumage, and seasonal allergies waking up. April also brings us Earth Day (**April 22** for those keeping score at home). The global theme for Earth Day this year is 'Our Power, Our Planet', which [Earthday.org](http://Earthday.org) says highlights the power of people and communities in creating environmental progress, independent of single administrations. When I was a budding marine scientist in grad school at the University of Washington in the 1980s, the environmental mantra was 'Think Globally, Act Locally.' The common theme over the years has been that the work we do as individuals, at the grass roots level in our communities, has the *greatest impact*. Neighbors helping neighbors, connections made. We could all use a little more of that in today's world. *A little more 'we' and a lot less 'I.'*

Speaking of connections, PLVC's bi-annual Community Opportunity Fair has been renamed to "Port Ludlow Connects - Connect with Purpose" and will be held **Friday, August 28**, at the Bay Club (120 Spinnaker Place, Port Ludlow). Our PL Connects Committee has been working hard to line up local opportunities to connect with local groups, clubs, classes and organizations. Save the date and keep your eye peeled for more information. We look forward to seeing you there!

In late February, the PLVC hosted a town hall meeting featuring a presentation by the Jefferson County Department of Community Development discussing the proposed cell tower project located just outside the MPR boundary. We would like to thank Greg Brotherton, District 3 Commissioner; Jeremy Williamme, DCD director; and Greg Ballard, Development Code Administrator, for taking the time to explain the avenues by which concerned citizens can participate in the process. A recording of the meeting is available on the 'live' tab of our YouTube channel [youtube.com/@PortLudlowVillageCouncil](https://www.youtube.com/@PortLudlowVillageCouncil) if you missed it! Thank you to all who came out to participate, it was great to see a full house!

Circle **Saturday, May 23**, on your calendars for our first event of the summer: the Second Annual Community Yard Sale! Registration details are available on our website, [PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org](http://PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org), and found on flyers posted around the Village, and in articles in the *Voice*. [See this article at [plvoice.org](http://plvoice.org). We ran out of room!] Register

as a seller now, before the spaces are gone! In addition to the yard sale, we'll have music by the Stringalongs, lunch for purchase from the Fireside, local non-profits and representatives from East Jefferson Fire Rescue (unless they are needed for an emergency elsewhere), and our Bake Sale booth. Pop over to the Second Annual Community Yard Sale for a bargain, to savor a cookie or two, to appreciate the live tunes from our local musicians, and swing by our booth to say Hi!

We're also looking for ideas for a mid-summer event and we need your help! Send your ideas to [info@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org](mailto:info@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org)!

We are fortunate to live in a truly spectacular locale surrounded by natural beauty. We have an abundance of activities to keep our minds and bodies engaged and more social gatherings than any one person could possibly attend. The fuel for this engine is **Volunteer Energy**. Some folks sit on boards or committees, some work backstage at a play, some go out once a month to improve a trail, some solicit donors for an arts group, some work a few hours helping with an event. All are equally important in maintaining the vast array of opportunities for entertainment, socializing, exercising (mentally and physically), and *connecting* with our community. So, as we head out into this month of Earth Day, consider acting locally to foster community in the place we all call home. Our volunteer coordinator can be reached at [Volunteer@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org](mailto:Volunteer@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org). Reach out any time, to participate at any level. It is worth remembering that we are referred to as the *Village* in the Woods by the Bay. It does indeed take a Village.

## Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board of Directors Meeting: March 2026 Briefing

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board of Directors meeting held on Thursday, March 5, highlighted significant advancements in regional infrastructure, public safety, and community programming. Key developments include the procurement of a \$6.44 million BEAD grant by the Jefferson County Public Utility District (PUD) to expand fiber broadband to underserved homes, and a major legislative victory regarding fire insurance ratings for residents living beyond the five-mile threshold of a fire station.

Public works initiatives are undergoing transition, with the county moving toward a centralized recycling model and planning a new transfer station. Local infrastructure projects, specifically the General Sewer Plan and treatment

plant improvements, remain on schedule for late 2026 completion. Financially, the PLVC remains stable, ending February with \$17,954.63 in cash on hand, supported by community donations and a forthcoming seasonal raffle.

The full minutes as well as video recording of our monthly Board of Directors meetings can be found on our website: [PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org](http://PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org).

Questions? [info@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org](mailto:info@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org)

## Seeking Volunteers - Your PLVC Utilities Committee needs YOU!

by Howard Weiner, PLVC Vice President and Utilities Committee Chair

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) is currently looking for dedicated community members to join our Utilities Committee. Our charter is to monitor developments with electric, water, sewer, solid waste, and other utilities to make informed recommendations to the PLVC Board of Directors. The Committee meets monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month, with sub-committees meeting as needs arise.

We are specifically seeking candidates with knowledge in the following areas but welcome all members of the community with a passion for this work.

- **Electric PUD:** Understanding of issues relating to our provider.
- **Water and Sewer:** Knowledge of infrastructure and systems.
- **Cell service:** Understanding of how cell service operates and coverage areas required
- **Garbage & Recycling:** Familiarity with county regulations for solid waste, glass, and Styrofoam.
- **Maritime and Marina:** Insight into our marina and the Bay ecosystem.
- **Drainage Districts:** Knowledge of the North Bay facilities and their roles.

If you are interested, please reach out to the PLVC Utilities committee at [utilities@portludlowvillagecouncil.org](mailto:utilities@portludlowvillagecouncil.org).

Thank you for your help in serving our community.

### Village Council Meetings

#### PLVC Board Meeting

Thursday, April 2

3:00 p.m., Bay Club

#### PLVC Workshop

Tuesday, April 21

3:00 p.m., Bay Club

[portludlowvillagecouncil.org](http://portludlowvillagecouncil.org)

# Recreation & Sports

## It's Gonna be Alright - Cruising Season is Here!

by Greg Buscher, PLYC Communication Manager

Last month I wrote about the challenges facing yacht clubs up and down the coast, with Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) being no exception. It seems clubs of all kinds that don't adapt to a changing environment risk becoming quaint anachronisms. Still, for a yacht club, tradition will always be hugely important. So, this month I'm focused on cruising, a core PLYC tradition kicking off this month!

While not immune to the need to change it up from time to time, cruising is fundamental to being a yacht club: people with boats (and people with cars and RVs) gather to travel in fun ways to beautiful and often unique destinations while enjoying the camaraderie of good friends. Some cruises recur every year, and some spring as one-offs from the imagination of an enterprising club member. Coming up this month for PLYC members is our Wake-Up Cruise, an annual affair looked forward to not only for the fun of it, but because it also marks the start of cruising season.

The week-long Wake-Up Cruise takes boaters and land cruisers south down Hood Canal and features multi-day stays in Pleasant Harbor and at Alderbrook Resort. Whether traveling on water or on land, it's a gorgeous trip and getting there and back is half the fun. Both Pleasant Harbor and Alderbrook offer many amenities and ways to enjoy the beautiful properties and surrounding areas. A cruise itinerary of dinners, hikes, games, hot tubs, wine tasting, s'mores, campfires, and more guarantees everybody a great time. There is even a golf outing at Alderbrook. Yes, it rains on the Wake-Up Cruise every single year but never enough to dampen our spirits!

Sound like fun? You've still got time to join us. Reach out via our website [PLYC.us](http://PLYC.us) or send an email to [info@plyc.us](mailto:info@plyc.us) and an officer will be glad to invite you to the Wreck Room for an introductory dinner or social evening.

## The Introvert and the Extrovert

by Gail Wellenstein, Kitsap Beach Naturalist

Traffic inched its way westward on the floating bridge, providing the perfect opportunity to check what was hanging out in the Hood. Surf scoters and pigeon guillemots gently bobbed on the calm water while seagulls soared overhead. Out of the corner of my eye, I picked up a different motion, easily missed, of two sleek gray backs

with a small triangular dorsal fin arching slightly above the water and silently disappearing. As we crept forward, they seemed to follow us, the Harbor porpoises smoothly repeating this shallow curve as they hunted for schooling fish in the eddies created by the bridge.

Whales, dolphins and porpoises are members of the order called Cetaceans. They are all carnivorous mammals that have blowholes, horizontal tail flukes and streamlined bodies. We call them whales if they are twenty feet or longer. Dolphins are toothed whales under twenty feet with beak like snouts, hooked dorsal fins, and cone shaped teeth like an orca. Porpoises are the smallest of the cetaceans with small, rounded heads without a beak, a triangular dorsal fin, and spade-shaped teeth like a beluga. Here in the Salish Sea, we have two species, the introverted Harbor porpoise who quietly travels alone or in a pair and the extroverted Dall's porpoise with their flashy, noisy, frolicking attitude. They are the bow riders sending up rooster tails while you may see a harbor porpoise quietly following in the wake of your boat.



Harbor Porpoise model at Port Townsend Marine Science Center  
Photo Credit: Gail Wellenstein

Harbor porpoises are dark gray and are the size of an average woman, around 5 ½ feet and between 135-170 pounds. They hunt for schooling fish like herring, pollock, and sand lances, with the occasional squid or octopus.

Their average lifespan is ten years, but they can live up to twenty-four. They are a dominant predator in our area but sometimes fall prey to Biggs killer whales. Females reproduce starting at age four and have an eleven-month pregnancy. As their name suggests, they are found along coastlines, bays, and estuaries, and do not migrate.

Dall's porpoises are larger, like an NBA player, up to 7 feet and 350 pounds and look a bit like a miniature orca. They are mostly black with white patches on their flanks and trailing edge of their dorsal fin. Fitting in with their more extroverted nature, you will find them in larger groups. Their diet, lifespan and reproduction patterns are similar to the harbor porpoise. They are fond of cold water and

are more of an offshore species than the harbor porpoise.

In the 1940s, the harbor porpoise was the most common cetacean in Puget Sound. By the 1970s they had disappeared completely from Puget Sound and only a few remained around the San Juans and the Straits. This population crash was due to a number of factors. After World War II, gillnetting became a common fishing method throughout the Salish Sea, and the harbor porpoise was getting caught up in the nets. The lumber industry and the rapid increase in other industries in the area also led to significant water pollution; toxins are stored in blubber and affect the immune system, hormone levels, and reproduction. The population began to rebound in the early 2000's, due to a combination of improved fishing practices to reduce the bycatch as well as a concerted effort to clean up the Sound and we now have over 11,000 in the Salish Sea.

Dall's porpoises also are vulnerable to fisheries bycatch, leading to a moratorium on commercial driftnets in the North Pacific. Their population has been relatively stable since the moratorium but the population in the Salish Sea has declined since the 1990s, to the point that they are now a rare sight here. Scientists speculate that this decline is associated with the strong rebound of the harbor porpoise population. They hunt the same food and perhaps the Dall's porpoise just has decided to leave town for easier pickings on the coast, leaving the Salish Sea for those quiet homebody cousins.

## **Niners' News**

*by Kathleen Traci, Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson*

The Niners' Men and Women who play nine holes of competitive golf weekly are looking forward to a great 2026 season. A kick-off for the season will be the 2026 Niners' Cocktail Party on **Thursday, April 2**. It is expected that the event will be well attended by members of the Niners' League and their spouses and friends. John Bockoven, Niners' Captain, will welcome the leagues' members, highlight the coming season's events and answer questions regarding these events. New and potential Niners' members will be introduced.

Throughout the season, the Men Niners will precede the Lady Niners on the course, and the league will alternate between the front and back nine. Couples' 9-hole events are planned for the fourth Thursday of each month. The Ludlow Tees will be featured in games throughout the season. The length of the course is significantly shortened by teeing off from the Ludlow Tees and allows members to practice their short games.

Opening day is **Thursday, April 9**. Sign-ups on Golf Genius will open on **Thursday, April 2**. The following games are scheduled for April: Masters Par 3 event, Individual Low Net, Criers, and Best One Net Ball of the Group. The Couples' group will play a Foursome scramble from the Ludlow Tees on **Thursday, April 30**.

The Port Ludlow Golf Course's Golf Genius Scheduling Program will be used for Niners' event sign-ups. This program was used successfully for the past five years by the Port Ludlow Golf Leagues. This computer program also calculates individual golf statistics for members, including eclectic scores for the season.

The Niners' membership fee includes Washington State Golf Association Membership (WSGA) - allowing members to have a GHIN Handicap. The separate fee for the GHIN Handicap is \$52. The WSGA updates members' handicaps and periodically emails updates to members. Individual email addresses are needed for this service. The Niners collect additional minimal funds for weekly prizes. The pro shop collects Thursday's score cards, enters the members' scores into Golf Genius, and deposits the winnings into the winning players' PLGC accounts, allowing members to purchase PLGC merchandise.

Prospective Niners' members should contact the Pro Shop Desk at the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) for league information. The PL Lady Niners and the PL Niners Men invite prospective members to join the group for 9 holes of play any Thursday. This season, Port Ludlow Golf Course membership is not required for joining the Niners.

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## Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Fillers, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

Hikers gather at the Bridge Deck in Port Ludlow at 8:15 a.m. for directions and to arrange carpools, leaving by 8:30 a.m. To find the Bridge Deck location visit the club's website at [portludlowhikingclub.com](http://portludlowhikingclub.com) and click the ABOUT tab.

Individuals on the hiking email list receive notifications during the week of scheduled outings. If you wish to be added to the distribution list, please visit the club's website at [portludlowhikingclub.com](http://portludlowhikingclub.com) and use the CONTACT tab to submit your request. Participation in hikes is open to all; it is not necessary to be a member of the email list or the club.

### Friday, April 10 – Lower Lena Lake

The hike to Lower Lena Lake is a moderate 6-mile roundtrip trek featuring an elevation gain of 1,573 feet. Lena Lake itself is a small backcountry lake, surrounded by fir and cedar trees. The trail is well maintained and clearly marked, making it one of the most popular routes in the Olympic Mountains. As hikers approach the lake, there are several viewpoints ideal for resting and observing scenic vistas. The designated turnaround point is a large boulder offering the most prominent view of the lake, where the group will pause to enjoy lunch or a snack before returning via the same route. Restroom facilities are available at the trailhead.

Please ensure appropriate attire for the weather, and consider bringing walking sticks, water, and snacks. Dogs must always remain on a leash. A National or Interagency Pass is required. For further information, please contact the hike leader: Laureen Wagoner at 509-592-6452.

### Friday, April 24 – Three Waterfalls

The hike features three waterfalls: Upper Ludlow Falls, Fallsview Falls, and Murhut Falls.

*Upper Ludlow Falls* is a beautiful local waterfall viewed from the recently opened Creek View Loop Trail in Port Ludlow. The Creek View Loop Trail is 1.3 miles with 160 feet elevation change. This route includes Upper Ludlow Falls, which is actually more of a cascade than a fall, but it is also a pleasure to view. Restroom facilities are available.

*Fallsview Falls* is a 100-foot waterfall in Olympic National Forest, located 4 miles south of Quilcene off Highway 101. Access it via an easy 0.2-mile loop trail from Falls View Campground. An optional steep side trail drops 200 feet into the canyon with switchbacks and railroad tie steps, leading to a quiet pool and views of rapids on the Big Quilcene River. Restroom facilities are available.

*Murhut Falls* is a very easy 1.6 miles roundtrip with 300

feet of elevation change. The waterfall has two parts. The upper falls drops 100 feet, and the lower falls adds another 30 feet. The roar of falling water greets you on the final stretch of trail as you descend into the hidden ravine that shelters the tiered falls. Restroom facilities are not available.

Please ensure appropriate attire for the weather, and consider bringing walking sticks, water, and snacks. Dogs must always remain on a leash. A National or Interagency Pass is required at some locations. For further information, please contact the hike leader: John Fillers at 360-434-4250.

*Wednesdays: Timberton Loop.* Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a no-leader hike. Meet other walkers at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive at 9 a.m.

*Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 8 a.m.* 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.

For more hiking information, map of the Port Ludlow Trails and descriptions and pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, go to [portludlowhikingclub.com](http://portludlowhikingclub.com).

## Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair

### "Port Ludlow – A Destination Hiking Village"



Contributors to the *Voice* must submit their articles weeks in advance of publication, it's just the nature of the publishing business. So, writers that submit articles with a timely element to it as opposed to authoring a piece with a general topic, always run the risk of either being

*Tom Lindow, Chris Vogl, and Geoff Lang*  
*refreshing the Montgomery Loop Trail*

*Photo Credit: Larry Scott*

out of date or flat out incorrect due to some outside timing circumstance. Having made that CYA disclaimer, here we go with what's been done since the last *Voice* article and what's coming Port Ludlow's way soon.

DONE: Montgomery Loop has had its little, short section between Condon Lane and Libby Court refreshed with 2 tons of ¼ minus basalt, but came up about six buckets short of finishing. Then the Golf Course maintenance staff rescued Trails. They had a small stock of matching

material that they allowed us to tap into. Many thanks for their continued support, as they also provide a secure location for us to park our Carryall.

DONE: Two steps on the Around the Bay Trail (ABT) near Waterhouse had aged out, becoming spongy to the point of concern. These were 8-inch x 8-inch x 8-foot, pressure treated, rough cut timbers (a 4-person carry maneuver). During the removal/replace operation, we found some attached railroad spikes which fueled speculation that they may have originally been part of the old McCormick Railroad bed. We don't know when the ABT, or this segment was built, but we believe it was part of the original Port Ludlow master planned resort (MPR) when developers provided a hiking trail as part of the original promotion. We still understand (don't we?) how hiking trails can be a significant amenity to a community.

DONE: We have received approval to complete the last planned segment of the Oak Bay Trail (OBT). This will go from Walker Way heading south to connect to the ABT at the northernmost crossing, passing the Port Ludlow Historical Cemetery along the way.

DONE: The long promised New Trail Maps that include all of our latest trails have been printed and are out for distribution and circulation.

COMING UP (maybe before you read this, and where the author gets in trouble):

1. Build two short sections of corduroy trail on the Interpretive – Creek View Loop connector to correct for muddy seepage we have not been able to mitigate any other way.
2. Add additional step to the same location rising from the bridge towards the muddy location.
3. Begin to build the last OBT section approved from Walker Way.

As always, we try to live up to our motto, so there's constantly something to do, especially when the weather cooperates. Spring is coming so our efforts will also be guided by some of Ma Nature's determined growth, especially the salmon berries and those Himalayan blackberry grabbers.

If you want to come out for a fun day of camaraderie while helping to improve our community, send me an email at [mclgscott@cablespeed.com](mailto:mclgscott@cablespeed.com), and let's keep improving our trails.

## PLWGA League News - Women's 18s

by Kathleen Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson

The Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) is an 18-hole women's league led by Captain Linda Aho. PLWGA Co-Captains are Beth Weaver and Diane Germain; Secretary, Kathy Traci; and Treasurer, Linda Haskin. Opening Day will be *April 7*. Invitations have been emailed to all active and social members. Members need to sign up for nine holes of golf and the Opening Day Luncheon, planned by Turney Oswald and Linda Bloemeke. Linda Haskin and Diana Smeland, coordinators of the 2026 handbook, will distribute the handbook on Opening Day.

During the season, the Golf Shop collects the Tuesday score cards, enters members' scores into Golf Genius, and then deposits the winnings into the winning players' Port Ludlow Golf Club (PLGC) account. The Golf Genius scheduling program will be used again for all PLWGA event sign-ups. This computer program calculates individual golf statistics for members, including eclectic scores for the season.

Captain Linda Aho has scheduled several fun tournaments throughout the 2026 season. The first tournament of the season is the Spring Fling, scheduled for *May 18–19*. The Captain's Cup, which will be team match play this year, is scheduled for *June 8, 10, 12, and 16* (June 16 is an alternate date in case of rain). The Ladies Invitational, which includes players throughout Washington State, is scheduled for *June 30* and the Club Championship is scheduled for *August 24, 26, and 28*. In addition, a Gals Getaway is being planned by Lucinda Thompson and Kathi Williams for *September 1–4* and several Play Day Away dates and destinations are being planned throughout the season by Elaine Girard.

PLWGA Casual Play continued on Tuesdays and Thursdays from November 2024 through March 2025. A big thank you to former League Captain, Linda Haskin, for utilizing Golf Genius to organize Casual Play for the past five months. Member news will be posted on the PLWGA bulletin board in the PLGC women's locker room and distributed via e-mail.

Prospective PLWGA members may contact the PLGC Golf Shop for information about the league and they are invited to join the group on Tuesday Play Days. Note: PLGC membership is not required for participation in the PLWGA.

## Up Against the Rough?

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC

How many times has this happened to you? You've just hit a really nice shot that hits the green, rolls across the green, and stops on the fringe, right up against the rough. Not a great place to be and a predicament that leaves us with quite a few options, none of them easy to pull off.

First things first, we need to check the lie and make sure we understand our options. In most cases, we are just looking to get it back on the green with the chance of making our putt. There are three basic ways to play this shot, and they all utilize your normal putting stroke. Let's go in order of safest way to proceed. You'll notice that none of them are with a wedge, as trying to "chip" from this lie is only asking for trouble.



### Putting with Hybrid

#### 1. Putter

Advantage - if the rough is not too high and you can make solid contact with the ball, this will promote a decent roll.

Challenges - tough to judge the distance as we usually get some grass between the putter and the ball.

#### 2. Hybrid/Fairway

Advantage - when used like a putter, it will glide through the rough leading to a smoother stroke and better contact.

Challenges - without practice, hard to control the speed of the shot. Tends to roll out much easier because of the added loft of the club.

#### 3. Sand Wedge

Advantage - ball will roll just like a putt when struck correctly. Club also glides right through the rough.

Challenges - the shot needs to be played with a putting stroke using the leading edge of the club striking the ball at its equator; extremely difficult to do without practice, and a lot of it.

As with most things, there is no one right way to get out of this situation, but with a little practice, I'm sure you'll find the best way for you. Get out there have fun! See you on the trails!

## Port Ludlow Fly Fishers

If you live in Port Ludlow and have ever wanted to try fly fishing or have fly fished in the past, you're in a good place for two reasons: (1) the variety of fine fly fishing opportunities near Port Ludlow for trout, bass, bluegills, salmon, and more; and (2) the excellent source for instruction and companionship right here - the Port Ludlow Fly Fishers.

Formed in 1995, the Port Ludlow Fly Fishers club meets weekly on Tuesdays (except during December...too many holiday distractions going on then). Members either gather in the craft room at the Bay Club to help one another tie flies and make plans for coming events or instead, and if the weather allows, members meet at a local river, lake or beach to fish together.

The club developed years ago near Teal Lake as an accessible fishing park, which included a newly built parking lot and an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)-compliant trail to the dock they installed. Their continuing stewardship includes planting trout in the lake every year.

The Port Ludlow Fly Fishers club makes an annual trip to rich trout lakes east of the Cascades and hosts an annual Casting Clinic at the Port Ludlow Marina pond. There's even a holiday party in December that includes dinner, door prizes, and a raffle.

To connect with this cordial and welcoming group of fly fishers, send an email to [portludlowflyfishersclub@gmail.com](mailto:portludlowflyfishersclub@gmail.com).

## Porch Talk with Tim Rensema (continued)

house in Quilcene, a Victorian mansion. He knows more about Jefferson County than anyone I know. He believes that communities can't work the way they're supposed to unless people volunteer because they "bring something to the table and just get things done." One thing he knows for sure is that once you start volunteering, you're sure to catch the bug. You may hop around a little, trying different jobs, but eventually you'll find what you love. Who knows? You might even start shuffling!

You can find these and other stories online at [plvoice.org](http://plvoice.org). As you already know, our little town is an eclectic mix of wonderful and interesting people. Some were born here and many more come from elsewhere, but all of us have chosen to make Port Ludlow our home. Every one of us has a great story, so let's sit on the porch and have a conversation. We can share a cup of coffee, or tea, if preferred. You can reach me at [sports@plvoice.org](mailto:sports@plvoice.org). Looking forward to hearing from you!

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