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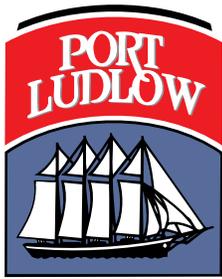
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Waiting for Santa.

Photo by Laura Anderson

Feature Articles

From the Editor's Keyboard

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

This month the staff of the *Port Ludlow Voice* presents some holiday features intended to both enlighten and entertain readers. In this gift-giving season, Barbara Berthiaume has recounted ways to spread joy to those outside of your immediate family and close circle of friends. If a new laptop computer is on your personal wish list this year, you will want to look at Gayle Refbord's suggestions. Having recently been in the computer market, I can affirm that many new options exist.

A new member of our staff, Samantha Hempel, has told us about Christmas cards and provided an example of the first card. There are two articles about the symbols of the season, one about holly (Gayle Refbord) and the other about ancient pagan symbols that have become connected with it (Nicole Frenzl).

December always has a lot going on. Be sure to review the calendars and other articles so that you will not miss an event that you have been pining for all year. Bev Rothenborg's arts and entertainment calendar is full of fun things to do, both in Port Ludlow and outside of it.

Our cover this month is from a photo taken by Laura Anderson. Laura is a fabulous local photographer. You may have seen some of her cards at the recent Arts and Crafts show at the Bay Club. We hope that she will provide additional covers for our issues. As an addendum, we encourage local photographers to submit their products to us for publication.

While I am outlining the features of this issue, I would also like to mention our website. If you are planning to be away for the holidays, the website is a good way to keep up. It also contains information that you will not see in the monthly print *Voice*. In addition it contains a search engine that allows you to look up past articles.

Last, the staff of the *Port Ludlow Voice* wishes our readers the happiest of holidays. May your days be truly merry and bright, now, for the next year, and years beyond.

This space is usually devoted to editorial comment. Reader comments may be directed to the editor at bbrowne@plvoice.org. Letters are posted on the website.

The History of Christmas Cards

by Samantha Harpel, Contributing Writer



First card created by John Haldicott Horsley, illustrator.

Submitted photo

One of the more popular traditions that accompany this holiday season is the giving of holiday cards. The introduction of Christmas cards first came by Sir Henry Cole in London, 1843. Sir Cole served as a government worker who endeavored to increase motivation to use the newly created public mailing system. The first card was painted by Sir Cole's friend, John Horsley. They were sold for one shilling each (about eight cents today).

Christmas cards were not entirely popular at first. Some people didn't like that merriment was the center of the card, or the small child drinking wine. Within twenty years, objections were forgotten and Christmas cards became a well established tradition in Britain.

Louis Prang is generally considered the father of the American Christmas card. He published his first card for the American public in 1875. It was reported that by 1881 he was printing five million cards a year.

Over the decades, the tradition of Christmas cards has been carried on. As printing became more accessible, cards became more elaborate. Cards now range from religious wishes to humor and simple season's greetings.

In many instances, the sales of holiday cards have been used to raise money for charities. It is estimated that every year in the UK, \$80 million is raised for charities by the sales of holiday cards.

Card sending has deviated from the original purpose of increasing postal revenue, to giving families an opportunity

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to catch up on friends and relatives. Often family photos or a yearly “Christmas letter” is added with the card.

The tradition of Christmas cards has become less popular with the increase of digital media in today’s society. Often, electronic cards are sent instead of the traditional mailed cards. Even with the increase of social media and electronic cards, 1.5 billion holiday cards were sent out in the US in 2010. Whether you send your holiday greetings by card or email, you will be participating in a time-honored tradition that is over 170 years old.

Non-Traditional Alternatives to Holiday Giving

by Barbara Berthiaume, Contributing Writer

For a number of people, the holiday season represents more than presents, festive traditions, and family get-togethers. There is also an element of social responsibility, often expressed through holiday charity programs. Whether it is time spent in a homeless shelter’s soup kitchen or contributions to a toy drive, many people feel a sense of personal satisfaction knowing they can help others during the holidays. There are a number of programs which welcome donations of time, money, or material goods as well as a lot of activities you can create at home to share with family and friends.

A recent trend in gift-giving has been to donate money to a charity or non-profit organization after which a card is sent to a friend or family member informing them that you donated a designated amount in their name. Donating directly to a charitable organization or on behalf of a friend or family member provides an opportunity to give thanks and to give back during the holiday season.

The most familiar holiday charity program is the Salvation Army which has volunteer bell ringers standing outside local stores with their donation kettles. They also operate an “Angel Tree” which allows participants to select cards listing the specific needs of local children and families. The US Marine Corps runs a charity program called “Toys for Tots.” Participants are asked to purchase new toys and donate them to local centers operated by marine reservists. The toys are distributed to needy children through established charities and local social welfare offices. The global nonprofit Heifer International uses donations to bring livestock and agriculture to impoverished areas of the world.

GlobalGiving.org is an online non-profit that connects you to various grassroots charitable projects. The site conveniently allows you to donate to any one of countless causes and charities in your neighborhood or around

the world. *Charitynavigator.org* is a website that tracks accountability, transparency, and program effectiveness for non-profit organizations which can help in choosing a charity to make a donation.

Gifts you can create at home which have meaning and involve minimal cost are picture gifts, a framed picture, a picture book, or a photo album. Compiling a playlist of your favorite songs to share with loved ones on Spotify or iTunes is a fun and personalized gift. Preparing Mason jar recipes to give to friends is a thoughtful idea, and a myriad of recipes can be found with a quick search online. For animal lovers, buying cat litter or cat and dog food for the local SPCA, or donating money to cover the adoption fees for a pet are great ways to make the holidays special. Personal stockings for the local homeless shelter which include warm socks, hats, mittens, and gloves for the impending cold weather are always welcome.

Giving a grandchild the gift of music or sports lessons instead of another toy is a creative alternative. Starting a holiday tradition of allocating a certain amount of money for each grandchild to give to a charity of his or her choice can help to develop a sense of social responsibility as well as provide an opportunity to bond during the holidays

Whether you donate money to a charity, volunteer your time to help those less fortunate, or create a personal gift for a family member or friend, the pleasure of doing something that makes a difference in someone’s life is the greatest gift of all.

Symbols and Rituals of the Season

by Nicole Frenzl, Guest Writer

The holidays that we celebrate today encompass a wide variety of traditions that have evolved from a collection of centuries-old Pagan rituals, symbols and traditions. Many are associated with seasonal and yearly cycles. They allow celebrants to identify with and honor their source of life, crops, and food sources, and mark the passage of time. Festivals originating in Pagan cultures continue to be celebrated throughout the world. Their traditions, symbols and rituals have been assimilated into Christian holidays.

The observance of Winter Solstice is an example. Solstices pertain to the power of the sun at its strongest and weakest. The Winter Solstice is the day with the least amount of sunlight, the shortest day of the year and the longest night of the year. It occurs on or close to December 21, this year on a Monday.

The word “Yule” is from an Anglo-Saxon word meaning “wheel” or wheel of the year. As the great wheel turns toward more light, the days will slowly start to become

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longer again. Yule became another name used for Winter Solstice. Ancient cultures such as Druids, Celts, and ancient Romans held celebrations honoring increased light, a re-birth of the sun, with its promise of new life (crops) in the coming spring.

Many widely recognized symbols and rituals of the Holiday/Yule/Christmas season have their roots in ancient Pagan lore and religion. The gathering and displaying of evergreen boughs was a common ritual that is still practiced. It represents the promise of new life come spring. The wreath is a symbol of the turning of the Wheel of the Year. To further honor the increasing sun during Yule, evergreen trees were often erected to represent fertility. The gifts under the tree depict the resulting spring crops.

To this day, millions of households around the world put up evergreen trees during Winter Solstice. Gifts are placed under it, just as in ancient times. The act of gift giving was thought to honor the life-giving “Gift of Light,” the increasing light. In ancient Rome, Pagans believed that exchanging small gifts would bring good luck to the recipient.

Another current ritual originating from ancient cultures, such as the Druids, Celts, Vikings and Anglo-Saxons, is the burning of the Yule log. In the original ritual, the log is ceremoniously carried in on the eve of Winter Solstice and placed in the fire. It is lit from a remaining portion of the previous year’s Yule log. A portion of the new Yule log must then be carefully saved to light the Yule log the following year, and so on. These portions of a Yule log are believed to protect a home from fire and lightning throughout the year. Over the centuries, in many regions the Yule/Christmas tree began to replace the Yule log. However, many societies continue to use both.

A symbol that has retained widespread popularity since the time of the Druids is the use of Mistletoe during the Winter Solstice holiday season. Even though it was known to be highly poisonous, the Celtic culture held mistletoe in high esteem. They viewed it as sacred, due to its ability to grow high up in branches of trees with no roots of its own. The white berries were thought to be the symbolic embodiment of god’s virility. It was also believed that Mistletoe had potent magical properties that could be utilized for protection, fertility, healing and more.

The root of the modern custom of kissing under the Mistletoe may be based on Mistletoe’s association with virility, love and romance. In mid sixteenth century England, kissing under the mistletoe was thought to bring love and fertility. It was believed that dreams of a future lover could be produced by placing a sprig of the plant underneath one’s pillow.

Holly: From Demons to Decorations

by Gayle Refbord, Contributing Writer

Holly is one of the symbols most commonly associated with Christmas and has been used in this holiday’s celebration for close to two thousand years. Although the mention of holly today conjures images of wreaths, it had religious significance long before its adoption by Christianity.

There are around 400 natural types of holly, but the one people are most familiar with is *Ilex aquifolium*, or English/Christmas Holly. It is a coniferous (evergreen/softwood) plant that can be found in many parts of the world. Its climatic preferences run along the same lines as those of Goldilocks, not too warm but not too cold. English holly grows best in moist soil in direct sunlight, but it can tolerate partial shade as well.

In addition to being associated with the Sun God (Saturn) in ancient Rome, holly was important in Pagan/Druidic religion and customs. Under many Pagan religions, it was customary to place holly leaves and branches around their dwellings during winter. This was intended as a kindly and hospitable gesture as they believed that the tiny fairies which inhabited the forests could come into their homes and use the holly as shelter against the cold.

Holly’s evergreen nature made it special to the Druids. They believed that it remained green to help keep the earth beautiful when the deciduous trees shed their leaves. It was also their custom to wear it in their hair when they ventured into the forests to watch the priests collecting mistletoe.

In addition to these uses, some ancient religions used holly for protection. They would decorate doors and windows with it in the hopes that it would capture (or at least dissuade) any evil spirits before they could enter the house. In effect, it was used as flypaper for demons.

At some point the holly became significant to Christians. At first it was placed within decorations that adorned doors as a method of preventing persecution. The power of the holly as a method of preventing unforeseeable trouble was not limited to the problems that earthly creatures could inflict but also demonic forces. It was believed that hanging the holly on the door of any home would prevent the entry of terrifying specters that were more likely to attack during the holy days. Soon it began getting more mainstream acceptance as an essential symbol of Christmas. Another part of its symbolic significance is related to the crucifixion of Christ who wore a crown of thorns that caused him to bleed from his head. Thus the look of the hollies is similar to the look of Christ’s makeshift crown and the berries symbolize the blood that oozed forth from Christ during his darkest hours.

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The holly may merely be viewed by some as a great decorative piece in homes or for use in Christmas festivals; however, its history is significant in the grand tradition of religions and pagan belief systems.

Is a Laptop On Your Christmas List?

by Gayle Refbord, Contributing Writer

The laptop market has undergone major changes and today's models encompass everything from feather-weight ultraportables weighing less than two pounds to behemoths of ten pounds or more. The large variety in the laptop/tablet market means that you'll need to decide what you need before buying.

If you passed on Windows 8, Windows 10 combines elements from Windows 8 with more traditional features that don't rely on a touch screen. As a result, the majority of new laptops feature a touch screen or have features to provide similar functionality. However, if you have Windows 7 or an earlier operating system, you need to check your current software and peripherals to be sure they are compatible with whatever operating system you choose.

Ultrabooks took the ultraportable category and redefined it. These wafer-thin systems represent a no-compromises laptop light enough to forget it's in your briefcase and whose battery and storage let you resume work in seconds after being idle or asleep for days. They deliver productivity that old bulky designs couldn't.

In an effort to combine the tablet and laptop markets, a new category has emerged. Convertible two-in-one designs can transform from laptop to tablet and back again, most opting for a folding design that flips the keyboard out of the way. Other systems allow you to dock a tablet with an accessory keyboard for laptop-like functionality. Some of these designs offer docking keyboards with secondary batteries providing an all-day charge, while others opt for Bluetooth keyboards.

Although laptops have gotten slimmer, there's still a market for larger, 15-inch, desktop-replacement laptops that blend design and function. They offer bigger displays, a broader selection of ports and features, and may still offer optical drives. Screen resolutions run the gamut from 1,366 by 768 for budget systems to the 3,840 by 2,160 resolution found on high-end multimedia laptops made for graphics professionals.

The gamer who wants top-of-the-line performance, a combination of a high-end processor, a potent graphics card, large, high-resolution display, and fantastic sound will pay higher prices. Additional features include displays offering 1080p resolution or better and hard drives that offer 1TB or more of storage space, letting you store your entire game library on the machine.

Chromebooks are at the other end of the pricing spectrum from gaming laptops. They are power-efficient systems, made solely to surf the Internet using the Chrome OS, which is essentially the Google Chrome browser running on hardware that would be considered "tight" for a Windows laptop. A primary benefit is that it's relatively immune to the malware plaguing Windows systems, because you're not running Windows programs at all.

Connectivity is key for a laptop. Every model on the market today offers Bluetooth for connecting wireless peripherals and Internet connectivity that utilizes Wi-Fi. However, most laptops still depend upon USB connectivity to work with a broad range of accessories and peripherals. Some USB ports can charge handheld devices including cell phones, even when the laptop is powered down. Look for a lightning bolt icon next to the USB logo for these charging ports. And, if you still need a network type connection, check for a network card and an Ethernet connection port.

Say good-bye to your old monitor due in part to space constraints in ultraportables that preclude the bulky connector. Newer monitors and projectors work better with HDMI, which are especially popular thanks to the demand for connecting laptops to HD TVs. Many laptop designs now incorporate non-removable batteries that can't be swapped out. Another feature becoming scarce is the optical drive (CD, DVD or Blu-ray). With so many software purchases occurring online, the optical drive has been dropped from most model lines. For those who still need to install software from a disc or want to enjoy movies on an internal DVD or Blu-ray, you can still find them, but it takes some hunting. For those without, external DVD and Blu-ray drives are easy to use.

As designs get slimmer, manufacturers are using an array of materials in their construction. Plastic is the least expensive, but is often associated with low-priced laptops, while higher-end models rely on aluminum. Unibody construction, where the entire chassis is made from a single piece of metal, has become the gold standard, seen on the Apple MacBook Air and Pro lines.

The bottom line is have an idea of what you want, do a good hands-on, and ask questions. There are all kinds of options and each laptop or tablet can feel different.

Are You Ready?

compiled by Mary Ronen, Production Manager

Just as we are saying goodbye to a beautiful summer, the Old Farmer's Almanac has released their prediction for winter 2015-16. They predict winter in the Northwest will be cooler and rainier than normal, with above-normal snowfall. On the other hand, there is El Niño. According to the Weather Service, El Niños - particularly strong ones - usually lead to warm and dry fall and winters across the Pacific Northwest, with typically below-average mountain snowpack and less frequent lowland rain and snow events. Whatever the case, we can reasonably expect some rain and cold temperatures. Now is the time to get prepared.

A good place to start is to get your heating system inspected. Check your fireplace and chimney. Weather-strip doors and windows. Clean your gutters and downspouts. If you are going on vacation, leave the heat on, set to 55 degrees

Now is a good time to clean and service your outdoor equipment. Don't forget to drain the gas from lawnmowers and water from garden hoses. Insulate outside pipes.

Daylight savings time change means change smoke detector batteries.

A few essentials to keep on hand in case of extended power outages include extra batteries, water, a supply of prescription medications, canned food and a manual can opener, battery operated radio and clock, warm blankets, and food for your pets. Keep your cell phone charged and gas in your car.

The yard and garden need attention as well. Tender plants in pots should move indoors. If there are branches hanging low or close to the house, they should be trimmed. Some perennials need to cut back or trimmed; you can research specifics online – just Google them. Water your garden thoroughly before a freeze hits.

No one knows what the winter will bring but we can agree it is better to be prepared!

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Find out what makes apps, games, and gadgets work. Drop in anytime during this Computer Coding Lab and learn about Hour of Code, an online, one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify code and show that anybody can learn the basics. Library staff will be available to assist. Laptops will be available to borrow, or bring your device. No previous computer experience required.

For more information about this free program, visit jclibrary.info or call 360-385-6544. Jefferson County Library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock.

Festival by the Bay 2015 Thanks Volunteers, Seeks Support

On November 4, the Board of the Port Ludlow Festival by the Bay hosted a party at the Beach Club to recognize and thank the volunteers who were such an important part of the festival. Because of these generous people the festival is a success each year. Without them it would not be possible.

The 11 members of the Board by themselves could not possibly set up, tear down, direct traffic, relieve the vendors, sell buttons, drive carts, put out signs, and create a golf tournament without the volunteers. The 30-plus volunteers make it all possible with smiles on their faces. We invite anyone who's interested to join us. Contact either Gene Carmody at genec@cablespeed.com or Linda Karp at georgekarp@aol.com.

The weather was not a friend of the festival this year, but a large umbrella-wearing crowd endured the rain and danced to the great sounds of the band, Heart by Heart. The performance was topped off by a Jimi Hendrix version of the *Star Spangled Banner* accompanied by fireworks over the water!

As a result of the festivities this non-profit organization was able to give checks for \$2500 to both OlyCAP and to the Chimacum Schools. We look forward to Festival 2016.

Art Classes for All Ages at Jefferson County Library

Jefferson County Library offers fun for all ages in *Family Art* classes every first Saturday of the month through **March 5, 2016**. Family Art is designed for adults and children to create and explore a variety of art media together. It starts with a demonstration and art conversation, followed by creative work-time. Space in these workshops is limited; you can sign up at the library, or phone in to register.

On **Saturday, December 5** from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., join artist Sidonie Wilson and Build a Box. Part of the excitement of gift giving is how it's packaged. With the holidays around the corner, what could be better than making your own art boxes to tuck your gifts inside? Explore box making, the novel shapes, styles and decorations of an art form in this Family Art class.

Once the holidays are over, relax in the class, Designs in Time: Medieval Parade, on **Saturday, January 2** from 2:00 – 4:00 pm. In this class you will learn about medieval designs and how they shift and shape into colorful, eye-catching patterns. Through stippling and stencil making you'll create your own New Year's emblems and parade through a rich historic art world.

These free classes will be held at the Jefferson County Library, located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock, WA. For more information, visit www.jclibrary.info or call 360-385-6544.

Holiday Open House at Jefferson County Library

Everyone is invited to join the staff and Board of Trustees of the Jefferson County Library and celebrate the season with a cookie and a cup of hot cider at the annual Holiday Open House on **Thursday, December 10** from 3:00 – 6:00 pm. Decorate holiday sachets and enjoy other seasonal craft projects from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. All materials are provided and all ages are welcome. Refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Jefferson County Library.

This free event will be held at the Jefferson County Library, located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock, WA. For more information, visit jclibrary.info or call 360-385-6544.

Book-It Repertory Theatre Performs *The Secret Garden*

Literature meets theater on **Thursday, December 3** at 4:00 p.m. when Jefferson County Library brings Seattle based Book-It Repertory Theatre to Port Hadlock to perform *The Secret Garden*. The 2012 Governor's Arts Award-winner, Book-It Repertory Theatre was founded 24 years ago, adapting short stories for performance and touring them throughout the Northwest. Book-It's form of theater preserves the narrative text as it is spoken, not by a single "narrator" but as dialogue by the characters in the production, and the actors use simple staging to challenge viewers' imaginations. This production will be performed in both Spanish and English, and is easily understood by speakers of both languages.

The Secret Garden, considered a classic of English children's literature, was written in 1911. Prior to seeing the production, children, teens and families are encouraged to know the story of how spoiled Mary Lennox is forced to go live with her mysterious uncle in Misselthwaite Manor in Yorkshire when her parents die of cholera in India. Unhappy with her new situation, Mary discovers the key to an unkempt garden and begins to revive it – and at once, herself – as her stubborn nature begins to thaw with hope, warmth, and love.

Multiple copies of the book will be available for a two week check-out prior to the performance. These free programs are appropriate for ages 6 and up. Seating is limited to 80, so please plan to arrive early to assure a seat. For more information about this program, please visit jclibrary.info or call 360-385-6544. Jefferson County Library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock.

Port Ludlow Yacht Club Surpasses Membership Goal

by Harlen Whiting, Communications Officer

The PLYC added its eleventh member recently, fulfilling its goal of ten new memberships set at the first of the year. The club is a vibrant organization, promoting the enjoyment and safety of recreational boating as well as having a very active social calendar. The new members reflect this as some are active boaters and others are without a boat but still enjoy the club's varied activities.

The annual Change of Watch will be held this **December** where officers elected at the Election of Officers Meeting in November are installed for the 2016 boating season.

Please visit the club's website at plyc.us for more information about the club and information on how to become a member yourself.

New Pilates Workout for Men Offered

by Diane Wheatley, Instructor

Come to the old Nordland Church on Thursdays at 10:10 a.m. We will have a 50 minute, men-only, workout to address three key issues, Strength, Balance, and Flexibility. Each class will be tailored to the needs of those attending, adding modifications to suit individual injuries or challenges. You may drop in for \$12 per class or buy 6 sessions for \$60, valid for 8 consecutive weeks.

The class will include a variety of exercise standards; weight bearing, muscle strengthening and stretching. Just as our needs differ from day to day, the classes will be varied. Our intention is to be serious about the work in a relaxed and non-competitive atmosphere.

Please bring comfortable, stretchy clothing (layer up, it starts off cold), running or training shoes, water, and a hand towel. An open mind and a willingness to learn, listen and work hard, a few jokes and a smiling face are always welcome. Contact me via email at diane@allaboutpilates.com if this is of interest or if there are any questions. We can begin after Thanksgiving or wait until the New Year, depending upon interest.

Rules Change for Using Driver's Licenses as ID

Will your standard Washington state driver's license get you through security checks at the airport? If you are planning to travel during what remains of this year, it is important to know the answer. It is maybe, maybe not. Why?

Washington State has not complied with federal standards initiated in 2005 with the REAL ID Act. Those standards require proof of legal US residency before acquiring a license. It is one of two states not in compliance, the other being New Mexico. The Department of Homeland Security has denied Washington State an extension to complying with tougher standards. There may be a grace period lasting until January but that has not been confirmed. The issue affects access to flights and also to federal facilities such as military bases.

There is a complete list of acceptable IDs at tsa.gov/travel/security-screening/identification. The two most common documents are a state-issued enhanced driver's license and a U.S. passport. They are more expensive than the standard license. The passport costs \$135 and is good for 10 years and takes weeks to process. You can upgrade your old license for a moderate fee. A new enhanced license is around \$107 and is good for 6 years. You do need a birth certificate to obtain either of these documents.

Artists' League to the Rescue!

Are you starting to panic about your holiday list of things to do and buy? Having trouble finding just the right gift for Aunt Sadie? Tired of buying Uncle Max a tie every year? Afraid of trying to find a "tech" gift for kids who already have too many of them?

Well, never fear – the Port Ludlow Artists' League has come to the rescue! The Gallery Holiday Shoppe (right next to Sound Community Bank) is open with wonderful and unusual gifts to please most everyone on your list. There are original paintings and drawings as well as prints of the same. There are practical items as well as decorative ones – jewelry and scarves, wooden cutting boards and floral arrangements; greeting cards and holiday cards that are a delight to see and send; photographs of places near and far to brighten any wall; even a wonderful book, beautifully illustrated for the little ones. And, just in case there's too much to choose from, a Gift Certificate tucked into a stocking is sure to make anyone happy, even the most discriminating on your list!

There will be one happy customer who goes home with an original oil painting by Kathy Follett: *Port Ludlow Bay Winter Sunset*. This painting will be the object of a holiday raffle to benefit the Scholarship Fund given to graduating arts majors from Chimacum High School. The winning ticket will be drawn on the **Wednesday, December 23**, just in time to make an additional present for some lucky person.

The Gallery hours are from noon to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, with plenty of free parking and right next to an ATM! So take the stress out of the holidays and stop in at the Holiday Shoppe – you'll be glad you did! Happy Holidays from the Port Ludlow Artists' League!

Advent and Christmas Eve Festivities at the Beach Club

Peace Lutheran Fellowship will hold Advent worship services on the following dates this year. The first Sunday of Advent is **November 29**, 10:00 a.m. On **December 6**, the second Sunday of Advent, there will be a "Celtic Christmas Celebration." Again, at 10:00 a.m., come for a concert filled with beautiful sounds harkening back to the traditions of the British Isles. Then, on the third Sunday of Advent, **December 13**, we will commemorate St. Lucia with a festival including a Procession of Light led by St. Lucia herself and following the service, delicious traditional Scandinavian treats. And, on **Sunday, December 20**,

the fourth candle of the Advent wreath will be lit during a stirring service of the Word, song, and Holy Communion.

On **December 24**, bring your whole family to "*Christmas Eve at the Beach Club*," a service of festive carols and bright candles. Starting at 11:30 a.m., this one-hour, multi-generational service will feature special music along with carol singing, activities for children, and an inspirational Christmas message as we remember the Nativity Story. Because of our 11:30 a.m. start time, you and your family will be able to get home or travel to your destination before nightfall.

ALL are welcome to come and worship the Christ Child with us at any or all of these services with Peace Lutheran, meeting at Port Ludlow's Beach Club (121 Marina View Dr.). For more information, please call Peace Lutheran at 360-732-0004, email info@UndemandingGrace.com, or go to the website UndemandinGrace.com.

Holiday Events at Community Church

The community is invited to join the Port Ludlow Community Church (PLCC) congregation for the following events:

Sunday, December 13 at 10:30 a.m. "There's no way they'd give me a mission that important," says Harold, who is not the brightest angel in the heavenly host. His enthusiastic shenanigans are really trying the patience of his new partner Gabriel. As the two carry messages to Zechariah, Joseph and Mary, will they realize God's plan for redemption? Find out while watching the Nativity unfold from a heavenly perspective with the Taproot Theatre's hilarious production of *Hark the Harold*.

Thursday, December 24 at 5:00 p.m. The annual Christmas Eve Candlelight service will include 45 minutes of scripture, carols and special music in a sweet, quiet candlelit sanctuary. Take a needed respite from the holiday rush!

PLCC is located in 9534 Oak Bay Road in Port Ludlow's Upper Village. Call 360-437-0145 or go to portludlow-communitychurch.org for more information.

Come, Hear the Belles!

Come celebrate with your neighbors and friends at the Tree Lighting Ceremony to be held at 4:00 p.m., in the Bay Club on **Thursday, December 3**. The Choral Belles welcome each and every Port Ludlow resident to hear them sing some old familiar and perhaps some newer, peppier Christmas songs.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics October 2015

Alarms

Fires	5
Rescue/Emergency Medical	50
Service Call	3
Good Intent	11
False Alarm	3
Total Alarms	72

Ambulance Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	9
Harrison Medical Ctr., Bremerton	8
Harrison - Silverdale	1
ALNW	2
Total Transports	20

Aid

Aid Given	15
Aid Received	2
Total Aid	17

Message From Chief Brad Martin

On December 12, 2014, Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue responded to a house fire. The owner of the home had evacuated the residence uninjured when firefighters arrived at 5:30 a.m. By 5:55 a.m. the fire was out and cleanup in process. The cause of the fire was attributed to a candle used as a source of light.

That was the last of three storms that caused widespread, prolonged power outages in Jefferson County. The house, while not completely destroyed, was substantially damaged. The importance of using non-flammable light sources can't be stressed enough.

A report published by the National Fire Protection Association in 2013 looked at 10,630 structure fires started by candles from 2007 to 2011. More than one-third of candle fires started in bedrooms and caused 39 percent of associated deaths and 45 percent of the injuries. The report stated that during the time period studied, 29 home candle fires were reported each day.

Improper candle containers, falling asleep before extinguishing candles; bumping into or placing candles too close to combustible materials; unattended burning candles and those placed at a level where children can reach them are just some of the reasons candles can quickly move from pretty to disastrous.

Your fire department highly recommends using non-flammable alternatives for light sources for any reason to include power outages. Today, with long-life batteries available for flashlights and other reasonably priced light

sources, there's no good reason to use candles as a light source. The safety of your family and preservation of your home and personal property are the best reasons to opt for battery-operated lighting and leave the candles at the store.

From all of us at Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, we wish you a healthy and happy 2015.

Water Quality and Septic System Repair

Over the next three years, the Jefferson County Public Health-Water Quality Team and the Jefferson County Conservation District will be monitoring water quality in Chimacum and Ludlow Creeks as part of a project funded by the Washington State Department of Ecology. The "Hood Canal Priority Basins" Project will search for fecal coliform bacteria pollution problems; attempt to identify and correct these issues, and educate and inform the public about what they can do to protect public health and water quality.

While Port Ludlow developers have been sampling eight shorelines sites in the Ludlow basin since 1984, there have been no basin-wide studies of the Ludlow Creek. There have been several studies in the Chimacum Creek Basin.

Fecal coliform bacteria are a major source of non-point pollution to our area streams and shorelines. It is caused by failing septic systems, agricultural run-off and storm water. It is a threat to shellfish beds, salmon streams and public health. The Chimacum Creek basin is a larger basin with extensive farm areas and Ludlow Creek basin is smaller and more dominated by residential areas. The sampling done by Port Ludlow Associates indicates that water quality in the lower basin is generally good, but the Hood Canal Priority Basins Project will be able to conduct more in-depth investigations when high levels of fecal coliform are found.

Jefferson County Public Health predicts that there are septic systems that may be failing and causing a public health threat. Many septic systems are considered "pre-permit," meaning that these systems existed before the county started the permitting process in the 1970s. In Port Ludlow much of the area is served by Olympic Water and Sewer, but there are still over 300 other septic systems within the Ludlow Creek Watershed.

Since even a well-maintained system has only a lifespan of between 20 and 30 years, many systems in the county are likely at or beyond the end of their life. In addition, a high percentage of these systems are not current

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with their monitoring inspections. Conventional gravity systems should be inspected every three years by either a certified professional or a homeowner who has taken and passed the county's homeowner certification course. More complex systems should be inspected every year. There are a variety of different septic systems types in the Ludlow area. The county has very little information on almost 18 percent of these septic systems and no information at all on many other pre-permitted systems or systems installed without a permit since the 1970s.

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Community Meetings

Dine and Discover

by Steve Frenzl, Guest Writer

There's still time to sign up for our **Monday, December 7** program at the Beach Club where you'll learn lots about our delectable local denizens, Dungeness crabs. For instance, guess what their favorite meal is that makes them taste so yummy? (No, it's not sugar.)

Then, save the date for **Monday January 4, 2016** at the Bay Club and listen as journalist and cybersecurity expert Byron Acohido discusses Internet security based on his latest book. Byron is a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and Editor-In-Chief of *ThirdCertainty.com*, an online publication dedicated to helping people and companies assess Internet risks and better safeguard their identities.

Prior to launching *ThirdCertainty.com*, Byron was a technology reporter at *USA TODAY*, where he chronicled the rise of cybercrime and the demise of personal privacy. His credentials are very impressive, including a 1997 Pulitzer Prize for Beat Reporting and eleven other national awards for investigative stories published by the *Seattle Times*, linking a rudder defect in Boeing 737 jetliners to a string of crashes that killed hundreds of people. Byron's coverage led to Boeing redesigning the 737's rudder controls.

If you use computers, smartphones or other electronic devices on which your personal information is contained or transmitted, you won't want to miss Byron's presentation. He says, "It's the threat of having your personal computing device infected, and subsequently having your personally identifiable information stolen and put to nefarious uses by the cyber underground. Cyber risks are complex and abstract, therefore it has become incumbent on every person and company to assess ever-growing threats and practice safer online behaviors."

Make your cyber-reservations at the Bay Club starting **December 7**. Sign up to bring an appetizer, entrée, salad or dessert for ten people. Also remember to bring your table settings of dishes, glasses, utensils, and favorite beverages. \$2 per person will be collected at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Questions? Call Milt Lum, 360-437-5143 or Don Folsom, 360-437-9251.

Martha's Book Club

On **Tuesday, December 8** at 6:00 p.m. (please note the earlier start time) at the Bay Club, Martha's Book Club will celebrate the holiday season with a discussion of *Lila* by Marilynne Robinson. Please bring hors d'oeuvres and/or beverages to share.

Marilynne Robinson, one of the greatest novelists of our time, returns to the town of Gilead in an unforgettable story of a girlhood lived on the fringes of society in fear, awe, and wonder.

Lila, homeless and alone after years of roaming the countryside, steps inside a small-town Iowa church - the only available shelter from the rain - and ignites a romance and a debate that will reshape her life. She becomes the wife of a minister, John Ames, and begins a new existence while trying to make sense of the life that preceded her new-found security.

Neglected as a toddler, Lila was rescued by Doll, a canny young drifter, and brought up by her in a hardscrabble childhood. Together they crafted a life on the run, living hand to mouth with nothing but their sisterly bond and a ragged blade to protect them. Despite bouts of petty violence and moments of desperation, their shared life was laced with moments of joy and love. When Lila arrives in Gilead, she struggles to reconcile the life of her makeshift family and their days of hardship with the gentle Christian worldview of her husband which paradoxically judges those she loves.

The book selection for January is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Everyone is welcome. For questions, please contact plweb@plvoice.org.

Senior Singles

Please join us for our annual Christmas get-together. It will be held at the Belmont Restaurant in Port Townsend on **Monday, December 14**. The time is 11:30 a.m. We will order from the Christmas menu and hope that enough singles will attend so that we can have the upstairs room to ourselves.

We singles have a history of helping the needy at this time of year. Please consider a donation of \$15 to our local food bank to help those in need.

Contact Peggy at 360-437-9935 (not by email) by **Monday, December 7** to make a reservation for our festive lunch.

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Bluebills Christmas Social

The annual Boeing Bluebills Christmas Social will be held on **Tuesday, December 8** from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. A traditional turkey meal catered by Silverwater Café will be served. Gift boxes will be on the tables to gather cash and check donations to provide Christmas gifts for children and families at Dove House and other local agencies.

As done in past years, we will give out Christmas lists for the members to purchase gifts with the money collected. The gifts are to be wrapped and returned to the Bay Club on **Tuesday, December 15**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. If you are unable to attend the Social, but would like to donate, please contact Myron Vogt at 360-774-0068.

The Silverwater Café requests a precise meal count; you must RSVP by **Thursday, December 3** to bluebillsrsvp@aol.com or call Laura Paul at 360-344-2494.

First Wednesday Luncheon

Our Holiday Luncheon will be at the Bay Club on **Wednesday, December 2**. Come join us as we set the mood for the holiday season.

During the luncheon, Pinky (Nancy) Dale, an accomplished harpist, will delight us with music from different eras. Our speaker will be Reverend Dale Kelley who will share with us information about some of our more popular Christmas/holiday customs and traditions from around the world. Dale served both the Christian Church and the United Methodist Church in Washington and Alaska, including Eskimo and Indian villages. Upon retirement, she moved from Alaska to Port Ludlow to be closer to her daughters. Raffle drawings will take place for the "special" holiday baskets. Tickets will be available during the luncheon. Dress in your festive attire.

These luncheons benefit the Tri-Area Food Bank, and are provided to you by the volunteer food committee. In lieu of paying for lunch, we ask that each of you make a donation of cash and/or foods to the food bank. The Food Bank is always in need of personal hygiene items and cleaning supplies such as laundry detergent. Donations of cash or check made payable to Tri Area Food Bank are always appreciated.

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

Make your reservations by signing up at either the Bay Club or Beach Club by **Monday, November 30**. For last-minute reservations, please contact Marilyn Durand at 437-7677.

January's program will have a contest for "Pictures in Time - Find Your Friends." Please bring a picture of yourself from age 3 to 10 years old to the December luncheon to be entered in the January contest. Write your name on the back of the picture so that the organizers of the game can identify you.

Garden Club Holiday Tea

A special invitation is extended to past, present, and future members of Port Ludlow Garden Club to attend our annual Holiday Tea at 11:00 a.m., **Wednesday, December 9** at the Bay Club.

Holiday spirit will be abundant, with Vince Pace on piano. The Tea will follow the social hour with a selection of tea sandwiches, scones, cookies, and other sweets prepared by Garden Club members. There will be a brief business meeting following the tea.

The Holiday Tea is part of the annual membership dues for 2015 Garden Club members. Nonmembers may attend by joining the Port Ludlow Garden Club and paying the \$20 annual dues. Please register by signing the Garden Club Holiday Book located at the reception desk of the Bay Club. Members may also register a guest to attend the tea for a fee of \$10. Please complete reservations and pay by **Wednesday, December 2** to ensure we have enough food. Make checks payable to the Port Ludlow Garden Club, indicating the names and contact information of each person requesting membership as well as the names of guests attending the tea.

Volunteers are needed to donate tea sandwiches for this event. Please sign your name to the page for tea sandwiches in the Tea notebook or by contacting Barb Skinner at bjskinner48@gmail.com or 360-460-551. Address questions to the same address and number.

Stamping and Paper Arts

We will meet at the Bay Club this month on the third **Wednesday, December 16**, from 10 a.m. to noon. Please bring your favorite handmade stamped cards or paper craft items you've made or received during the year for our Show 'n Tell segment. A short discussion about next year's volunteer programs and activities will follow. Gently used rubber stamps and supplies for others to purchase at a reduced price may be brought as well. Please note that the Big Shot/Die Cut machine meeting will not be held this month.

There will be holiday refreshments and a time to socialize and celebrate another fun year of innovative new projects as well as the success of our ongoing Cards for the

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Troops. The donated cards and card fronts dropped off at the Bay and Beach Clubs by members of our Port Ludlow community have been wonderful, and greatly appreciated.

Last month, another 878 cards were boxed up and personally delivered by Diane Purdy, making a total of 2,330 cards this year, of which 300 were handmade by members in our group. The cards were taken to our dispatching station in Lincoln City, Oregon where they were placed in smaller packages and sent to Operation Care Package in Ohio for distribution among military members on ships and remote duty stations around the world. This is a great way to thank them for their service and allow them to stay in touch with their families.

Digital Life Announces Holiday Social



A good time was had by all at the 2014 DigitalLife Holiday Social.
Submitted photo

Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) invites the whole community to join with us in a celebration of the holiday season on **Monday, December 14** beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Bay Club.

We plan an evening of fun and conversation with our neighbors and with representatives of PLDL outreach programs, Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County and Chimacum Schools. Bring your festive spirit and an hors d'oeuvre or holiday treat to share. PLDL will provide the soft drinks. A donation for the Food Bank is always appreciated.

We look forward to a delightful evening. Join us! For more information, contact Kim Anderson, a.andersonkim@gmail.com.

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Village Activities Calendar

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

December

Tues., December 1

9:00 – noon, Trails Committee meeting, Beach Club
 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., SBCA Communications Committee, Bay Club
 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA Finance Committee, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Decorate the Bay Club
 Noon – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment Club (members), Bay Club
 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Fly Fishers' Holiday Party (members), Bay Club
 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Reader's Theater/Improv, Beach Club

Wed., December 2

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Bayview Homeowners' meeting, Bay Club

Thurs., December 3

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Bluebills meeting, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC meeting, Bay Club (tentative)
 4:00 – 5:30 p.m., Tree Lighting Ceremony with the Choral Belles, Bay Club

Fri., December 4

9:30 – 11:30 a.m., SBCA Board meeting (members), Bay Club

Sat., December 5

9:00 a.m. – noon, Admiralty I meeting (members), Beach Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Highland Green Board meeting (members), Bay Club
 10:30 – noon, DigitalLife Workshop, Bay Club
 5:30 p.m., Free Spirits Holiday Melody, Bay Club

Sun., December 6

3:00 – 4:00 p.m., PLPA Pre-Concert Holiday Wassail and Seat Selection and Art Exhibit, Bay Club
 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., PLPA presents Frank D'Ambrosio's "Christmas in New York" at the Bay Club

Mon., December 7

9:30 – 11:00 a.m., LOA meeting (members), Beach Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) Board meeting (members), Bay Club
 10:30 a.m. – noon, Port Ludlow DigitalLife Office SIG Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Board meeting (members), Bay Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., WALI 3, Bay Club
 5:30 – 8:00 p.m., Dine and Discover, Beach Club

Tues., December 8

9:30 – 11:30 a.m., SBCA Facilities Committee meeting, Bay Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Bluebills Christmas Social
 4:30 – 8:00 p.m., *Voice* Holiday Party, Bay Club
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Martha's Book Club, Bay Club

Wed., December 9

11:00 a.m., Garden Club Christmas Tea, Bay Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artist of the Month (AOM) reception, Sound Bank
 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Reception Continues at the Artists' League Gallery
 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Inner Harbor Holiday Party (members), Bay Club
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary General meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., December 10

10:00 a.m. – noon, Drainage Committee, Beach Club
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Olympic Terrace, Christmas Party, Bay Club

Fri., December 11

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Port Gamble Trails, Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Woodworker's Year-end Party, Bay Club
 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., SBCA Monthly Social (members), Bay Club

Mon., December 14

10:00 a.m. – noon, CEA general meeting, Port Ludlow Firehouse
 11:30 a.m., Senior Singles Christmas Luncheon at the Belmont
 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., MGA Board meeting, Bay Club
 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., DigitalLife Holiday Social, Bay Club

Tues., December 15

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., KnitWits, Beach Club
 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., Fly Fishers' General meeting, Bay Club
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., LPV I, III, and IV Homeowners' meeting (members), Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Workshop, Bay Club

Wed., December 16

10:00 a.m. – noon, Stamp and Paper Arts Club, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Board meeting (members), Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists' League meeting, Beach Club
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Men's Book Club, Bay Club

Thurs., December 17

Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC Board meeting (members), Beach Club

Fri., December 18

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., ARC meeting, Bay Club

Sat., December 19

10:30 a.m. – noon, PL DigitalLife Workshop, Bay Club

Sunday, December 20

2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Christmas Sing-Along, Beach Club

Mon., December 21

4:00 – 5:00 p.m., WALI 3, Bay Club
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., PL DigitalLife Mac SIG, Bay Club

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Tues., December 22

9:30 – 11:30 a.m., SBCA Finance Committee, Bay Club

Thurs., December 24

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., LOA Pancake Breakfast (members), Beach Club

Bay Club Closes at Noon
Beach Club Closes at 1:00 p.m.

Fri., December 25

Both Clubs Closed, Merry Christmas!

Mon., December 28

10:00 a.m. – noon, PL DigitalLife Pro Show Gold/Photo SIG
Bay Club

Wed., December 30

9:00 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Port Ludlow trails,
meet at Niblicks Parking Lot

Thurs., December 31

4:00 p.m., Bay Club Closes

Future Events

New Years Day, Bay Club Opens at Noon
SBCA meeting, January 1, Bay Club



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Arts and Entertainment

This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events, as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to Beverly Rothenborg, editor, at bevrothenborg@broadstripe.net by the 10th of the preceding month.

Ludlow Village Players Update

Auditions are over and we had a great turnout. The Ludlow Village Players (LVP) are currently in casting mode and making the final decision on the play to be performed **April 14 - 17, 2016** at the Bay Club. The announcements will be made in the **January 2016** Voice issue. Updates also available on our website ludlowvillageplayers.org.

If you would rather work behind the scenes instead of treading the boards (acting), we need you for our support team called the production crew. Our first planning meeting is **Tuesday, January 12, 1:00 p.m.** at Val Durling's home, 11 Foster Lane. We need your help with costumes, props, set building and decor, and the makeup committee. We need a production assistant who helps to manage the crew and their timelines, and a prompter who helps the actors learn lines. We also need a couple of sound techs for the music and sound effects and a few helpers who are called go-fers. Get in on the fun and learn what it takes to put it all together. It's always amazing. Contact Director Val for directions to her home or more info at 360-437-2861 or rkd@olypen.com.

D'Ambrosio's Holiday Show Combines with Work by Gary Settle

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg

With the **Sunday, December 6**, "Christmas in New York" concert starring Franc D'Ambrosio sold out in one week, Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA) is extending an invitation to the greater community to visit the Bay Club Gallery during December for an up-close look at many memorable performances over the year as captured by the talented Gary Settle.

Settle came to Port Ludlow 11 years ago following a 45-year career in photojournalism with newspapers, including *The New York Times*, *The Chicago Daily News* and *The Seattle Times*. He is a member and past president of the National Press Photographers Association, as

well as a member and a past president of the Port Ludlow Artists' League.

Receiving a compliment from Harry James for a picture he shot during a concert intermission in 1955, high school photographer Gary Settle was hooked. He has always enjoyed watching artists make music: The sounds... the adrenaline... watching creative expressions up close... and the challenge of trying to capture the energy of music in a photograph. For fun, Settle finds



Gary Settle captured this Franc D'Ambrosio moment as he sang at his "Hollywood" show in 2013.

Photo by Gary Settle

artists to photograph right here at PLPA concerts in the Bay Club. A selection of those photographs will be displayed in the Hallway Gallery along with a blow-up of that autographed picture of Harry James' trumpet next to Buddy Rich's drums.

HOLDERS of tickets to D'Ambrosio's "Christmas In New York," a joyous celebration of the magic of the holiday season with favorite holiday standards, are reminded this is a matinee event. Subscribers will be admitted at 2:45 p.m. for seat selection and a complimentary warm wassail beverage. Holders of General Admission tickets are welcome at 3:00 p.m. for wassail and seat selection in the rows behind the reserved section. The Great Room no-host wine bars will be open both before the show and during intermission. Subscribers unable to use their tickets are urged to gift them or to email gpurdy@cablespeed.com to donate tickets that won't be used for resale by PLPA to the next person(s) on the Waiting List.

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Lanny and Terri Ross and Sound Community Bank have underwritten D'Ambrosio's concert. The Rosses are providing overnight accommodations for Mr. D'Ambrosio.

After a January hiatus, PLPA continues its 25th Anniversary season on **Friday, February 19**, with a Honky Tonk Cabaret featuring a "Tribute to Patsy Cline," starring Sara Catherine Wheatley. Seating at tables limits the number of tickets available to 50 for General Admission purchase or Flex Pass exchange. They can be purchased now at PortLudlowPerformingArts.com or at the Bay Club beginning **Monday, January 4**.

Wild Rose Chorale Presents *Friends* Concerts

Singers in the Wild Rose Chorale get a little help from their friends at their annual holiday concerts **Friday, December 11** (7:00 p.m.) and **Sunday, December 13** (2:30 p.m.) at First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin St. in Port Townsend.

Joining the a cappella Wild Rose Chorale for the multi-generational program are the Port Townsend-based Summertime Singers, directed by Colleen Johnson, and the PT Youth Chorus, directed by Leslie Lewis. Lewis also directs the Wild Rose.

Audiences will hear Wild Rose Chorale's twist on traditional songs of the season such as *Jingle Bells*, and a few new additions, including two chants made popular by the a cappella group Pentatonix. All three choirs sing several of their own holiday songs and then join together in two finale numbers.

There is a \$15 suggested donation at the door. For more information, visit wildrosechorale.org or call 360-385-1402.

Chimacum High School (CHS) Drama Club

The holiday performance of the CHS Drama Club will be a spin-off of the cherished Christmas song, *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, which is a truly unique version! The audience is invited on an adventure with Shirley the Partridge, whose job is to round up all of the characters mentioned in "The Song." Their job will be to sing all verses which has been a Partridge family tradition for thousands of years.

To say the least, this task has been a challenge for Shirley who is faced with many obstacles along the way: the Seven Swans A-Swimmin' flew south for the winter; the French Hens are really two hens and a stubborn rooster; the Calling Birds can't keep their phone lines straight: and the Pipers Piping are nowhere to be found! Poor Shirley is faced with the dilemma of keeping with tradition or making something new. We follow Shirley along her journey of gathering the song participants in her winter wonderland brought to life by the drama students of CHS.

The play is colorful and filled with feathery friends, which makes it the perfect outing for families of all ages! Performances are on **Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, December 11 – 20**, Admission is \$5 and children 12 years of age and younger are free. Show passes that admit to all shows are \$10. Performances are in the Chimacum Schools Auditorium, 91 West Valley Road, and begin at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. There will also be a by-donation bake sale.

A & E Editor's Note: I hope all of Port Ludlow turns out to support these dedicated students and their Drama Director, Ellie Spitzbart. The past plays that I have seen have been very well performed!

KCPT Presents *A Christmas Story*

This Christmas, audiences are invited to put a new spin on a classic holiday tradition as Port Townsend's Key City Public Theatre (KCPT) offers up a humor-filled rendition of everyone's favorite holiday film, *A Christmas Story*. The play tells the story of nine-year-old Ralphie Parker and his quest for the Christmas gift of his dreams: a Red Ryder 200-Shot Carbine Action Range Model Air Rifle. Before acquiring the near-mythical object, though, he first must convince everyone from his mother to Santa Claus that he won't live up to their chorus of worries ("You'll shoot your eye out, kid!").

The story is rich with subplots, each with its own twist: his father's blinding determination to win a crossword puzzle contest, the Christmas turkey that refuses to live up to expectations, the schoolyard bully, and, of course, Ralphie's friend Flick, who takes a "triple dog dare" and gets his tongue stuck on a freezing lamppost.

Behind all of the holiday shenanigans and humor of *A Christmas Story* there lies a deeper, more universal story as the play takes a nostalgic look at growing up in a small town in America during the late 1930's. So bring the whole family to the stage version of this quintessential Christmas tradition that will have everyone laughing their way into the holiday season

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A Christmas Story runs **Thursday, Friday, Saturday** (7:00 p.m.), and **Sunday** (2:30 p.m.) from **December 3 to 20**. There will also be 7:00 p.m. shows on **Sundays, December 13 and 20**. Tickets (\$20 on Thursday/Sunday, \$24 on Friday/Saturday, \$10 for students any performance) are available at keycitypublictheatre.org or at the playhouse box office, 419 Washington Street, Port Townsend, 360-385-KCPT.

A Christmas Story is an all-ages show, and while children are invited to any of the performances, adults are encouraged to bring children to one of the three family shows, which feature special pricing, treats for the kids, and a chance to get pictures taken with characters on the stage! Family shows are at 4:00 p.m. on **Saturdays, December 5 and 12** and at 11:00 a.m. on **Saturday, December 19**. Family show ticket prices are \$3 for small child lap seating, \$7 for ages 12 and under, \$10 for ages 13-18, and \$10 for any adult with a child. Family Show ticket prices are only available by phone at 360-385-5278 or in person at the playhouse box office.

Mary Poppins Comes to Bainbridge

Everyone's favorite, practically perfect nanny swoops in for a *supercalifragilisticexpialidocious* musical at Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA) from **Friday, December 4** until **Sunday, December 20**. *Mary Poppins* is an enchanting mixture of irresistible story, unforgettable songs (*A Spoonful of Sugar*, *Chim Chim Cher-ee*, and more), breathtaking dance numbers, and astonishing stagecraft.

One of the most popular Disney movies of all time is capturing hearts in a whole new way as a positively perfect musical. Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, *Mary Poppins* delighted Broadway audiences for over 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards.

Mary Poppins shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 3:00 p.m., with one exception: the performance on **Saturday, December 5** will be a matinee show at 3:00 p.m. A special Pay-What-You-Can Preview will be held **Thursday, December 3** at 7:00 p.m., and the Opening Night Reception will be **Friday, December 4** at 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$27 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$19 for students, youth, military, and teachers may be purchased online at bainbridgeperformingarts.org, by phone at 206-842-8569 or in person at BPA, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island. Box Office hours are 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and one hour prior to each performance.

Humor and Irreverence Abound at KCPT



After two consecutive shows, Paul Rogers and his Holiday HiJinx Band bring witty and irreverent holiday tunes to Key City Public Theater again this year (l to r, George Rezendes, Tom Savornich, Paul Rogers, Kurt Festinger, Dirk Anderson, and Carla Main).

Submitted photo

After two consecutive years of sold-out performances, Key City Public Theatre (KCPT) and Toolshed SoundLab are offering two *Paul Rogers Holiday Hi-Jinx Shows* this year. Rogers, a member of the renowned San Francisco Bay-area Christmas Jug Band will be sharing his hilarious original tunes that put a new twist on the holiday season.

Santa Don't Do It (Shave on Christmas Eve), *Plant a Santa*, *Rockin' the Nativity Scene* and NPR's 2002 Christmas Song of the Year, *Santa Lost a Ho*, are just a few of the yuletide gems to be performed. They'll also be playing a selection of holiday classics.

Rogers, who has been performing this material for nearly three decades, will be joined by an all-star cast of musicians comprised of Dirk Anderson on bass/vocals, Tom Svornick on drums, Kurt Festinger on sax, George Rezendes on guitar/vocals, and Carla Main on vocals. Rogers, the ringleader of this merry crew, performs on piano, accordion and vocals.

Performances, which sell out quickly, are on **Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22 and 23**, 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and are available online at keycitypublictheatre.org or at the playhouse box office, 360-385-KCPT.

Finish off your holiday season with a boisterous dose of holiday cheer and sneer at KCPT's *Santaland Diaries* starring Chris Hawley and directed by Denise Winter. This performance is adapted from David Sedaris's

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best-selling book *Holidays on Ice* and was made famous by his side-splitting look at his stint as a Macy's Department Store elf named Crumpet. This adults-only tell-all will have audiences howling as Sedaris's cynicism clashes with his elfin duties, which chiefly consist of donning a ridiculous costume and navigating throngs of sugar-rushed kids, rude customers, and boozy Santas.

Although not your traditional stocking stuffer, this is the perfect way for Christmas-weary adults to blow off a little steam at the end of a long holiday season.

Santaland Diaries runs **Saturday and Sunday, December 26 and 27**, with shows at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. All tickets are \$24 except for the 7:00 p.m. performance on **Saturday, December 26**, which is \$57 and includes a post-show *57th Season Wrap Party for KCPT*, featuring a champagne dessert gala and music from Linda Dowdell and other guest musicians. Tickets are available at keycitypublictheatre.org or at the playhouse box office, 360-385-KCPT.

Sing Noel

This holiday season the Bainbridge Chorale spans the continents with music from many cultures and traditions, among them Brazil, Ireland, Canadian Huron, Jamaica, and Africa, finishing with a hilarious musical spoof of *The Twelve Days of Christmas*. *Virga Jesse Floruit*, a recent composition by the Chorale's director with a tenderly meditative setting of medieval text depicting the birth of Christ from a collection of Gregorian chants, will be performed.

The Bainbridge Chorale's concerts will be on **Saturday, December 12** at 7:30 p.m. and on **Sunday, December 13** at 3:00 p.m. The concerts will be at Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church, 11042 Sunrise Drive NE, Bainbridge Island.

The Chorale will be joined by the young women of the Olympic Girls' Choir in a rousing presentation of the opening sequence music from the movie *Frozen*, based on the traditional chant of the Sami people of Scandinavia and Russia.

The Family Holiday Concert is a one-hour, family friendly presentation of much of the same repertoire and will include an appearance by the Bainbridge Youth Chorale's youngest singers. This concert will be on **Saturday, December 12** at 3.30 p.m.

In addition, there will be a *Messiah* Sing Along on **Sunday, December 27** at 7:00 p.m. Tickets may be purchased from Chorale members Richard Grieves (360-437-0881) or John Arscott (360-437-9461) or online at bainbridgechorale.org. Prices are: children 5 or under \$5, students, military, teachers \$15, seniors (62+) \$20, general admission \$23. For more information call 206-780-2467.

A & E Editor's Note: These popular concerts are always sold out!

Port Townsend Community Orchestra

The Port Townsend Community Orchestra will present its holiday concert on **Saturday, December 5** at 7:30 p.m. at the Chimacum High School Auditorium. You are invited to this free concert.



Ray Chirayath.

In keeping with the theme of "Firsts," Maestro Dewey Ehling has programmed Felix Mendelssohn's *Symphony #1*. Olympic Peninsula residents Cynthia Webster (soprano) and Ray Chirayath (baritone) join with the Orchestra to perform Bach's *Mein Freund ist mein!* from *Cantata #140*. Port Townsend resident Anne Krabill plays a wonderful oboe solo

on this piece. All three of these musicians have had international careers.

Cynthia Webster has performed with the Detroit Concert Choir as featured soloist and was instrumental in the choir's winning several prestigious awards in Wales, Austria, and Spain. Ray Chirayath started in his native India and performed with several choral groups: Bangalore Academy Chorale (India), Moscow Oratorio (Russia), and the Buffalo Chorale Arts Society (New York). He also sings with the Peninsula Singers (Port Angeles) and has acted in the musicals *Dreamboats*, *Starlight Express* and *Cats*.



Cynthia Webster.
Submitted photos

Also on the program Cynthia and Ray will sing *O Holy Night* by Adolphe Adam. The Orchestra will continue with an arrangement of Christmas carols by John Cacavas, our annual Carol Sing-along, and the community favorite *White Christmas* by Irving Berlin.

Come early and hear about the music in Maestro Ehling's pre-concert summary at 6:45 p.m. More information may be found at PortTownsendOrchestra.org.

Northwind Reading Series



Raven as Scrooge.

Photo by Jim Jenkin

The Northwind Reading Series begins December at the Northwind Arts Center, 701 Water Street, Port Townsend, with the Readers' Party on **Thursday, December 10**, and follows with "Raven Brings Scrooge to Life at Northwind" on **Friday, December 11**.

"I have endeavored in this ghostly little book to raise the Ghost of an Idea, which shall not put my readers out of humor with themselves, with each other, with the season, or with me. May it haunt their houses pleasantly." Thus, in 1843, did Charles Dickens preface his now-classic Christmas tale, *A Christmas Carol*.

In an evening of holiday cheer and camaraderie, Raven will perform a dramatic reading of *A Christmas Carol* in Northwind Arts Center starting at 7:00 p.m. on **Friday, December 11**.

When asked by a young listener, "How do you get your voice to sound like that?" Raven responded, "I don't merely make my voice sound like Scrooge; I become Scrooge! And not only that, I'm sure each of us can identify with Ebenezer Scrooge in some way."

Explains Raven, "I enjoy performing *A Christmas Carol* every year, because it's a story essentially about rebirth, and renewal, and finding inner peace through forgiveness at the time of winter solstice, when the days start to lengthen again."

Attentive listeners of all ages are encouraged to attend. Plum pudding and punch will be served at intermission.

Northwind is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that sponsors visual, musical and literary events and education on the Olympic Peninsula. Suggested donation for the reading is \$10. Children under 12 are free. For more information contact Bill Mawhinney 360-302-1159.

The Port Ludlow Artists' League Presents Group Show

A League Group Show titled, "*Endings and Beginnings*" will be hung in the lobby of Sound Community Bank, Oak Bay Road, during the months of **December** and **January**. The thought-provoking collection, appropriately titled for both the close of one year and the beginning of the New Year, will feature works by members as each interprets the theme in a variety of mediums and a wide range of subjects.

As in the past, the League's group shows have delighted the viewers, and this offering promises to be every bit as enjoyable. The League has had a number of new artists join this past year and this will be the first showing for many of them. The caliber of League artists is enhanced by each new addition to the membership as they join in and expand our talent pool.

The Second Wednesday Reception on **December 9** will salute the artists, both new and established. The Sound Bank lobby will be open from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. for the "*Endings and Beginnings*" show while the Gallery adjacent to the bank will be decked out for the holidays and open from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in the festivities, have a glass of wine, some nibbles, and visit with the artists – a great way to get to know your way around the world of art.

More information can be obtained by contacting League President, Sharon Zabolotney at 437-9417 or by e-mail at slz2002@q.com.

Edible Art!

There's art you can see, art you can wear, art you can walk on, and this month, there's art you can eat! That is, if you're lucky enough to be a member of the Port Ludlow Artists' League and come to the **December 16** General Meeting. After a short end-of-the-year business meeting and Installation of the 2016 Members of the Board, the fun begins with the annual ice cream and cookie exchange.

If you think we only have great artists, just wait until you taste those cookies by our great pastry chefs! Each member brings two dozen to both eat there and exchange to take home. Your holiday guests will be amazed at how many types of cookies you serve, that is if you share the bounty. There have been those who are known to keep the delicious morsels for themselves!

The festivities will be held at the Beach Club from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. More information can be obtained by contacting President Sharon Zabolotney, 437-9417, or by e-mail at slz2002@q.com.

Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair

The Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair is a community celebration featuring holiday items: gold and silversmith work, textiles, candles, woodwork, leather, clothing, and more. Now in its 20th year, it is the largest and longest running festival in Chimacum with nearly 100 vendors from around Washington. The dates for the Fair are **Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. There is a \$3 entry fee.

In commemoration of the Chimacum School District's 100-year anniversary, fair organizers are hosting the first ever Chimacum Community Photo which provides a perfect opportunity to celebrate Chimacum's rich local history and vibrant community spirit. Combining the photo shoot with the opening ceremony of the crafts fair is a natural fit as many students, faculty, alumni, and community members will already be on-site. The community photo will be taken on **Saturday, December 12** at 9:30 a.m. when free coffee and donuts will be served. The ribbon cutting and opening of doors to the Fair will be held at 9:55 a.m. The address for the school is 91 West Valley Road, Chimacum.

Small Expressions 14

Northwind Arts Center, 701 Water Street, Port Townsend, is pleased to present its popular "Small Expressions 14" show, opening **Thursday, December 3** and running through **Saturday, December 28**.

This juried show of small format art and fine crafts showcases a range of diverse media from jewelry, painting, and sculpture to ceramics, fiber, photography, printmaking and basketry from local and regional artists.

Juror Jake Seniuk is an independent curator, writer and visual artist. He has served as director and curator of the Port Angeles Fine Arts Center. Artist Seniuk's introspective works combine photography, text, and sculptural elements and have been exhibited at museums and public venues nationwide. He is a past recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship in Photography, an Artist Trust Visual Artist Fellowship, and the Logan Prize for Critical Writing in Photography.

The show begins with the Opening Reception from 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 5**. The Juror's talk is **Sunday, December 6** at 1:00 p.m. Exhibit hours are Thursday thru Monday 12 noon – 5:00 p.m. For more information visit www.northwindarts.org.

The Usual Shenanigans and Other Hooplas



Zelda Was Beginning to Resemble Piper, by Christopher Kroehler.
Submitted photo

Join others in the Bainbridge Performing Arts Gallery, 200 Madison Avenue North, Bainbridge Island, **Friday, December 4**, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., for an artist reception and a fun evening of art, food, and friends. The reception is a part of the First Friday Art Walk.

Christopher Kroehler's show, *The Usual Shenanigans and Other Hooplas*, is a series of oil paintings on glass depicting urban life full of his cast of characters. Each of his paintings tells a story. They play at form, color, and image – experiments of expression which read beneath the surface. His attraction to pattern and detail is derived from living in Japan for sixteen years, and his dedication to the stories of the figure is derived from a simple love of form and composition.

For the past twenty-plus years Kroehler has been concentrating his efforts on paintings on glass. He has developed a method of dimensional painting, which utilizes the transparent quality of glass by applying paint to both the outer and inner surfaces as well as canvas backing. As a result, light plays a major role in the work by casting shadows onto the canvas through and around the painted images on the surface of the glass. In the end, the effect is the incorporation of several separate surfaces into a cohesive and dimensional whole. His exhibit continues throughout November at Bainbridge Performing Arts Gallery.

The BPA Gallery showcases regional artists in monthly rotating exhibits in the C. Keith Birkenfeld Lobby. Gallery hours are 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Tuesday – Friday. Admission is free, and information is available online at www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org, by phone at 206-842-8569, or in person at BPA. BPA is supported, in part, by Bainbridge Community Foundation and One Call for All.

Performing Arts Calendar

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays – December 3 - 20

Key City Public Theatre offers up a humor-filled rendition of the holiday film, *A Christmas Story*, 7:00 p.m. with 2:30 p.m. Sunday matinees, also 7:00 p.m. shows on **Sundays, December 13 and 20**, tickets available at keycitypublictheatre.org or at the playhouse box office, 419 Washington Street, Port Townsend, 360-385-KCPT. Special prices for students.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays – December 4 – 20

Everyone's favorite nanny *Mary Poppins* swoops in to Bainbridge Performing Arts for a musical adventure and unforgettable songs, 7:30 p.m. with 3:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, Pay-What-You-Can Preview on **Thursday, December 3**, 7:30 p.m. Performance on **Saturday, December 5** will be at 3:00 p.m., Tickets at bainbridgeperformingarts.org or at 360-842-8569.

Friday, December 4

With stellar performances on *The Voice* and hit show *Glee*, Chris Mann sings Big Band, Broadway, Opera, Pop, and everything in between, Bremerton's Admiral Theatre, dinner 5:30 p.m., show 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, admiraltheatre.org.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday – December 4, 5, and 6

Hide the Egg Nog is the Jewel Box's invitation to a musical cup of cocoa that is warm and sweet with just a bit of spicy nutmeg on top, appropriate for whole family, 7:30 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinee, 360-697-3183, jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays – December 4 – 20

Doris Walker hires Kris Kringle, who insists he's the real Santa and goes to court to try to prove it when *Miracle on 34th Street* comes to the Port Gamble Theater, 7:00 p.m. with 2:00 p.m. Sunday matinees, 360-977-7135, portgambletheater.com.

Saturday, December 5

The Port Townsend Orchestra's Holiday concert offers *Symphony #1* by Felix Mendelssohn, a Bach Cantata with vocalists and oboe, and closes with a carol sing-along, 7:30 p.m. with a pre-concert chat at 6:45 p.m., Chimacum High School Auditorium, PortTownsendOrchestra.org, free admission.

Sunday, December 6

The Community Chorus of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County will perform Handel's beloved *Messiah* with 100 singers and a chamber orchestra, Chimacum High School Auditorium, 3:00 p.m., 360-385-1402, ptchorus.org.

Saturday and Sunday, December 5 – 6

Port Townsend's Sheila Bender, an American poet and essayist, is the speaker at PT Shorts, a free monthly program featuring dramatic readings of contemporary literature, (7:30 p.m. Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Sunday), Northwind Arts Center, 701 Water Street, Port Townsend, keycitypublictheatre.org.

Sunday, December 6

Port Ludlow Performing Arts presents *Christmas in New York* with Franc D'Ambrosio sharing holiday music heard in Broadway shows and ending the program with his rendition of *Ave Maria*, sold out, but contact Diane Purdy at gpurdy@cablespeed.com or 360-437-1262 for ticket availability.

Fridays, Saturday, Sundays – December 11 – 20

Chimacum High School's Drama Club presents a spoof of *The Twelve Days of Christmas* with Shirley Partridge rounding up all of the song participants - the Seven Swans flew south for the winter, the Calling Birds can't keep their phone lines straight, and the Pipers Piping can't be found (you get the idea!), High School Auditorium, doors open at 6:30 p.m., performance at 7:00 p.m., with 3:00 p.m. Sunday matinees and a by-donation-bake sale.

Friday and Sunday, December 11 and 13

The Wild Rose Chorale and Friends perform two concerts at the First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin Street, Port Townsend, 7:00 p.m. (Friday), 2:30 p.m. Sunday, with the Summertime Singers and the Port Townsend Youth Chorus with their twist on traditional songs and new music, 360-385-1402, wildrosechorale.org.

Saturday, December 12

You'll hear music by Tchaikovsky, Humperdinck, Grieg and Lehar's *Merry Widow Overture* at the Port Angeles Symphony concert, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, final rehearsal 10:00 a.m., pre-concert chat 6:40 p.m., concert 7:30 p.m., 360-457-5579, portanglessymphony.org.

Saturday and Sunday, December 12 and 13

Sing Noel with the Bainbridge Chorale in a concert which spans the continents with music from many cultures and traditions plus the Olympic Girls' Choir in a rousing presentation from the movie *Frozen*, 7:30 p.m. (Saturday), 3:00 p.m. (Sunday), tickets available from Richard Grieves (360-437-0881) or John Arscott (360-437-9461), Rolling Bay Presbyterian Church, bainbridgechorale.org. Family Holiday concert will include an appearance by the Bainbridge Youth Chorale, **Saturday, December 12**, 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 17

Sounds of the Season is the Admiral Theatre's annual holiday tradition, full of song, dance, and a few surprises from the area's most talented performers, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-3743, admiraltheatre.org.

Friday and Sunday, December 18 and 20

Featuring radiant and seldom-heard pieces for violin, cello and piano, the Rawson Duo with guest cellist Fred Thompson will present their annual *Nordlys* concert, showcasing classical works by Scandinavian composers at their Chimacum home, 2:00 p.m., followed by a sweet and savory Nordic reception, advanced paid reservations of \$25, rawsonduo.com.

Tuesday and Wednesday, December 22 and 23

Key City Public Theatre and Toolshed SoundLab present Paul Rogers' *Holiday Hi-Jinx Show*, a special holiday concert in Port Townsend full of irreverence and holiday humor, 7:30 p.m., 360-385-5278, keycitypublictheatre.org.

Saturday and Sunday, December 26 and 27

Adapted from the best-selling book *Holidays on Ice*, *SantaLand Diaries* takes a side-splitting adults-only look at David Sedaris's stint as a Macy's Department Store elf named Crumpet. 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. both days. **Saturday, December 26**, 7:00 p.m. performance includes a post-show party featuring a champagne dessert gala and music from guest musicians, Key City Public Theatre, Port Townsend, 360-385-5278, keycitypublictheatre.org.

Port Ludlow Village Council

PLVC Meeting Report

by Beverly Browne, Editor/Reporter

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) meeting was called to order by President Mike Nilssen on November 5 at 3:00 p.m. Council members present were Linda Haskin, Doug Huber, Laury Hunt, Tamra McDearmid, Ron Racki, Gil Skinner, Caleb Summerfelt, and Terry Umbreit. A quorum was declared. The announcements of the meeting protocol and recording were made and the agenda was adopted.

PLVC Business Reports

Secretary’s Report: Tam McDearmid asked for approval of previous meeting minutes of October 2015. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Linda Haskin discussed the PLVC balance sheet. She said that traffic control for the holiday lights was somewhat more expensive than expected. However, income from community donations (\$11,078 between January and October) has been welcome. There is also income from the sales of the new directory and from the wine tasting event. Expenses were incurred from production of disaster preparation signs, the directory, expenses related to holiday lighting. Business expenses (\$8,747) and committee expenses (\$1,995) left a net income of \$14,030. Total assets are \$39,511. The council formally accepted the financial report.

Correspondence: Olympic Terrace is and has been outside the Port Ludlow no shooting zone. The council received news that Port Ludlow Associates has sent a letter to County Administrator Philip Morley supporting extending the zone to include that area.

Invited Speakers and Community Reports

Jefferson County: Kathleen Kler reported that county sales and hotel/motel taxes were up over last year. These taxes are being used for one-time expenditures. The Department of Community Development director has retired and the department is looking for a replacement. They hope to find a person with engineering experience but are finding that the county is not competitive with regard to salary.

The tree harvesting issue between Port Ludlow Associates and Jefferson County continues. Attorney for Jefferson County Pat Schneider and PLA attorney Marco de Salva have agreed to begin mediation processes in February. Bill Dean will be a non-participating observer to the process. PLA has agreed to abstain from logging in disputed tracts until after mediation is complete.

Port Ludlow Village Council Meetings

General Meeting
Thursday, December 3
 3:00 p.m., Bay Club

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, December 15
 3:00 p.m., Bay Club
www.plvc.org

The county is looking into updating sign codes in Port Ludlow.

Department of Community Development (CDC): David Wayne Johnson repeated that the department is looking for a replacement for the director. The interim director is David Goldsmith. Jefferson County is sign applications on a case by case basis. He has been working full time on the Pleasant Harbor permits. There will be a planning commission meeting on **January 6** at 6:30 p.m. CDC will lose Associate Planner Colleen Molette, who will take another position with the county.

Port Ludlow Associates (PLA): President Diana Smeland announced new hires at the golf course, Shelley Washburn and Dick Schmidt and a new person in sales, Sarah Mc Hugh.

She also said that the company is putting together the final bid for the Jefferson Healthcare Clinic which will be built off Paradise Bay Road in the Village. The details of the project are expected to be finalized by mid-November with ground breaking in 2016. They are trying to save as many of the trees as possible. The building will become a standard for other developments in the center. It will have meeting room space. PLA is looking for additional retail units. It can add 45,000 square feet to the present site.

PLA has found a party who is interested in developing a grocery store in the Village. It is working through some legal issues before completing a deal. The present plan is to keep the current store and gas station open during construction. In response to questions she said that the recycling area is not involved in the expansion.

Ludlow Cove has eleven contracts pending. Two homes will be closing this year. The rest will close in 2016. PLA has also looked at a plan for developing an older adult care center. Specifically mentioned was the Green House

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Project, *greenhouseproject.org*. The project was described as having rental apartments with shared cooking and dining space.

Committee Reports

The Council voted to accept the proposed committee list. Disaster Preparedness still needs a chair. Following a new schedule, committees will report according to a pre-arranged schedule. Each committee should report at least twice a year with a summary report in October. Committees reporting in November were: Administration, Health and Wellness, and ad hoc Tree Harvesting. Long Range Planning will report at the workshop. It is currently reviewing the Master Planned Resort Agreement which expires in 2025. Some committees have been combined. Utilities, recycling, and disaster preparedness will become one committee.

Administration: Linda Haskin, Chair, said that the charter has been completed. The committee has begun work on the bylaws.

Health and Wellness: Ursel Krumme reported that the mission of the committee is to provide healthcare information to guide and inform healthcare decisions. She said that given the increase in early discharge after medical procedures, our aging population is at risk for post surgical complications. (A talk about this risk, scheduled by the committee, took place on November 14.)

Tree Harvest: The committee will keep the public informed as information becomes available.

Announcements

Meeting dates are displayed in the accompanying box. The council encourages residents to attend the meetings, bring up issues of importance to them, and become informed about events in the Village.



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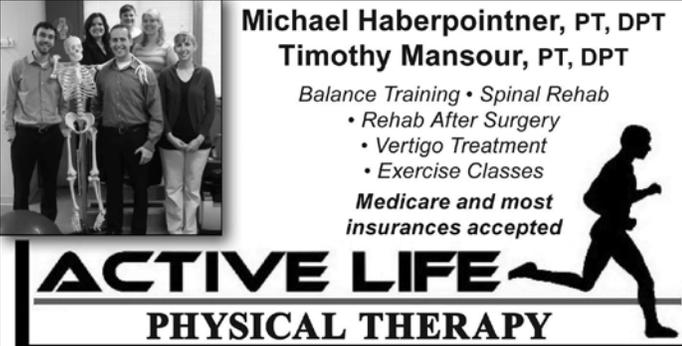



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LMC October Board Meeting Highlights

by Glee Hubbard, LMC Secretary

The monthly business meeting of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees was held Thursday, October 15 at the Bay View Room of the Beach Club.

The monthly LMC Board Meeting has been adjourning at around 3:30 p.m. having finished the business of the day's agenda. This contrasts with previous business-as-usual adjournments at around 4:30 or even 5:00 p.m. on occasion. This welcome outcome is the result of a suggestion instituted by President Racki whereby the Chairs of the six LMC standing committees are encouraged to submit written reports to the Board prior to the scheduled Board Meeting. Then, at the actual board meeting, the respective committee chairs are acknowledged in turn to verbally refine their report, add details and/or answer questions. This new procedure for committee reporting is at the discretion of the respective committee chairs and thus far some continue to bring their full report to the microphone. Board members appreciate having time to digest the written statements before the meeting and everyone appreciates the shorter meetings.

Following the Committee reports, the business of the October Board meeting included a review of correspondence received during the interval between meetings; review of the status of current Board Goals; status of outstanding non-compliance issues; report by the PLVC's recently elected President, Board member Mike Nilssen on the Port Ludlow No Shooting Zone initiative; a report by LMC President Racki and GM Belmont on a meeting with board members and the General Manager of the South Bay Community Association for the purpose of mutual long range planning; a proposal to create a Social Service Committee reporting to the Board of Trustees; a motion authorizing up to \$10,000 for infrastructure to deliver electricity to the Oak Bay site of the proposed Beach Club sign; and finally, an agenda for the November workshop to focus on the 2016 budget.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, December 7, 9:30 a.m.

Email: portludlowloa@yahoo.com
Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* by emailing the above address

Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC)
Board Meeting
Thursday, December 17, 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 437-9201

E-mail: beachclub@olympus.net
Sign up for the *Navigator* online at the above address

Visit www.lmcbeachclub.com for complete information

All LMC members are welcome. ☼

The regularly scheduled meetings of the LMC Board of Trustees held at the Beach Club from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. are the Workshop held on the second Thursday of the month, and the general board meeting on the third Thursday. Members are welcome to attend.

President's Perspectives

by Ron Racki, LMC President

My articles will resume in **January**. Warmest Holiday Wishes as 2015 comes to a close; I extend my deepest gratitude to all volunteers who enrich our daily lives and provide so much to our community. Looking forward to the New Year and continuing our work together.

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Earlier this year, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees hired the legal firm of Barker Martin to perform a review of all LMC Governing Documents. In the nearly 50 years that LMC has been in existence, I believe this is the first time there has been this type of comprehensive review of the entire set of documents. LMC documents that are part of this review include: Covenants, Conditions, & Restrictions (CC&Rs) for plats 1-7, the Oak Bay Subdivision and Ludlow Bay Townhomes. In addition, LMC's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations are part of the review.

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The legal firm was asked to examine and make recommendations for amendments to the LMC documents that are necessary to bring them into conformity with federal and state laws. In addition, the attorneys were asked to identify areas where they saw internal inconsistencies within the LMC documents.

The LMC Board recently received the first draft of the proposed changes recommended by Barker Martin. Over the next couple of months, the Board and its committees will be reviewing, discussing, and understanding the recommendations so that we can begin communicating to our members the purpose of possible amendments to the LMC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, which will require a vote of the membership at the April 2016 Annual Membership Meeting.

If the Board of Trustees decides that there are Regulations that need to be amended as part of the attorney’s review, the Board has the authority to do so. However, it is the Board’s policy to discuss proposed regulation changes at two consecutive monthly Board meetings before voting on the amendments. This will provide our membership an opportunity to provide input on proposed amendments to the Regulations.

More information on our governing documents and possible amendments will be provided to LMC members in the months to come, so stay tuned. As always, if you have questions or comments about this article or the work that is ongoing at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or beachclub@olympus.net.

Beach Club Breakfast with Santa

The North Bay Lot Owner’s Association (NBLOA) is sponsoring the Port Ludlow Kids’ Club for their annual Christmas Eve pancake breakfast with Santa on **Thursday, December 24** from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Take the children and grandchildren to the Beach Club and join in the fun! There will be the pancake breakfast, entertainment, and of course, Santa. Santa will arrive promptly at 11:00 a.m. (He has a busy schedule that day.)

Please take a small wrapped gift for your child with child’s name and age clearly written (Santa is old). You may drop off the gift at the Beach Club prior to arriving if you wish. We look forward to having you join us! Volunteers are always welcome! We can’t do it without you. For more information or to volunteer, please call Bryan or Piper Diehl at 360-437-0602. ☼

Here We Come a-Caroling

Join your neighbors, young and not so young, on **Sunday, December 20** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Beach Club to celebrate the holiday season with Christmas carols. Jamie Deering will be our fearless leader.

Here is your chance to wear your favorite Christmas sweater; so join in and be ready to vocalize for a while or just come to enjoy your friends and neighbors caroling! An RSVP to the Beach Club would be appreciated but is not required. All are welcome to this fun, seasonal, North Bay event! ☼

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SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, December 4, 9:30 a.m.

Visit <http://plsbca.org>

All SBCA members are welcome. 

SBCA Meeting Highlights

by Liz Healy, Communications Chair

The meeting of the South Bay Community Association was called to order by President Gil Skinner on Friday, November 6 at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was declared with the president, Steve Frenzl, Craig Henderson, Bert Loomis, Peggy Ponto, and Dan Quail present. General Manager Mark Torres was also present. The agenda, and minutes from the October 2 meeting and the October 12 special board meeting were approved.

Board Reports

Manager's Report: Mark Torres reported another capital contribution from the sale of a second Ludlow Cove II home. SBCA now adds \$4727.10 to its standard \$5550 to reserves this month. In the last few months, approximately \$15,000 has been added to reserves from associate members and capital contributions. Torres also reported the following project status:

- Spinnaker Place road center line has been painted.
- Roof cleaning is done.
- Plumbing repairs in kitchen done; water and drain lines repaired/relocated, garbage disposal relocated, and plumbing repaired at sink near coffee maker.
- Pool heat pump has been repaired.
- The Bay Club brochure is updated. Thanks to Louis Bohannon for his professional design skills.
- Fitness Center equipment has been serviced.
- Member luncheon, Food of the Philippines, a success thanks to Laura Kocker and Alan Ahtow, who organized and hosted the event.
- Hazardous trees are being trimmed, and removed on land where OWSI has lift station (South Bay Lane).
- Recruitment continues for a part-time maintenance worker.
- Special recognition goes to Marie Brown, who does an exceptional job maintaining the facility. Marie's an exceptional employee and a great asset.

Treasurer's Report: Dan Quail read the treasurer's report which included the Financial Summary for the first quarter. As of October 31, the SBCA had \$514,754.24 in current assets and \$23,240.49 in fixed assets. Operating funds total \$101,412.46. The Kitsap Bank renovation account stands at \$15,102.46. Total reserves including the renovation account are \$383,444.91. Operating expenses in October were \$39,942.28. Reserve expenses were \$12,430.01. Further detail is available to members at the Bay Club.

Secretary's Report: Craig Henderson reported receiving a letter from Dan Meade concerning Ludlow Point Village Division Tracts A, B, and C. The board is reviewing the letter.

Committee Reports

Architectural Review Committee: Sheila Twohey reporting for Dave Jurca, committee chair, stated that two ARC applications were approved, and one declined due to lack of ownership. Another application, an Edgewood complaint, where one homeowner asks to remove trees from another's lot, is being dealt with. This longstanding issue may end up in court. Two members at the meeting recommended that the ARC not be involved in issues like this.

Communications: Liz Healy announced that the Bay Club brochure has been printed and is available at reception in the lobby. The brochure, with an updated design courtesy of Louis Bohannon, will help new arrivals and those already here who aren't familiar with what the club provides. The brochure will also be posted on the SBCA website. Healy also announced that Mark Torres will develop an improved SBCA website navigation process for committee members to review; site improvement suggestions from homeowners are welcome. Communications meets the first Tuesday each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Bay Club.

Facilities: Dave Armitage announced that major projects are on hold pending the resolution of the siding timing,

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expense, and source of funding for replacing the exterior shell of the building. However, he proposed developing a plan for the interior. A subcommittee of the Facility Committee, led by Chris Dean, has been actively working to identify an interior designer to develop a conceptual design for an upgrade to the interior of the Bay Club. Funding for the interior update, Armitage said, has been in the reserve fund for years and is overdue. The subcommittee has interviewed several interior design firms. Proposals to generate the design range from \$3,500 to \$12,000. The subcommittee recommended that the Board approve funds to hire an interior design firm at \$3,500. Funds for this first step in the project would be paid from the Renovation Fund.

After discussion the SBCA Board has chosen to table the vote until next month. The committee has also completed an update to the Reserve Item list and developed a model to evaluate reserve funding requirements under varying conditions and assumptions.

Armitage also announced that Peggy Ponto, recently appointed to the board to fill the vacancy left by Jerry Conover, will chair the subcommittee on landscaping. The ARC meets the third Friday each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Bay Club. Landscaping currently meets the third Tuesday at 4 p.m. (time subject to change). Current chair Calvin Williams was thanked for his service. He will remain on the committee.

Finance: Dan Quail reported that electronic payments to SBCA must be done by members via their banks. A motion was made to have organizers for outside events held at the Bay Club provide their own insurance, i.e., one-day event coverage; the motion passed. Outside events are defined as those with no affiliation to SBCA. Insurance requirements for events held at the Bay Club by SBCA members are being reviewed. Mark Torres is working on an updated fee schedule. Finance meets the fourth Thursday each month at 9:30 a.m. at the Bay Club.

Long Range Planning Committee: Steve Frenzl, committee chair and SBCA board member, announced three recently appointed committee members: Jane Armstrong, Neil Black, and Dean Rosenthal. All have been approved by the board. David Jurca is the other board member serving on this committee. The committee meets the third Friday each month at 9:30 a.m. in the Bay Club.

Ad Hoc Timber Committee: Skinner stated that the issue will proceed to mediation. A mediator is being selected and the session is planned for February 2016.

Bay Club Kitchen Enhancement: The board established a task force to identify concerns related to the Bay Club kitchen. After determining and prioritizing needs, the task force has now installed Miele wall ovens, a newer microwave, and refrigerator. The garbage disposal has been moved to accommodate a sanitizing dishwasher; the disposal in the sink on the north wall was removed because of inadequate plumbing.

The task force is now reviewing minor structural changes and other issues that might be addressed depending on cost. The overall goal is to update the kitchen equipment, and improve cabinetry, countertops, shelving, and storage areas. If you'd like further details, please call or email one of the task force members via Mark Torres at the Bay Club. Also, if you're interested in helping with this project, please let Mark know.

Other Business and Announcements

Bay Club Remediation: The building envelope assessment report from Trinity/ERD, which provides information about the remediation project, is posted on the SBCA website with the August 31 meeting minutes. Bert Loomis described the renovation process which may take 3 ½ to 4 months. The building is expected to stay open for most of the work period. The board will keep South Bay members informed of activities and meetings related to this project.

Joint LMC/SBCA Meeting: A second meeting between the LMC and the SBCA was held to determine if and how the HOAs can work together to provide better service to the members. A third meeting will be scheduled.

After taking member comments the board adjourned to executive session. The results of the session will be announced at the next Board meeting. It is on **Friday, December 4**, 9:30 a.m. All members are encouraged to attend the board meetings and become familiar with the issues facing the community and the business of the association.

A Holiday Melody Reminder

No doubt you have already marked your calendars for the SBCA/Free Spirits holiday event. **Saturday, December 5** is the day of A Holiday Melody, an annual festive celebration that includes cocktails and appetizers, a prime rib dinner, and music and singing provided by the TimberTones—Steve and Nicole Frenzl and Mike Derrenberger. All of this, combined with warm camaraderie, can't help but offer a perfect evening. Sign-ups end on **Tuesday, December 1**. The cost per person is \$30.

Woodworkers Meet to Close the Year

The Woodworkers Club will hold their year-end meeting on **Friday, December 11** at the Bay Club from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. We will have a social the first half-hour with Club-provided beer, wine, and soft drinks. Bring hors d'oeuvres if you like.

We will then spend the next half-hour in a short meeting. We want to discuss holding more woodworking classes, officers for 2016 and any other thing that members want to raise.

Any Bay Club member who has an interest in wood-working is invited to attend. Spouses are invited as well. If you plan to attend, let me know so we can get a general count. Please email Myron, vogt@cablespeed.com. 🍷

South Bay Members' Social

Join your South Bay neighbors at 5:30 p.m. on **Friday, December 11** for our holiday members' hosted social. Our Club will be all dressed up, and the special hors d'oeuvres we all bring just might give us inspiration for parties we attend later in the month. 🍷

Welcome, New Members

Susan Kaysinger	Associate Member
Karen and Frank Edwards	Bayview Village
Lori and Frank Montone	Edgewood Village
Georgiann and David Ustick	Fairway Village
Jennifer Murray	Ludlow Cove
Susan and Royal Journey	Ludlow Cove
Deanna and David Gott	LPV3
Christine and Bart Clark	LPV4
Nancy and Bruce Corbridge	Olympic Terrace
Johnna Prinkey	Teal Lake Village
Paulo Ang	Timberton Village
Christine Roberts	Woodridge Village
Pamela and Alvaro DelRosso	Woodridge Village

Bay Club Structure Maintenance Update

by the SBCA Board

As you may now know, the Bay Club building has been determined to have a major maintenance/repair problem. In August we hired a Seattle-based building engineering firm, Trinity ERD, to conduct an inspection of the exterior of the Bay Club facility. This was necessary because questions had arisen as to the condition of the club's

exterior walls and windows due to warped siding and apparent mold issues. The inspection was followed by a public meeting on September 29, during which a Trinity representative explained the report and the need to repair the building exterior. (The Trinity report is located on the SBCA web site under Board minutes for August and is recommended reading.)

The Bay Club building is now twenty-six years old; the original cedar-on-board siding was rated for twenty-five years. The Trinity inspector advises that the condition of the siding is probably only good for twenty years and has been in a state of deterioration for several years now. His claim is supported by several minor projects in recent years to repair warped siding and some windows. Technically, the siding should have been replaced last year following a twenty-five year life expectancy. In his analysis, the inspector removed siding sections all around the building and the problems were found to be widespread.

The Trinity inspector recommends that the repairs be done as soon as possible to avoid further damage to the walls and windows. The risk of not conducting the work includes but is not limited to 1) water leakage through walls and window into the building and 2) mold.

Water and mold are serious threats to the long-term sustainability of our building. Failure to fix the exterior walls places a severe limitation on our ability to perform interior updates and upgrades that have been on the planning board for several years. In other words, it would make no sense to repaint the interior walls and replace worn-out carpeting if we still have moisture leakage through exterior walls. The problem is compounded by the strong winter winds in our area that can drive rain sideways, exacerbating the leakage.

Your SBCA Board has accepted the challenge to keep our building strong and secure and to do the work necessary as soon as possible. We believe that to delay the repairs would result in ever-growing damage to the structure and significantly higher repair costs. And if we do nothing, then there is the possibility of a major reduction in the quality, safety, and value of the structure. We have already begun a search for a qualified contractor, and several project bids are expected soon. Many SBCA members have already offered helpful suggestions as we explore various options to finance the project; our goal is to accomplish a quality repair at the best possible value. We will continue to update you as we receive new information. It is important to recognize that SBCA has some assets in the reserve fund that are already allocated for such repairs.

If you have questions, please attend the SBCA Board meeting **Friday, December 4** at the Bay Club.

Port Ludlow Associates

Developer News: PLA Welcomes New Employees

by Diana Smeland, PLA President



Diana Smeland

Submitted photo

December around Port Ludlow is a festive and beautiful time. The spectacular views are enhanced by the holiday lights that our residents decorate their homes and their boats with; the hiking trails offer views different from the summer months. In addition to all of the fun activities and events that are happening at the Resort there are some internal things changes that you might not be aware of.

The Resort At Port Ludlow is pleased to welcome Sarah McHugh as Sales Manager at The Inn At Port Ludlow; announce Aaron Austin as Chef de Cuisine and Shawn Lammers as Sous Chef at The Fireside; and introduce Shelton (Shelly) Washburn as the new General Manager of the Port Ludlow Golf Course.

McHugh's impressive resume includes 15 years of experience in Hospitality Sales, Client Account and Project Management, Meeting and Event Production, Budget Development and Training & Execution. She has earned the Certified Meeting Professional (CMP) designation and has maintained this since January 2009. McHugh has served in many leadership positions in the industry including HSMIAI as a Board Member and MPI as a member for many years. McHugh moved to Port Townsend from Atlanta, GA and has a B.S. in Health

Promotions with a minor in French from Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, VA.

Austin started his culinary career at the Harbormaster in 1995. He enjoyed cooking at home with his mother as a child and now loves to create dishes based on local ingredients. Austin enjoys working directly with the local farmers, fishmongers and artisans to create dishes that highlight the best of the region. "Fish are not for farming – eat wild," is one of Austin's favorite sayings. He has worked under the tutelage of Joseph Molerus and Jesse Osmer and has worked side by side with The Fireside's Executive Chef Dan Ratigan for over 8 years.

Lammers is a native of the Olympic Peninsula and a graduate of Port Townsend High School. He started at the Harbormaster in 2007 and loves experimenting with local foods. "I feel lucky to live and work in an area with so many local farmers, artisans, and fishmongers. I would not want to live anywhere else," said Lammers. Both he and his two-year-old son, Leland, were the first born in Jefferson County in their respective birth years.

Finally, the Port Ludlow Golf Course has a new General Manager overseeing the changes and improvements that are currently taking place at the golf course. Shelton Washburn, a resident of Port Ludlow, brings a wealth of knowl-

edge, strong leadership skills and incredible business savvy not only to the golf course, but to the organization as a whole. With his vision and drive and his team's expertise and dedication, we hope the Port Ludlow Golf Course will once again be at the top of its class.

Each of these individuals brings something special to Port Ludlow and we are proud to have them as a part of the Port Ludlow Associates team.



Misty morning at Port Ludlow Golf Course.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE RESORT

GOLF

Save the Date!

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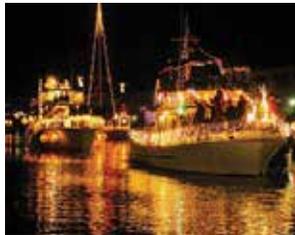
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by viewing the festive, lighted boats at the Marina from December 18th - January 2nd. Find the best views of the boats at The Fireside. For more information contact the **Marina at 360.437.0513.**



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Celebrate the holiday season at The Fireside.

Every Wednesday in December is French Bistro Dinner Night and join us for Christmas Eve and New Years Eve dinners by making reservations at **360.437.7412.**



HOME

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that you think might be interested in seeing the cottages? If so, remember that they are open to tour Thursday thru Monday 10:00 – 3:00 or by appointment. **Call Joe Buskirk 253.359.3113.**



Niblicks Cafe Menu

Port Ludlow Golf Course

NIBLICKS BREAKFAST

Served Every Day 9:00am to 11:00 am

Walkers Favorite 5

Two farm fresh eggs, whole wheat toast, sliced avocado

Breakfast Sandwich 5

Shaved ham, fried fresh egg, Oregon cheddar, on a Pane d'Amore panini bun

Breakfast Burrito 10

Chorizo sausage, farm fresh eggs, potatoes, roasted green chilies, Oregon cheddar in a warm flour tortilla. Served with Southwest sour cream sauce.

The American 8

Two farm fresh eggs any style, with a choice of applewood-smoked bacon or Cascioppo sausage, served with country style potato cake, and Pane d'Amore toast

Niblicks Benedict 11

Poached farm fresh eggs, avocado, sliced Roma tomato, Hollandaise sauce, toasted whole wheat bread, country style potato cake

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Soup du Jour (Made fresh daily) Cup 3 or Bowl 5

Caesar Salad 7

Chopped romaine, garlic Caesar dressing, croutons, parmesan cheese
Add grilled chicken breast 4

Daily Sandwich 9

Changes daily, ask about today's inspiration

Half Sandwich and Soup or Salad 8

Green salad or cup of soup

Niblicks Reuben 11

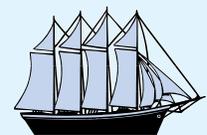
House-cured beef brisket, braised purple cabbage, Swiss cheese, Russian dressing, rye bread, served with fries or chips

Fish n' Chips 12

Beer battered Alaskan true cod, french fries, coleslaw, house made tartar

Fairway Burger 13

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Sports & Games

Golf Course Repairs Make Headway, Sale Scheduled

Shelly Washburn, Dick Schmidt and Randy Verrue have a plan to restore course turf and drainage conditions and perform general maintenance. To date, sand has been added to the traps, work has begun on expanding the greens, drainage improvements have been instituted, and sprinkler heads have been found and uncovered. Greens and fairways have been sanded and fertilized. The current weather conditions will help towards healthier and better-looking playing conditions.

Less helpful are the several instances of vandalism occurring on the course last month. Two game cameras were stolen, ropes on the course to restrict carts have been cut numerous times, and several bird houses have been destroyed. Port Ludlow Golf Club is offering a reward of \$500 leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) involved. The cameras are located on the course to provide information about wildlife on the course for the protection of the golfers. Golfers can help by being alert to unauthorized persons on the course and reporting them.

A special event that will interest player is the Holiday Sale on **Friday, December 11**, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Contact Darren Posey and the Port Ludlow Golf Club for details and to join the related Fun and Fashion Show.

Tips for Fall and Winter Golf

Layer up. Wear breathable clothing that doesn't restrict your swing. Double up with socks or bring an extra pair just in case. Oh, and don't forget a light raincoat as well.

Club up. Cooler temperatures don't allow the ball to travel as far, so if you are in-between clubs on an approach shot, always club up so you have a chance of getting the golf ball to the green.

Use a softer ball. Temperature affects the golf ball. By playing a softer ball you can retain some of the feel you are used to around the greens.

Walk. Think about ditching the cart and walking the course. It keeps muscles limber and your body warm. Try playing mid-day when the sun is the warmest.

Pickleball Gearing up for Winter Season

by Peter Joseph, Guest Reporter

Pickleball continues to mature in Port Ludlow as an alternative form of light exercise. With four new courts located next to the Beach Club and moderate winter weather, play continues every day throughout the year as long as the courts are reasonably dry. Individual and group lessons are available to those residents who are able to locate a pair of non-marking court shoes. The paddles and balls are provided for the lessons. It is suggested that you Google "pickleball demonstration videos" to get a good feel for the game and whether this might be something you want to try. If you have played ping-pong, badminton, or tennis in your younger days, you will learn quickly as this is a game more about placement than power. We have players in their 80's that can hold their own.

You are invited to select a nice day and observe a game or two any weekday morning between 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. The ladies play on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and that is where the real action takes place. Open play is scheduled on the other days. If you so desire, bring a set of court shoes with you, as there is always someone who is more than willing to introduce you to the game. For additional information or to schedule a lesson, contact Peter Joseph at either 437-8218, or jjadv@olympus.net.

Port Ludlow Hiking

by Dan Darrow, Guest Reporter

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

Friday, November 27 – Larry Scott Trail

Get some exercise after the previous day's Thanksgiving feast. This trail begins in Port Townsend and will eventually link up with the Discovery Trail to go all the way to the Pacific coast. The plan is for an easy 4-6 mile walk on a local section of the trail. For information, contact Denny and Sarah Schuch, 360-215-4065.

Friday, December 11– Port Gamble Trails

Explore the trails in the Port Gamble area. This will be an easy outing of approximately 5 miles. Note that the

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trails can be damp this time of year, so wear appropriate foot gear. Consider a stop for lunch and enjoy the holiday decorations in Port Gamble. For Information contact Judi and Larry Scott, 437-9299.

Wednesday, December 30 – Port Ludlow Trails

Meet at 9 a.m. at the Niblicks parking lot for a special Wednesday hike to celebrate the holiday season. Expect to walk an easy to moderate route that includes the Niblicks, Olympic Terrace and Teal Lake Loops. Return to Niblicks Café for lunch and/or beverages. Leader is to be determined.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the 4.5 mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m.

Duplicate Bridge Scores in September/October

The ACRL sanctioned duplicate bridge game is held each Monday at the Beach Club Bridge Deck. Players meet shortly after noon and begin playing at 12:30 p.m. Bring a partner and join us. For more information, call Dan Darrow at 360-437-9208. The winners for September are listed in order of placement.

September 7: Louis Bohannon and Steve Penning, first; Dan and Soozie Darrow, second; Shirley Beppler and Lynne Folsom, third.

September 14: Ralph Stroy and Nancy McGillis, first; Ted Wurtz and Bob Wilkinson, second; Soozie and Dan Darrow, third.

September, 21: Louis Bohannon and Steve Penning, first; Shirley Porter and Sandra Flaherty, second; Nancy McGillis and Ralph Stroy, third.

September 28: Lynne Folsom and Shirley Beppler, first; Lois Hammond and Eleanor Roden, second; Ralph Stroy and Nancy McGillis, third.

October 5: Ralph Stroy and Nancy McGillis, first; Louis Bohannon and Steve Penning, second; Dan and Soozie Darrow, third.

October 12: Nancy McGillis and Ralph Stroy, first; Shirley Porter and Darrell Fett, second; Lynne Folsom and Shirley Beppler, third.

October 19: Ted Wurtz and Sandra Flaherty, first Soozie and Dan Darrow, second; Steve Penning and Louis Bohannon, third.

October 26: Sandra Flaherty and Ted Wurtz, first; Louis Bohannon and Steve Penning, second; Nancy McGillis and Ralph Stroy, third.

Chimacum Football Championship

by Samantha Harpel, Contributing Writer



The victorious Junior Football team mugs for the camera.

Submitted photo

November was an exciting month for the Chimacum Youth Football program. As A squad wrapped up a wonderful season, B and C squad went on to play in the championship. The new up-and-coming C squad of first and second graders won against Forks in the Saturday, November 7th championship game with a score of 35-7. This win is the first for the Chimacum program since 2010.

The C squad team had already dominated the season, thanks to its hard-working players and dedicated coaches. Throughout their season they made 44 touchdowns and only gave 8 to opposing teams. It is a safe bet that this team of boys will be one to watch through the coming years.

Boys from this team come from Port Ludlow, Port Townsend, and as far as Quilcene. For more information on the Chimacum Youth Football program, see their Facebook page: [facebook.com/Chimacum-Youth-Football-159766664108427/info](https://www.facebook.com/Chimacum-Youth-Football-159766664108427/info).

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How to Beat the Holiday Blues, Peninsula Style

by Rick Refbord Sports Editor



Olympic Mountains.

Photo by Gayle Refbord

The Thanksgiving bird is fading into the memories of turkeys past; the hours of daylight are decreasing every day. What is there to do? You don't have to think long to find something for all ages to do and see on the Olympic Peninsula.

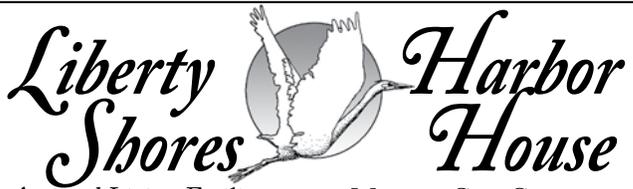
If the cold and snow don't bother you, pack the old sleigh with your favorite mode of snowy transportation and head to Hurricane Ridge. Hurricane Hill offers fun for all ages. The views of glaciated peaks and historical waterways are breathtaking and it is perfect for snowshoeing and cross country skiing. If you are feeling a little more adventurous, Olympic National Park is one of only three that offers a ski lift for downhill skiing and snowboarding.

If that is a little too bone jarring for your taste, the Olympic National Park has 73 miles of Wilderness coastline, making it the most rugged and wild coastal area in the contiguous United States. Huge storms slam the coast during the winter season. They can literally drop feet of rain over a weekend with winds up to 60 miles per hour. If you enjoy watching a good storm from the comfort of a warm lodge, comfy chair, toasty fire, and maybe an adult libation as much as I do, then the Kalaloch Lodge near Ruby Beach is just what the storm-watching doctor ordered. After the storm has moved though, bundle up and begin exploring the miles of beach exposed at low tide, and look for all the treasures the sea has given up that may include agates, beach glass, shells, and many other tokens.

If the beach isn't to your liking, than maybe a hike through the Hoh, Queets, or Quinault rainforests is more your taste. These forests get up to 14 feet of rain a year, so wearing a raincoat and taking an umbrella goes without

saying. The constant dripping of moisture and the mists that follow you around are relaxing and soothing. The life that surrounds your vehicle is abundant flora and fauna. Quiet, relaxing, soothing, and primal all describe the winter rainforest experience.

Keep walking and you will find the Hoh River where the salmon swim through the forest to their spawning grounds. The Olympic Peninsula in late November and December is one of the few places in the world where one can see salmon swim through a rainforest to their final resting spot. Bear, bobcat, and river otters are there too. This area offers classic Kodak moments every time you turn around, so don't forget your camera



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Concert in the Woods: Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., Laurel B. Johnson Community Center, 923 Hazel Road, Coyle. For a schedule of concerts in December go to coyleconcerts.com. Admission by donation.

Community Tree Lighting: Santa visits Port Townsend, **December 5, 4:30**, Marrowstone Island, **December 6**

Dance: "Just Waltz" at the Masonic Lodge. 1338 Jefferson, Port Townsend, on 1st and 3rd Thursdays, **December 3 and 17**, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (\$8). Contact eklundjl@aol.com or 360-379-8052 for details.

First Night Celebration: Sponsored by the Jefferson County Historical Society, **December 31**, Port Townsend, 360-385-1003.

Gallery Walks/Artists Receptions: First Saturday of the month, Port Townsend.

Gateway Visitor Center: Route 19, open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Memorial through Labor Day. After Labor Day open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information or to volunteer call 360-360-437-0120 or visit gatewayvcr@olympus.net.

Jefferson Museum of Art and History: 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. General admission \$4, free to Jefferson County residents on the first Saturday of the month. Call 360-395-1003 for information.

Marine Science Center (MSC): 532 Battery Way, Fort Worden State Park. Marine and natural history exhibits, Orca display, hands-on activities. Admission – \$5 adult, \$3 children, members free. Call 360-385-5582 or go to info@ptmsc.org.

Northwest Maritime Center: Wooden Boat Chandlery, 431 Water Street. Tours are available at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Call 360-385-3628.

Parks: Fort Flagler: Marrowstone Island, beach access, hiking, WWII defenses; **Fort Townsend State Park**, hiking trails, campsites, play areas; **Fort Worden**, Port Townsend, beach access, lighthouse, museums, Centrum; **H.J. Carroll**, Highway 19, Port Hadlock, playing fields, BMX track, disc golf course.

Port Townsend Aero Museum: Jefferson County International Airport, 195 Airport Road, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Wednesday-Sunday. Admission, \$10 adults, \$9 seniors, \$6 youth, free for children 7-12. Exhibits feature vintage aircraft. Information at 360-437-0863.

Puget Sound Coast Artillery Museum: Fort Worden State Park, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$4:00 for adults, \$2:00 for children. Military half price. JCHS members free. Harbor defenses in Puget Sound. Call 360-385-0373 or visit jchmuseum.org.

Quilcene Fish Hatchery: 281 Fish Hatchery Road, Quilcene, Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., 360-765-3334.

Taming Bigfoot is Coming



The Jefferson County Climate Action Outreach Group. Bottom (l-r) Laura Tucker, David Wilkinson, Julia Cochrane, Bob Bindschadler; Top (l-r): Polly Thurston, Dick Stockment, Mike Kalil, Cindy Jayne.

Submitted Photo

Join your neighbors in an entertaining, prize-filled competition to address climate change. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Earth Day, but you should submit applications before **December 15**.

The competition challenges teams of eight persons to be the best at reducing their collective greenhouse gas emissions. Each team is composed of a diverse set of participants that reflects the county's demographics. Each member on a team must keep track of various activities, such as home energy and water use, trips taken by car and bus, and pounds of garbage produced. These data will be combined for a team into a combined "carbon footprint", a measure of the amount of greenhouse gases emitted that are associated with these activities, by using a calculator compiled expressly for Jefferson County by the organizers, the Local 20/20 Climate Action Outreach Group.

After providing public lectures in the past year on the science of climate change and reasons for hope, this group has discovered that many are now asking what they can do to help mitigate future climate change. Meeting the county's goal of an 80 percent reduction from 1990 levels in carbon emissions by 2050 requires a broad community effort, so the Outreach Group's Taming Bigfoot program invites county residents to experiment with their own strategies to reduce carbon emissions, measure the results and let their experience help educate others on changes that have the greatest impact.

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As additional partners in this program, many county businesses and organizations have offered support with prizes (wine, composters, books, free coffee for a year, bike tune-ups and more) for successful teams. Do some good for yourself, for your neighbor, for the county and for the world and be rewarded for it! Form a team with enthusiastic friends or apply as an individual and be teamed up with others before the **December 15** deadline.

Details of how the competition will be run, the requirements for team composition, all the endorsing organizations, a list of sponsors and the prizes they have offered, and the application to participate can be found at l2020.org/climate-action/bigfoot.

Physician Receives Honorary Degree



Molly Hong, MD, FAFPP.
Submitted photo

Molly Hong, MD, FAFPP, a family physician at Jefferson Healthcare Medical and Pediatric Group Clinic, has achieved the Degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national medical association representing nearly 120,900 family physicians, residents and medical students. The degree was conferred at the AAFP's annual convocation in Denver, Colorado in October.

Established in 1971, the AAFP Degree of Fellow recognizes family physicians who have distinguished themselves through service to family medicine and ongoing professional development. This year's fellowship class brings the total number of AAFP Fellows to more than 17,000 nationwide. AAFP Fellowship entitles the physician to use the honorary designation, Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians.

Criteria for receiving the degree consist of a minimum of six years of membership in the organization, extensive continuing medical education, participation in public service programs outside medical practice, conducting original research, and serving as a teacher in family medicine. The AAFP was the first national medical specialty organization to require its members to complete a minimum of 150 hours of accredited continuing medical education every three years. It is the only medical specialty society devoted solely to primary care.

Dr. Hong received her undergraduate degree and medical degree from Brown University and Medical School. She completed her residency at Oregon Health Sciences University and her Rural Health Fellowship at Tacoma Family Medicine. Dr. Hong is certified by the American Board of Family Medicine.

Prior to settling in Port Townsend, Dr. Hong was fortunate to live and work in a variety of places. She grew up in Ontario, Canada, and New Jersey before spending eight years in school in Rhode Island. Family Medicine training brought her out to the West Coast, which she now affectionately refers to as the "Best Coast." For two years after residency and before returning for an additional year of fellowship training, she worked as a traveling doctor in Oregon, Washington, Wisconsin, and Alaska as well as a volunteer doctor in Thailand. Molly joined Jefferson Healthcare Primary Care in October of 2007.

About the American Academy of Family Physicians

Founded in 1947, the AAFP represents nearly 120,900 physicians and medical students nationwide. It is the only medical society devoted solely to primary care. The most heavily used medical specialty, family physicians provide the majority of care for America's underserved and rural populations. In the increasingly fragmented world of health care where many medical specialties limit their practice to a particular organ, disease, age or sex, family physicians are dedicated to treating the whole person across the full spectrum of ages. Family medicine's cornerstone is an ongoing, personal patient-physician relationship focused on integrated care. To learn more about the American Academy of Family Physicians and about the specialty of family medicine, visit aafp.org.

JHC Home Health Receives HomeCare Elite Award

Jefferson Healthcare (JHC) has been recognized by HomeCare Elite™ as a top-performing home health agency. This is the second year in a row that Jefferson Healthcare's Home Health group has received the award. Now in its ninth year, the organization identifies the top 25 percent of Medicare-certified agencies and highlights the top 100 and top 500 agencies overall. Winners are ranked by an analysis of publicly available performance measures in quality outcomes, best practice implementation, patient experience (Home Health CAHPS®), quality improvement and consistency, and financial performance. In order to be considered, an agency must be Medicare-certified and have data for at least one outcome in Home Health Compare. Out of 9,718 agencies considered, 2,431 are elite.

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“The 2015 HomeCare Elite winners deserve credit for demonstrating high-quality care in their communities” said Christine Lang, VP of Product Development for OCS HomeCare. “We congratulate Jefferson Healthcare on being one of the top home care agencies in the country.”

Mike Glenn, CEO of Jefferson Healthcare, credits the staff’s dedication and commitment to patient satisfaction, quality of care, and safety with their ability to achieve recognition as one of the HomeCare Elite. “Jefferson Healthcare continues its work towards providing the highest quality care. Our work is being recognized and awarded by regional and national organizations. Our commitment is to deliver compassionate care to our patients and this award reflects that commitment.”

The award is sponsored by OCS HomeCare National Research Corporation, the leading provider of home health and hospice metrics and analytics, and DecisionHealth, publisher of the most respected independent publication in the home care profession, *Home Health Line*. The entire list of 2015 HomeCare Elite agencies can be downloaded by visiting the National Research Corporation website.

Chamber Seeks Volunteers



Volunteers of the Port Townsend Visitor Center are pictured in front of Sea to Forest, a new mural by Alex Cross (center), at a recent end-of-summer celebration held in their honor.

Submitted photo

The Port Townsend Visitor Information Center (VIC) volunteers have settled into their new home on 2409 Jefferson Street (formerly Northwind Arts Center) in Port Townsend and are enjoying a larger and more airy space to work and to talk to visitors. Whether it is describing the best route to visit all of Jefferson County’s cideries, how to get to Ludlow Falls or where to pick up locally grown produce, the VIC volunteers are sending visitors all

over our county. We are always looking for more volunteers and would greatly appreciate more folks with Port Ludlow expertise! Shifts are normally two hours long although we have volunteers who are happy to work for 4 hours at a time, and can be a regular weekly shift. If you want a more flexible schedule we also have volunteers who fill in shifts as needed. A great way to meet current volunteers is to stop by on the last Wednesday of each month when we have an open call for anyone who wants to help stuff, address and seal a monthly newsletter; good chat is always on hand during these Wednesdays!

In return for helping guide visitors around our patch of the world you can expect the opportunity to meet people from all over the world and the country, to be in the know about local goings on, training sessions, volunteer appreciation parties and the chance to visit all sorts of different businesses with our monthly familiarization tours.

If you are interested, please contact VIC manager, Lorna Mann at 360-385-2722 ext. 2, email her at info@jeffcountychamber.org, or stop by the next time you are in Port Townsend.

The Port Townsend Visitor Information Center is located at 2409 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend and is open 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturdays and 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sundays.

Jefferson Land Trust Volunteer Celebration

Calling all volunteers! Are you a Jefferson Land Trust volunteer, or are you interested in learning about becoming one? You are invited to a celebration of all the amazing volunteers that are part of local, community-powered conservation. Drop in **Thursday, December 10**, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. at the Land Trust’s office, 1033 Lawrence St., Port Townsend. Come enjoy delicious treats to eat and drink, fun, friendship, and find out about the many ways you can lend a hand to save the land in the year to come.

“Our volunteers devote time, energy, and hard work to make a difference in our corner of the world,” said the land trust’s executive director Richard Tucker. “They generously give of their time and energy all year round to save the special places that make our home so beautiful and bountiful. From volunteering on the land, to helping with events and fundraising, to helping govern our organization and everything in between, volunteers are a crucial part of everything the land trust does. This party is just a small reminder of how much we appreciate their generosity and dedication.”

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Studies show that volunteering benefits the volunteers, too. Volunteering reduces stress, increases feelings of well-being, promotes personal growth, creates friendships, and contributes to community health and resilience. It's truly a win-win scenario! All are welcome, whether you're a longtime volunteer or just interested in learning more. You can also contact the land trust at info@save-land.org or (360) 379-9501.

Pet Cat Tests Positive for Rabies Virus

Jefferson County Public Health officials have announced that a euthanized cat specimen sent to the Washington State Public Health Laboratory has tested positive for the rabies virus. The two-year-old cat was unvaccinated, had shown signs of aggressiveness the prior week, and bit its owner. The cat was placed in a ten-day veterinary quarantine during which time the animal became ill and was euthanized.

Since learning of this positive test result, Jefferson County has focused its efforts on identifying anyone who was exposed to the infected cat's saliva and who requires preventive treatment for rabies. Transmission of the rabies virus can occur when a person is bitten by a rabid animal, or if the animal's saliva is splashed into the eyes, nose, or mouth or comes in contact with a break in the skin.

Rabies in domestic animals is rare in Washington State. The last domestic cat with rabies in this State was in 2002 and the last rabid dog was in 1987. In contrast, rabies in bats is not uncommon in Washington State, although less than one percent are thought to carry the virus. In 2015 there were 15 confirmed cases of rabid bats, one from Clallam County. In 2014 there were 12 confirmed cases, including one from Jefferson County.

Detection of the first rabid cat is a powerful reminder of two important public health messages: vaccinate your pets and keep your distance from bats. Vaccination of pets is legally required in Washington State, but many people either forget to immunize their pets against rabies or let these vaccinations lapse. Typically, pets need two initial vaccinations one year apart, followed by booster doses every three years to be fully protected against rabies. It is especially important to vaccinate cats given their predator nature and tendency to hunt flying creatures such as bats.

It is also important to recognize that virtually all rabies cases in Washington State are linked either directly or indirectly to bat exposures. Residents are reminded to keep their distance from bats and never attempt to handle a sick or dying bat. If you discover a bat in your home

and may have had contact with the bat, or if you have an accidental direct contact with a bat, it is strongly recommended that the animal be trapped and tested for rabies. Call Jefferson County Public Health at 360-385-9400 for information about testing a bat. More information about rabies can be found on the Washington State Department of Health webpage, doh.wa.gov.

County Population Projections Approved

The Jefferson County Commissioners has taken the first step toward developing a comprehensive plan update by adopting population estimates for the city of Port Townsend and the county. The estimates are used for determining future infrastructure needs.

The report projects that the county will grow 31 percent from 2010 to 2038. Port Townsend is projected to grow 36 percent. Port Ludlow is projected to grow 10.1 percent in the master planned resort. The Tri-Area (Port Hadlock, Irondale, and Chimacum) will add 1,516 persons or 758 housing units. The population of the county in 2038 is projected to be 39,221. Previous population projections have proved to be relatively accurate.



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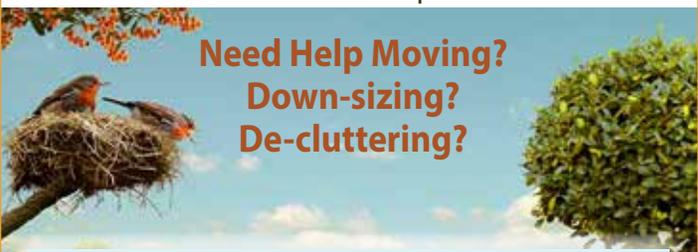
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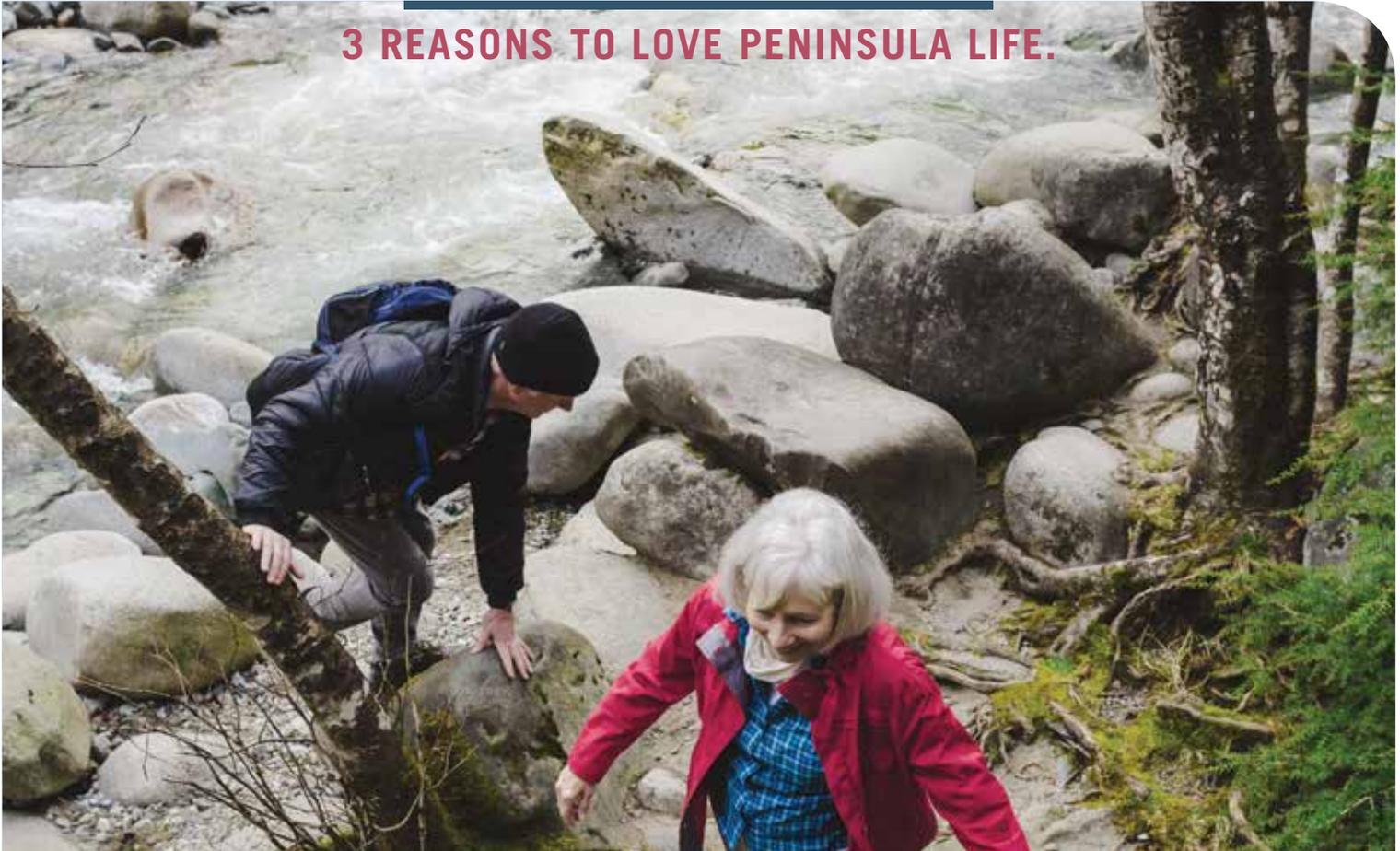
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