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East Jefferson County Rotary and Wishing Star staff with the family of Levi Knoche and his new chair. Photo by Jay Syverson

Features & News

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From the Editor - Giving? Thanks!

by Jenise Harper, Co-Managing Editor

About our cover feature: Most of you were likely aware of the fund drive being held by the East Jefferson Rotary Club to purchase a special “sports chair” for a Port Ludlow boy with mobility issues as well as other health concerns. The successful drive culminated in a late September presentation of the chair to six-year-old Levi during a “meet and greet” where Levi, his mother, big brother, and baby sister were able to interact with members of the Rotary, as well as representatives of Wishing Star, an organization known for its outstanding work with challenged children. My husband and I were invited to attend the presentation, along with our talented *Voice* photographer, Jay Syverson.



Levi and his family.

Photo by Jay Syverson

It was an amazing event. We were immediately drawn to this little boy with his shining eyes and ready smile ... this small lad navigating full speed with a brightly colored walker. As we enjoyed the interaction between the two brothers, one struggling and the other so willing to assist, and the excitement when the amazing-looking vehicle was unveiled, it brought to mind all those in need and those who accept the call to provide aid. What a “rich” community we have, not in terms of money, but in terms of giving. So, thanks! Thanks for caring, thanks for sharing, thanks for looking out for the

less fortunate. Thanks for making a difference.

In this November issue of the *Voice*, the month of Thanksgiving, we find a great deal we can all be thankful for—our lush environment, the scenic trail system, the people who make things happen (like installing informative historical markers). We’re recognizing Veterans Day, and in doing so, we’re thanking **all** veterans for their service to our country. We’re grateful for the bounty that gives rise to our “Edibles” feature, and our wonderful gardening column. We’re grateful for two new contributing writers. Jim Gormly can tell of a scientific phenomenon one month, and write a bit of whimsy about an English malcontent the next, while Milton Lum boldly says, “Leave your phones at home” when enjoying our trails. Enjoy the biographical info at the conclusion of our new and recurring writers’ features. We are so grateful they’ve chosen to share their writing gifts and passions with the *Voice*.

Don’t miss the “Spotlight” feature about Levi and his new chair. We are all grateful for healthy children who can run and play tag with abandon. Now we can rejoice that a pint-size tyke will be able to enjoy the beauty of this area with a brand-new mini-tank of a vehicle that will take him wherever he wishes to go, thanks to his own Wishing Star, a dedicated crew of Rotarians, and community of givers.

Giving thanks. Forever grateful. Happy Thanksgiving, dear friends.

Honoring Our Veterans: A Short History

by John Goldwood, Contributing Writer

On November 11, 1918, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, warring parties in the First World War agreed to a temporary cessation of hostilities—the Armistice. Although ‘The Great War’ was not officially ended until the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on June 28, 1919, the signing of the Armistice is generally recognized as the end of World War I, during which approximately 116,516 American soldiers lost their lives.

In November of 1919, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed November 11 as a day to commemorate the Armistice with these words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations ...”

In 1926, the United States Congress passed a concurrent resolution that included this excerpt: “Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (The House of Representatives concurring) that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.”

In 1938, the 11th day of November was established as a legal holiday in the United States known as Armistice Day, a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace. Sadly, less than a year later, the hope for world peace would be shattered as Germany invaded Poland on September 1, 1939, at the start of World War II. In December 1941, the United States would enter that war, eventually sending our service men and service women to fight in Asia, Africa, Europe, and the Pacific; 405,399 of our armed services personnel would lose their lives.

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Approximately one year after the end of the Korean War, in which another 36,574 of our servicemen and servicewomen were killed fighting on the Korean Peninsula between 1950 and 1953, the 83rd Congress amended the Act of 1938 to strike the word ‘Armistice’ and replace it with the word ‘Veterans.’ On June 1, 1954, November 11 officially became a day to honor American veterans of all wars; on October 8, 1954, Dwight Eisenhower issued the first Veteran’s Day Proclamation.

More recently, the Uniform Holiday Bill of June 26, 1968 was intended to establish four national holidays that would be celebrated on Mondays: Veterans Day, Washington’s Birthday, Memorial Day, and Columbus Day. In 1971, after the initial year of celebrating those holidays on Mondays, it was apparent that there was considerable resistance to changing the date of Veterans Day to a Monday, rather than the actual date of November 11. Subsequently, a law was passed in 1975 that remains in effect today, returning the observance of Veterans Day to the original date of November 11.

(From the Editor: John Goldwood and his wife are recent arrivals to Port Ludlow, arriving here during the “Blizzard of February 2019.”

“I retired at the end of 2018 after a 35-year career working in sales and business development roles in the health information technology space,” John said, continuing that he is “most passionate about natural history, particularly birds, butterflies, and wildflowers, but really anything outdoor-focused ... hiking, kayaking, and nature photography. Contributing to the Port Ludlow Voice also allows me to exercise another strong interest—writing. Having a magazine of this quality serving a comparatively small population is a real asset for our community!”

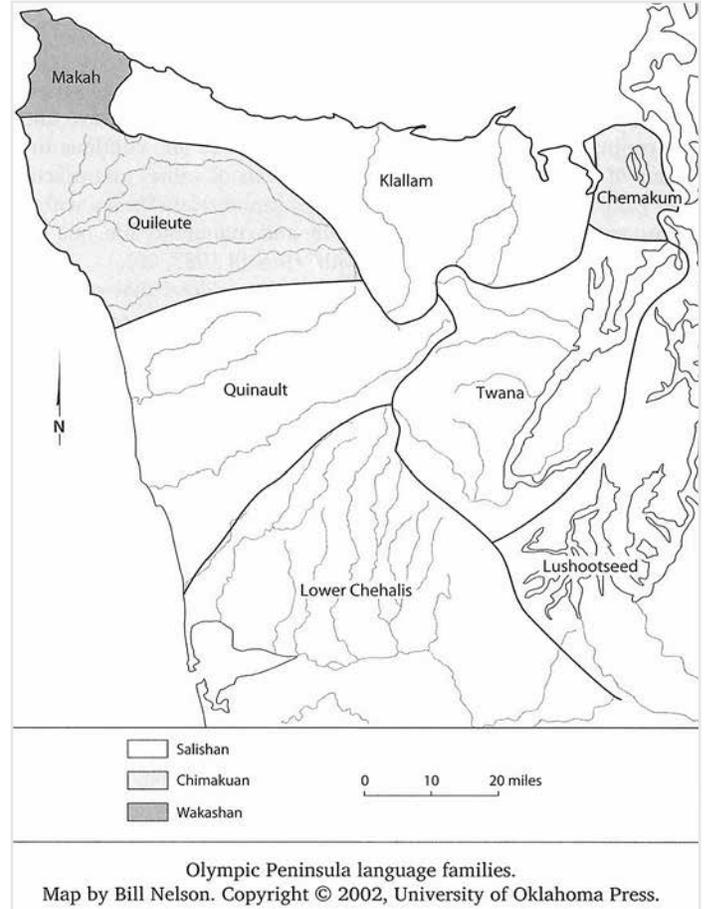
Native American Tribes of the Eastern Olympic Peninsula

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer

Various Native American tribes inhabited the Olympic Peninsula prior to the arrival of the Europeans (or the “Easterners” of the United States). Fishing, shellfish, hunting and gathering rights, and territories were negotiated between each tribe. The boundaries determined among the different eastern tribes of the Olympic Peninsula were included in the Point No Point Treaty of 1854. Temporary or seasonal camping areas were created and used intermittently by the different tribes. Two tribes of eastern Jefferson County were gone by the time that Isaac Stevens (representing the United States government) negotiated the treaties: the Chemakum were wiped out by the Snohomish and the Quilcenes were massacred by the Quileute. The principal tribes included in the Point No Point Treaty were the S’Klallam and the Snohomish (Twana). Each tribe was composed of numerous bands, and, in the case of the S’Klallam, there were the Elwha, Jamestown, and Port Gamble tribes.

The S’Klallam area stretched from the Hoko River west of Sekiu, along the south end of Victoria, and east to Port Gamble. The villages were predominately on the coast. There were 31 known

villages at the time of the arrival of Stevens in the early 1850s. The Chemicum, who were not related to either the Twana or S’Klallam, inhabited an area ranging from Port Townsend, across Marrowstone and Indian Island, and down to Shine, across to Leland and back up to Discovery Bay. Their principal village was located at the mouth of Chemicum Creek. Any remnants of the tribe were included with the S’Klallam in the treaty negotiations.



Map from Page 5 of *Native Peoples of the Olympic Peninsula*, ed. Jacilee Wray.

Submitted photo

By this time, the Quilcenes had already ceased as a band of the Twana after the attack by the Quileutes. However, the Skokomish, a large band of the Twana river people, were involved in the Point No Point Treaty. They had outlying villages west of Port Gamble, Coyle, Quilcene, down to Belfair, around the hook to Skokomish and up the west side of Puget Sound. The map above shows the demographic areas of each tribe/band of eastern Jefferson County Native Americans. (Edited by Jacilee Wray, *Native Peoples of the Olympic Peninsula – Who We Are*, 2015, University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, OK, Page 5; taken from *Olympic Peninsula Language Families*, Map by Bill Nelson, Copyright 2002, University of Oklahoma Press.)

From these tribal divisions, Port Ludlow was between the Chemakum and the Skokomish tribes. What probably existed here were seasonal fishing camps, as there is little record of an actual village located in Ludlow Cove. There were great benefits of this site with adequate fresh water, access to the Sound, but out of the wind, and adequate shellfish and salmon. Ludlow Creek

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used to be a spawning area for coho and chum salmon. With the extensive construction in the late 1990s to 2000s throughout the area from Mats Mats to Paradise along the coast, there have been few discoveries of Native American sites. Bones of some elderly Native Americans were uncovered in South Bay in 1992. Two sites (one a building site and one a downed tree) in South Bay revealed Native American bones (skulls) that were approximately 100 years old. Buttons of American manufacture were also found.

Given the relative post-European occupation of the site, the individuals may have been transient employees of Port Ludlow Mill. The lumber mills, longshoremen jobs, and logging operations provided the Native Americans good jobs. There was a known cemetery for Haida hop workers on William Bishop's farm in Chimacum. It is on private land and inaccessible.

When doing a review of census data for Port Ludlow from 1860 to 1900, large numbers of Native Americans were listed as working at the mill. Probably one of the most interesting finds was a number of Hydah (Haida) Native Americans working in the mill/Port Ludlow as laborers and houseworkers. There were 17 laborers and 13 houseworkers, all with the last name of Hydah. This is a total of 30 people, ages 14 (female housework) to 38 (two males, laborers). The Haida were known to annually travel down Puget Sound to the hop farms of southern Washington.

Early Port Ludlow saw interracial marriages between whites and Native Americans from the Twana, S'Klallam, Snohomish, and some tribes from British Columbia. In 1870, 10 mill workers were married to Native Americans. In 1880, 12 mill workers and farmers were married to Native American women. Unfortunately, the tribes of the Native Americans were not recorded until after 1900. However, that information indicated that women from British Columbia, the S'Klallam tribes, and the Snohomish made up the majority of the marriages.

Two well-respected families in Swansonville, two brothers named Bates, were of mixed race and married women of mixed race. They were both farmers and workers in the mill as were most of the men of Swansonville. Native Americans made up a major part of the early eastern Olympic Peninsula population that integrated into the white society. Today many of the local residents of Port Hadlock, Chimacum, Quilcene, Brinnon and Port Townsend can trace themselves back to the original pioneers and Native American unions.

With the large number of tribes that settled in eastern Jefferson County (the S'Klallam, Chemakum, Quilcene and Twana), there were no established reservations. Perhaps part of the reason for this is because two of those tribes (the Chemakum and the Quilcenes) who traditionally settled this area were removed through war with other tribes. The S'Klallam and the Skokomish certainly used shellfish, fishing, hunting and gathering sites in these areas but their principle areas of occupation were outside of eastern Jefferson County. By the time the white pioneers arrived, a vacuum existed from the loss of the Chemakum and Quilcenes, enabling the white settlers to occupy "vacant" lands.

While many S'Klallam took advantage of the establishment of the three separate reservations, many had been integrated into the

existing white society, becoming key leaders in the newly developing Jefferson County and Washington State. William Bishop, Jr., "the Chimacum Plowboy," was the son of William Bishop, Sr., a ship jumper who owned a large farm in Chimacum, and his Snohomish Native American wife. In 1899 he was elected to the State House of Representatives and served in both the House and Senate (except for three terms) until his death in 1934.

The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 began the slow process of the eastern Jefferson County Native Americans regaining some of their lands, as well as access to the promised fishing, shellfish, hunting, and gathering rights that were promised them in the Point No Point Treaty of 1855.

(From the Editor: We are so grateful for Tim Rensema's love of local history, as well as his passion for natural resource issues and hiking/caring for the Port Ludlow trails. "I used to be a long distance runner in my younger day - ran the Boston Marathon in under three hours, so one big event I was happy about." Tim and his wife Hayley have lived in Port Ludlow for four and one-half years, moving from the east coast (VA). "We love it here!" They have two children, a daughter in University of Washington's master's program, and a son who is married and working in the University of Iowa hospital system. Tim holds a BS - Engineering, West Point; BS - Forest Management, University of Maine; MS - Forest Genetics, University of Maine. An Army veteran retiring in 2004, he became an engineer for Army Installations in Livorno, Italy, and later Fredericksburg, Virginia.)

New Signs Point the Way to a Colorful Past

by Marie Bogan, Contributing Writer

Do you need a crash course on Port Ludlow history? Now you can combine fresh air, fantastic scenery, and a chance to learn about some events that made Port Ludlow what it is today. Thanks to the efforts of local historian Tim Rensema, a series of outdoor markers tell the story of a town that's rich in heritage as well as habitat.

Maybe you've wondered about questions like these:

- Did Port Ludlow ever have its own school?
- What happened to Port Ludlow's ferry service?
- What's the secret of Ludlow Cove at low tide?
- How old is that black oak tree in front of Admiralty Condos?
- Who lived in the "biggest damn cabin on the sound?"

For answers, consider a scenic and educational walkabout.

Signposts that Bridge Present to Past

Rensema said he likes to think of the interpretive signs as tangible ties to 19th century Port Ludlow. "Little physical evidence remains today, but Port Ludlow has a very interesting history," he said. "Putting the signs along our trails seemed to be a good way to spark historical curiosity." He also hoped the placards would serve as an introduction to the town for boaters, tourists, out-of-town family, or other first-time visitors to Port Ludlow.

Chances are that you have unintentionally come across one of the 22 signs appearing throughout the village, from South Bay

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to North Bay. If you prefer a more systematic approach, you can take a self-guided walking tour. You will encounter most of the signs by taking the Around-the-Bay Trail, following along Olympic Place down to Harbor Drive and Heron Road, then up to Oak Bay Road and back to Walker Way. You'll also find markers on Teal Lake Loop, Osprey Ridge, and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) connector trails. The three newest signs are on Picnic Point.



A close-up view of one of the historical markers.

Photo by Ernie Flowers

A Man with a Plan

Why did Rensema take on the task? “History is part of our culture no matter where we come from, and I wanted to highlight the story of bygone Port Ludlow in a way that everyone can appreciate,” he said, adding that the lumber trade was the economic engine that drove local development. In fact, he said, “That industry epitomized a sort of ‘gold rush’ in this area back then.”

To kick off the project in 2018, contributions came from private donors including Soozie Darrow and Dick Osburn. Then a grant from Jefferson County Lodging Tax Advisory Committee helped move the work forward. As a non-profit entity, the Port Ludlow Village Council helped administer the grant, but no funds from the PLVC or the Trails Committee were used for the undertaking.

For accurate source material, Rensema used aerial photos and old maps, as well as Signe Swanson’s oral histories and the Port Ludlow Garden Club publication *In and Around Port Ludlow Yesterday and Today*. Osburn provided background on the Port Ludlow cemetery, and the archives of Jefferson County Historical Society were used to locate and verify many of the featured sites.

Determination Pays Off

Rensema had to get permission from a number of agencies (e.g., Ludlow Maintenance Commission, Port Ludlow Associates, various homeowners associations, DNR) to erect the signs. He spent July and August installing the markers and was grateful for help by Osburn in mounting the one at the cemetery. Now that the work is finished, Rensema said he hopes the markers will remind residents of the town’s colorful past. “I’m personally inspired by any project that celebrates history,” he added. “Maybe the signs will lead people to reflect on the culture and drive of the young folks who moved west for a better life.”

(From the Editor: Marie Bogan, writer and proofreader, grew up on the coast of New Jersey and graduated from the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts, majoring in English and Journalism. She worked as a reporter in Vermont and North Carolina before moving to Seattle as a marketing copywriter for a software company. In 2017, she and her husband chose Port Ludlow as their retirement home. Their son lives in Port Orchard and their daughter is in Chapel Hill, N.C. They have two grandchildren. Marie’s interests include social justice and environment issues, nature, books, bird watching, and sea kayaking. “When I first visited Port Ludlow in 2017, I picked up a copy of the Voice. I was impressed then, and continue to be impressed, that a small group of volunteers could produce such a high-quality publication. It’s an important community resource for news, events, art, and entertainment. I wanted to contribute my skills and interact with the people who make it happen.”)

Guilty Guido

by Jim Gormly, Contributing Writer

Did you ever wonder about the derivation of the word *guy*? The origins go back more than 400 years to a man who was found in an “incriminating” position. This particular guy, who used the aliases Guido (Italian for Guy) Fawkes and John Johnson, was arrested on November 5, 1605, by the British MI5 in the cellar of Parliament in London. Not only did Fawkes have a guilty look, a Zippo lighter, and a fuse, he was guarding kegs of gunpowder that should not have been there. He planned to detonate them during the State Opening of Parliament by King James VI of Scotland and King James I of England (one and the same person, oddly enough, and who, yea verily, wast also sponsor of the famous Bible).

These were clearly tumultuous and complicated times for royalty. In a snit after the Pope refused him permission to divorce his first wife Catherine, who had “failed” to provide a legitimate male heir, King Henry VIII jumped on the Reformation bandwagon started by Martin Luther, broke with Rome, and set himself up as head of his own church. He granted himself the divorce and married the comely Anne Boleyn, who gave birth to the future Queen Elizabeth. Catholics during the reigns of Henry and Elizabeth fared poorly, as many were killed in nasty ways, and their wealth and property confiscated for the monarchy and supporting aristocracy. Catholics had hoped the persecution they had suffered would end with Elizabeth’s death, since the above-mentioned James was seen as more tolerant. However, shortly after becoming king, James felt threatened by certain actions of the Catholic clergy, so he exiled Jesuits and other priests and re-imposed fines for *recusancy*, the act of remaining loyal to the Pope.

A fellow named Robert Catesby was a crusading recusant who recruited other Catholics to his cause, including Mr. Fawkes. The cabal began plotting to blow up Parliament, thereby killing the King, kidnapping and subsequently placing nine-year-old Princess Elizabeth (James’ daughter) on the throne and restoring England to a Catholic monarchy. When arrested, Guido, after some increasingly persuasive torture, admitted he was really Guy Fawkes, and then he began singing the names of his cohorts

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(probably in falsetto.) Guy faced the customarily cruel and indescribable (for this publication) punishment for people found guilty of high treason. On January 31, 1606, Fawkes, the last to be executed for the failed plot, intentionally fell from the scaffold and broke his neck, instantly killing himself and thus avoided the excruciating death that had awaited him. Not to be denied, his executioners still swung their axes, and then “distributed” him to the “four corners of the realm,” with his head prominently displayed at Traitors’ Gate at London Bridge; a gruesome end for a guilty guy named Guy.

Despite the fact that Robert Catesby planned and financed the plot to kill the King, he is largely forgotten, having been shot and killed by soldiers days after the failed attempt. Instead, the British commemorate the failure of the plot by celebrating Guy Fawkes Day on November 5 with fireworks and bonfires. Children create effigies of Guy using old clothes, newspapers, and a mask, which are subsequently burned on the bonfires. Eventually in Britain, a “guy” came to mean an oddly dressed man, and in 19th Century North America, “guy” became a synonym for any man. And that’s the truth ... mostly.

(From the Editor: Thank you, Jim Gormly, for this November whimsy. Both writer and proofreader, Jim confesses he’s interested in everything connected with science ... and humor. “I grew up in St. Louis, the youngest of seven; married to Margie (high school sweetheart) 55 years this December. We have one daughter and two granddaughters (16 and 11 years old).” Jim’s education is in geochemical oceanography; he and Margie lived in Germany four years and Norway four years. Passions? “I discovered the fun of acting with Ludlow Village Players; I’ve written five plays.” As for volunteering for the “Port Ludlow Voice” ... “Volunteering? I thought I was getting paid!” Jim laughed and continued, “I enjoy working with words. I think it’s amazing that this great publication is created by volunteers, so it’s fun to be a contributor.”)

How Did You Become Interested in Gardening?

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

In our family, gardening wasn’t an ‘interest’ but a way of life, and my mother seemed to know what each plant wanted, as if they spoke to her. She most valued food-producing plants, but tolerated others if they were lush and beautiful; house plants were at the bottom of her list and annuals were not even on her list.

Mother was too frugal to spend any money on any plants, even the food-producing ones. So, of course, we saved seeds year after year—drying, sorting, and labeling them. Compost was used as fertilizer. Citrus went on the rhododendrons and azaleas; bananas and eggshells went on the roses, and everything else went into the vegetable garden. Father would smash bones with a sledgehammer and add them in the compost. When the compost was put on the garden, the raccoons and local dogs would go crazy looking for the bones.

Spending money on spray for mildew or bugs was unthinkable. Certain plants could be kept disease-free by not planting them in the same place two years in a row. Everything else got a dose from Mother’s suds-saver washing machine. It would pump the soapy water into a laundry tray then back into the washing machine to be reused for the next load—another saving. After the final wash, the soapy water was pumped into large containers ready to be used for spraying plants. Mother made her own lye soap, so it not only disintegrated the clothes but discouraged any bug or mildew from coming near her plants.

For all her frugality Mother was generous with her garden’s produce. Almost an acre of vegetable garden; a bramble garden with raspberries, blueberries, currants and more, and over 20 fruit trees. She passed out fruit and vegetables to everyone. Once a fellow was walking his dog while she was in the garden and asked her, “What are those thistle things?” She explained, “They are artichokes,” and before he could get away, loaded him up with shopping bags of vegetables.

(From the Editor: Gifting the home-grown produce—a story of gardening wisdom and good will. Thanks-Giving. Eline admits she enjoyed growing up with gardening almost as much as she loved reading. After college she became a grant writer for the healthcare field, the position leading to a variety of interesting career opportunities. Eline and her husband Ray lived in Bend and then Portland during their working years. “Ray decided to take early retirement and told me I could quit working if I would take up golf. It was a deal ... We would often go sailing with a good friend in Seattle—always spending the first night in the back bay, now inner harbor, in Port Ludlow. One night we noticed there were lights in the hills, and decided to explore further.” The Lybargers moved here in 1996. Eline not only puts together articles for this publication, she’s also writing a family biography, and is active in area nonprofits.)

Bluebill Christmas Giving

This year has caused all of us to be flexible and creative because of the pandemic. The Bluebills usually do an early December social in which we ask for financial donations for the children of OlyCAP’s homeless families. These donations are then used to buy gifts for the children age 18 and under. There are currently 20 children in OlyCAP’s apartments and cottages.

Due to the pandemic, we are not having the December social this year, but we still plan to buy Christmas gifts for the homeless OlyCAP children. You can help. We are asking the Bluebills and the broader Port Ludlow Community to donate money for these Christmas gifts. Bluebill volunteers will purchase, wrap, and deliver the presents by December 18.

Consider helping to make this a memorable Christmas for these children by writing a check made out to “Bluebills,” then mail them no later than December 4 to Laura Paul, 52 Bayside Court, Port Ludlow, 98365. If you have further questions, please call Laura at 360-344-2494.

Edibles - Thank You and Thanksgiving

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

Carlos and Julia Soto, owners of El Molcajete Mexican Grill, want to send a big thank you to our community. When Carlos opened his restaurant in the Village in September 2019, he never imagined that in just a few months his business would be challenged in a way no one had seen coming. The pandemic brought life to a standstill and dining out became a memory. But in mid-March, El Molcajete opened for takeout only and the community responded positively. In June, the restaurant was open at 50% capacity for inside dining. The restaurant has done an excellent job of following all the CDC protocols for sanitation and social distancing. July 4 saw the opening of the outdoor patio and business increased. Takeout orders still account for almost 70% of the business, and people are so grateful to be able to satisfy their craving for delicious Mexican food. Carlos and Julia are grateful too! They have been able to keep their staff, pay their bills, and continue to be a presence here in Port Ludlow. They celebrated their one-year anniversary on September 17 and want the community to know how much they appreciate the love and support that has kept them going.

And that brings us to Thanksgiving—our beloved American national holiday since Abraham Lincoln declared it so in 1863! Americans have been sitting down to roast turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes for 157 years. Enter Covid-19. What to do, what to do! This is not the year to go over the meadow and through the woods to Grandma's house. Travel can be difficult, and let's be honest, most of us are in that age range where caution is the watchword.

A little research of the area has shown that we do have options. Of course, you can still roast a turkey and make your famous stuffing, but that's a lot of food for most likely not a lot of people. At the time I was writing this article in early October, only a few restaurants had their plans in place. Spirits Bar and Grill at the Old Alcohol Plant is ready to provide both dine-in and takeout options with all the traditional "fixin's." A complete takeout dinner for two including dessert is \$80; add a bottle of house wine and pay \$99. Or you can make reservations and dine in for \$44 a person. Check out their website or call the restaurant at 360-302-6348 for all the details.

GBF Catering, who has been providing delicious catered meals for our local community, is working on their options and hopes to have a plan in place. They will update their website, GBFCatering.com, as soon as decisions are made. Silverwater Café in Port Townsend is also working on their plan so check in with them closer to Thanksgiving. Finistere, also in Port Townsend, will be offering takeout meals ready for you to cook at home.

Safeway, QFC, and Central Market all are planning to offer "to go" holiday meals from their Deli departments. Central Market, with a "Home for the Holidays" theme, will be accepting orders starting November 1 for their fabulous-sounding dinner options, featuring Diestel artisan turkeys or turkey breasts and all the side dishes we associate with Thanksgiving dinner. Costs vary depending on choices, with a complete meal for six to eight people priced at \$175.

Personally, I plan to focus on the "thanks" and the "giving." I am so grateful that my family, friends, and neighbors are safe and well. I am so grateful that there will be food on my table at Thanksgiving, whatever that food happens to be. I am so grateful that "giving" is experiencing a resurgence during these difficult times. It is evident every day in our families, neighborhoods, and communities. All the more reason for Thanksgiving.

Successful Start for School Students

by Dr. David Engle, Chimacum School District Acting Superintendent

It's amazing! We have students learning in our classrooms and at home through our hybrid-remote learning framework. Our teachers and staff have made it possible for us to meet with students in person, while taking care of everyone remotely for whatever time frame families have chosen for their youngsters. This is a feat of cooperation that deserves my highest respect. I know how hard it was to open the school year with students, either in person or remotely, under the circumstances and requirements for safety that we faced as a school district. I am so grateful for the good work our teachers and staff have managed in this pandemic-tinged new school year.

As I said repeatedly during our reopening planning process, starting a new school year with in person and remote options for families would be a test of our 'mettle.' Know that we will be seeking ways to serve more and more of our students and families in the coming weeks and months as we expand our framework. We are looking at ways to safely increase in-person opportunities for our students.

If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at david_engle@csd49.org. May we see the end of this pandemic sooner rather than later.

Donations for Christmas for Children

So many people in the Port Ludlow area have been loyal patrons and partners with the Christmas for Children (C4C) program by being a Tree Host in years past. We thank you so much for being there for us and the kids!

Everyone throughout the state has struggled with countless challenges this year due to the coronavirus pandemic, and our program is no different. Unfortunately, because of the complications associated with Covid-19, this year we will be unable to offer public giving trees to businesses and the community.

Instead, we are asking our Tree Hosts to consider making a cash donation to C4C, which will allow our internal team of shoppers to purchase the needs and wants of our needy applicants. It is our fervent hope that we will be back to our original way of doing business in 2021, once the virus has been corralled.

If you are able to help us out, please send your donation to Christmas for Children, 1240 West Sims Way, #286, Port Townsend, Washington, 98368. If you have questions, please call 360-301-2908. Together we can make a difference.

Healthy Plants Require Pruning

Here's a timely plant "care tip" from Classic Grounds Care. Plants should be pruned after they fruit or flower. Improper pruning can lead to apical dominance. When you're not pruning correctly, you may be removing the vertical growth of the plant and cause the plant to release a hormone that says to the plant, "Hey, there is nothing growing up here!" This causes the plant to send up endless amounts of shoots and affects the health, growth and aesthetic of the plant for years to come. The excessive growth makes for a weak and unhealthy plant that will not fruit or flower properly. The purpose of pruning is to control and reduce the plant size, as well as to remove dead wood, always following the plant's natural growth characteristics.



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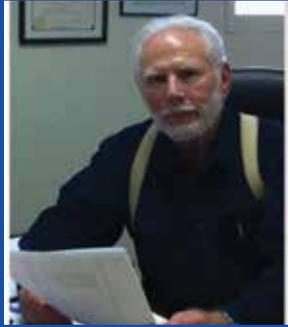
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Attention Port Ludlow Paper Arts Club Members!

In the interest of health, social distancing, and staying safe, the Port Ludlow Paper Arts Club has suspended all monthly meetings until further notice. While we wait for the health pandemic to improve, let's turn our attention this month to recycling. With each past project, we accumulate more and more inventory, so take a look at what you have on hand this month and get creative. Here are some examples of what you can do with leftover paper scraps, buttons, upholstery fabric, corrugated box pieces, and twine. Use whatever materials you have on hand to create your own autumn-themed cards for Thanksgiving. You can use a real leaf for a template or download a leaf outline from Google Images to create one. For even more inspiration, go online and check out Pinterest, DIY, or YouTube.



Some ideas to try.

Provided photos



Here's another idea—have you ever visited the website "The Graphics Fairy?" Here's the link: thegraphicsfairy.com. There are literally hundreds of free graphics (both color and black and white) that you can print for your projects, so check it out. This is an example of some vintage graphics printed on dictionary pages.

For questions and inquiries about our Club, contact:

Laura Paul - rlplep@yahoo.com

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'Til next month, keep on creating and be well!

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Call 360.437.7412 to make your reservation

Library Reopens Its Doors

At the time of writing this November submission, Governor Jay Inslee had just issued a notice that libraries can reopen their facilities at 25 percent capacity.

In an October 6 email, Library Director Tamara Meredith wrote, “We’re very excited that the Governor has decided to include public access to libraries in Phase 2—we’ve missed having our patrons in the building! Our plan is to use the next few weeks to make all of the changes and preparations necessary so that we are ready to see you in early November.”

Library staff have been working behind the scenes to reorganize library spaces and adjust staffing so they can offer in-library services, access to computers, and also continue curbside services, while still meeting all safety protocols.

The known facts for November library access are:

- Hours of operation will be: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The library can accommodate up to 20 patrons in the building at one time – short visits of up to 15 minutes.
- One patron (two, if from same household) will be allowed on the bookmobile at a time.
- Library computers will be available by reservation Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m.
- Masks will be required – the library can provide them if no mask is available.
- Clean hands will be required – the library will provide sanitizer.
- Patrons will be asked to use self-checkout kiosks.

New Services

The library has two new services to offer: *One-On-One Tech Help* allows those in need to sign up for 30-minute tech help sessions with a librarian. Get help with topics such as downloading e-materials; using the library catalog; online resources; email; and Zoom conferencing software use. *One-On-One Tech Help* appointments can be made at jclibrary.info/information-and-research/remote-tech-help.

The second new service, *Personal Picks*, allows librarians to select materials for individuals based on personal interests. If you’d like recommendations for yourself, or your family, JCL librarians are available to hand select materials for you to pick up from the bookmobile or in the library. To sign up for *Personal Picks* go to jclibrary.info/books-more/personal-picks.

Library Events

November’s library events include continued weekly viewing of the documentary series *Reconstruction: America After the Civil War*, with showings on **November 5 and 12** from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. View the video series segments, followed by discussion on the ways that the Reconstruction has shaped our country, the South, and African Americans.

The library’s monthly *STEAM for Kids* program, *Secret Message: Invisible Ink*, will be on **November 12** from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Kids will be taught cyphers, and how to make invisible ink. Supply kits for each program can be picked up from the library or bookmobile the week prior to each event. The library will post videos of each program on their website for later viewing.

Teens can join a poetry workshop, *Persevere with Poetry: Swimming Through Tough Times*, offered by writer and educator Gloria Muhammad on **November 19**. This workshop is for ages 11-18, and will engage participants in learning how to use poetry to make it through challenging times. Program registration is required between November 12 and 19 at jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/upcoming.

For trivia fans, JCL offers *Friday Night Trivia* on **November 6** at 6:30 p.m., and *Third Tuesdays Trivia* on **November 17**, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The *Tech Tuesday* class on **November 10** from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. will help participants master the basic skills needed to get the most from Windows 10.

The JCL Bookmobile continues to stop at Port Ludlow Village Store on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. to deliver wireless printing orders and contactless holds. To view the full JCL bookmobile schedule, visit jclibrary.info/use-the-library/location-hours.

The Jefferson County Library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock. During open hours, you can borrow a laptop, talk to an information librarian, or pick up print orders and holds. WiFi is available in the parking lot 24/7. Contact the library staff at 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.

Free Estate Planning Seminars Offered

On **Tuesday, November 10 and 24**, at 11:30 a.m., join Richard Tizzano and Tony Hinson for a free “Legal + Estate Life Care Planning” seminar. The presenters will explore estate and life care planning solutions that prepare you properly to protect your assets and remain independent. Topics include healthcare, long-term care insurance, aging in place, as well as trusts and tax implications.

On **Tuesday, November 3 and 17**, at 11:30 a.m., join Tony Hinson for a free “Estate Planning After the SECURE Act” seminar, where he’ll explain how to prepare your estate plan with the new IRA rules that became effective in 2020. The ‘stretch IRA’ is gone, with significant income tax ramifications for non-spouse IRA beneficiaries. He’ll discuss the new landscape and ways to lessen the impact of this new law. Anyone with combined retirement accounts over \$100,000 should attend.

These live sessions, delivered virtually, offer you the opportunity to ‘ask the experts.’ To register, visit sherrardlaw.com/seminars, or call 360-779-5551

Jefferson Healthcare News

New Medical Director for Women's Health Clinic

Jefferson Healthcare is pleased to announce and welcome Dr. Christine Skorberg as Medical Director for the Women's Health Clinic, as well as new provider Dr. Asif Luqman.

Board certified in obstetrics and gynecology (Ob-Gyn), and Fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Dr. Skorberg brings 25 years of women's health experience to the peninsula. In Colorado, she was the leading Ob-Gyn surgeon for vaginal hysterectomies, vaginal remediation of prolapsed bladders and bowels, pelvic relaxation of the uterus, and the relief of pain caused by endometriosis and adenomyosis. She has delivered over 10,000 babies, including three sets of triplets!

To accommodate the anticipated high volumes for this new practice, Dr. Skorberg is joined by Dr. Asif Luqman, Ob-Gyn. A graduate of the prestigious St. George's University School of Medicine, Luqman completed his Ob-Gyn residency at the Brooklyn Center in New York. There he gained experience in vaginal and caesarean births, laparoscopic, and Ob-Gyn procedures. Over the last year, he completed a fellowship in cosmetic surgery in Tukwila, where he performed over 350 aesthetic surgeries. He has also worked extensively with the transgender population and has experience in transgender surgery.

The new practice will offer a wide range of services necessary to meet the unique medical needs in a woman's lifetime. Together with Jane Albee, ARNP, and Sarah Kirkegaard, ARNP, this experienced team is ready to provide the care you need, right here at home.

We will host several opportunities for the community to meet virtually and welcome these new providers to our community. The first virtual community event, with Dr. Skorberg, will be **Thursday, November 5** at 5:30 p.m. This virtual 'meet and greet' is the perfect opportunity to learn about Dr. Skorberg's patient philosophy and ask questions you may have about women's health but may have been afraid to ask. The meeting link can be accessed through the Women's Health page on the Jefferson Healthcare website, jeffersonhealthcare.org, or by calling the Women's Health Clinic at 360-344-0403.

JHC Receives Childcare Partnership Grant

In late 2019, a childcare task force was convened and was asked to identify models that support childcare solutions in order to optimize lifetime health and learning for employee families and the community.

Co-chair Molly Parker, M.D., MPH, Medical Director for Population Health at Jefferson Healthcare stated, "The more the task force learned, the more it confirmed that seriously limited access to daycare is an issue for families and employers throughout Jefferson County... Safe, quality childcare sets the stage for healthy growth for children and their families, influencing long-term health outcomes for the child."

Jefferson Healthcare, with community partners Peninsula College and the Olympic Peninsula YMCA, applied for—and won—a competitive Department of Commerce's Childcare Partnership Grant—a state collaboration with Safe Start Fund to develop community-based plans for expanding childcare capacity.

The grant funds will be used to reassess the childcare needs in the setting of the pandemic and then create an implementation-ready blueprint to address the childcare crisis by increasing high-quality, community-based childcare capacity in Jefferson County. Dr. Parker says, "Peninsula College brings their early childhood education academic expertise, and the Olympic Peninsula YMCA contributes school-age care experience both in Jefferson County and nationally—and is poised to respond nimbly with the new demands of providing childcare during a pandemic. Jefferson Healthcare will drive the project based on the acute need from both patients and employees, as well as the mission to improve overall lifelong community health."

Preparing Safely for Autumn

by Brad Martin, Fire Chief, Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Cooler days are here now, and many residents have begun to use their propane stoves or fireplaces to ward off the morning chill. This is a good time to make sure your fireplaces are ready and safe, as well as checking your smoke alarms.

Smoke alarms have a life expectancy of about 10 years. If you have ever had a smoke alarm go off for no apparent reason, it could be because there is dust on the sensor, or it has outlived its usefulness. If you know the alarm is less than 10 years old, you could spray it with pressurized air to remove the dust. If you don't know when the alarm was installed, it's best to replace it. Consider writing the date of purchase on the alarm with a marker.

When you purchase a new alarm, Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue crews will install it for you. To arrange for a crew to come to your home, call the station at 360-437-2236.

As you get ready for winter, remember to check your supply of food and household items in case windstorms cause power outages, or weather makes it unsafe to drive to the store.

I would like to take this opportunity to let you know that we are beginning a complete overhaul of our website. The website is still accessible at plfr.org, and we are hoping to have the updated version up and running in the first quarter of 2021. I am excited to get this project completed to better serve you with information and resources.

If you have any questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue provides, please contact me at 360-437-2236 or email me at bmartin@plfr.org.

Arts & Entertainment

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

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Janice Gruber



Reflections, by Janice Gruber

Janice Gruber is a gifted artist who uses her oil, acrylics, brushes, and palette knives to depict subject matter with strokes of color, simulating reflected light. She's able to transform a conventional bouquet of flowers into a beautiful garden on a perfect summer day or a couple of boats tied up to a dock into the sound of boats gently rocking against the dock in a light breeze.

You can view Janice's artwork at the Sound Community Bank or online at portludlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase any of her artwork, please make an appointment to meet Janice (360-301-9840) at the Port Ludlow Art Gallery. The Gallery is next to the Sound Community Bank located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Jeweler of the Month – Maggie Smith

Maggie Smith has been making beads and designing jewelry for over 25 years. She got her inspiration for lampworking after visiting Andrea Gurino, an award-winning artist, at her Port Townsend art studio. After taking one of Andrea's classes, Maggie was hooked. Maggie then went on to hone her talent by attending art classes at the Pratt Fine Art Center in Seattle. Maggie is currently a member of the International Glass Bead Society.



Pendant by Maggie Smith. Submitted photos

Many of Maggie's art pieces are a collaborative effort with her daughter, Shelby. In addition, Maggie works with other artists

to design original beads and glass art. "When I work with glass, unexpected things just happen," Maggie said.

You can view Maggie's jewelry at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase any of her jewelry, please make an appointment to meet Maggie (360-509-3011) at the Port Ludlow Art Gallery. The Gallery is next to the Sound Community Bank located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Gallery Open for Holiday Shopping

The Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL) Gallery will be open for holiday shopping on the first three Thursdays and Fridays in November and December from 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. in accordance with Governor Inslee's Safe Start Guidelines. The Gallery offers unique gifts, including jewelry, pottery, paintings, baskets, cards, books, and woodworking.



Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. Submitted photo

To continue providing college scholarships to local high school graduating seniors, PLAL artists have created original works of art on 6"x 6" plaques available for purchase for just \$20. All proceeds go directly into the PLAL Scholarship Fund. These plaques are available for purchase at the Gallery.

The Gallery is next to the Sound Community Bank located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Scholarship Fundraiser

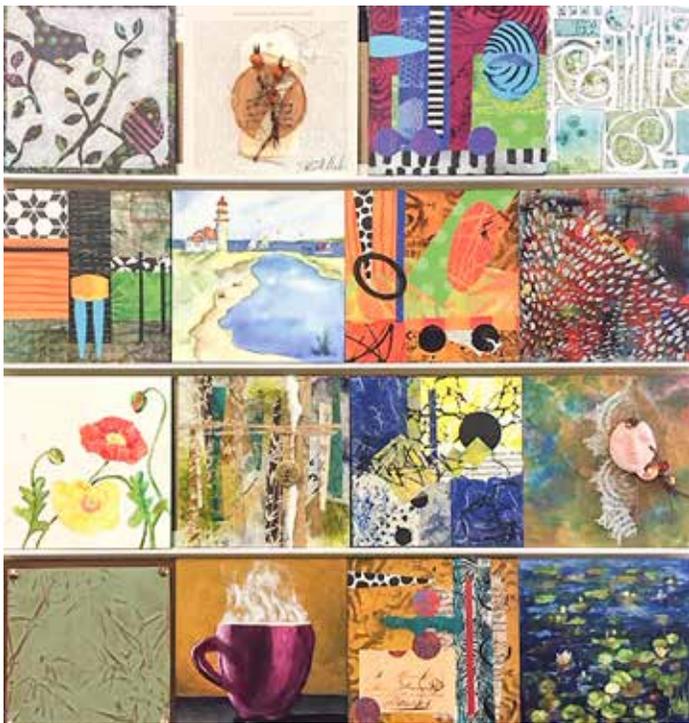
The Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL) provides art scholarships for local area high school graduating seniors and continuing or returning students for study in community colleges, universities, vocational, and technical training institutes. In 2020, the PLAL was delighted to award scholarships to two graduating seniors from Chimacum High School.

To continue to provide this service to the community, we need your help. PLAL artists have created original works of art on 6" x 6" plaques available for purchase for only \$20. All proceeds go directly into the PLAL Scholarship Fund.

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These plaques are available for viewing online at portludlowart.org and for purchase at the PLAL Gallery. The PLAL Gallery



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Virtual Curtain to Rise at Olympic Theatre Arts (OTA)

At *Voice* press time, OTA was editing their new Radio Play Season episodes from *Fibber McGee & Molly*. They have been filmed onstage with an authentic 1940s radio set, the actors in costumes of the era using old-fashioned mics. There were signs that indicated when to applaud or not—all that theatrical stuff. Remember?

A change from the 1940s filming is that the actors are wearing face shields and maintaining social distancing. Instead of a live audience, we will be able to tune in whenever we like simply by clicking on the OTA website portal. And *Voilà*—we are at the theatre!

You may ask, “But where is the box office? How do I get a ticket?” OTA is offering the entire Radio Play Season for FREE! The OTA Board has agreed that it is more important to keep their artistic community engaged than it is to monetize this uncharted endeavor. Of course, OTA is happy to accept donations of any size to keep the stage lights on!

And there is another way—season ticket subscriptions are available so you can have a virtual seat for every show. During the course of the filming, the camera will pan to the audience upon occasion to see who's there. It's a great way to support the theatre. Go to olympictheatrearts.org for further information.

Manzanar: Their Footsteps Remain - 40 Years of Photography at Northwind Arts



Desolate Surroundings.

Photo by Brian Goodman

In February 1942, two months after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 which empowered the Secretary of War to “relocate” nearly 120,000 Japanese Americans and immigrants from their homes to the ten ‘War Relocation Centers’ that had been established across the western states. Those ‘centers’ were, in fact, concentration camps, intended to herd together all people of Japanese heritage, regardless of their citizenship. One of those camps was Manzanar, where between 1942 and 1945 over 11,000 men, women, and children were forcibly removed from their homes with only the possessions they could carry. Approximately two-thirds of these individuals were U.S. Citizens! This barren landscape of 550 acres in the shadow of the Sierra Nevada mountain range in California made up the designated living area consisting of 36 blocks of wooden barracks. These were encircled by barbed-wire fences and security guard towers patrolled by armed U.S. soldiers.

Photographer Brian Goodman, who now lives in Port Townsend, has compiled photographic images of the remnants of the Manzanar War Relocation Center. It is part of his mission to expose the shocking treatment of the Japanese community. The exhibit will run from **Friday, November 6**, until **Sunday, November 29**, from noon until 5:00 p.m. each day or by appointment.

Northwind Arts Center is located at 701 Water Street, Port Townsend. The phone number is 360-379-1086. For more information, visit northwindarts.org.

Northwind Arts Center - Artist Showcase

In November, Northwind's Artist Showcase will feature new works from 32 Showcase artists. Please visit our new website and stop by the Northwind Arts Center to view the exhibit. Northwind is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m.

The Artist Showcase program features a variety of media—wood, stone, paint, metal, photography, and more. New works are on display in the Jeanette Best Gallery, 701 Water Street, Port Townsend.

For more information visit northwindarts.org.

Yes, It's a Long Beach!

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer



The arch at Long Beach.

In October, we focused on the “Seven Wonders of Washington State” by exploring the Hoh Rain Forest. November’s “Wonder” is the vast stretch of beach on the Long Beach Peninsula, both walkable for 28 miles and drivable for a great portion. The arch greeting visitors to the town of Long Beach boasts “World’s Longest Beach,” a claim often challenged ... with success, since South America, New Zealand and Bangladesh all claim beaches longer than a mere 28 miles.



A car travels the beach at Long Beach.

Designated a Washington State Park, the expanse of sand is mostly densely packed, so the claim is often adjusted to add the word “drivable” in the boast. However, even that must be challenged, due to the areas affected by the vagaries of nature, where wind and water have softened the surface to the point it cannot be navigated by vehicle. In addition, there are the clam beds which are meticulously protected (certain portions of the beach may be closed to vehicles April 15 to Labor Day). The arch should most accurately read “World’s Longest Continuous Peninsula Beach” ... a catchy title that has yet to curry enough favor to encourage the town to replace its revered arch. The beach starts close to where the Columbia River meets the Pacific Ocean and then extends north to the entrance to Gray’s Harbor, so its location is notable as one of Washington’s “wonders.”



Horseback riding on the beach at Long Beach.

The center of activity on the peninsula is the town itself. Long Beach is a souvenir hunter’s delight, and the kitschy free museum affords a look at the “World’s Largest Frying Pan,” 10 feet in diameter. Long Beach is the site of the week-long annual Washington State International Kite Festival, the third week of August. Thousands of spectators enjoy the performances of expert kite fliers who come from around the world. It is one of the largest kite festivals in North America. If you are a kite enthusiast, don’t miss the World Kite Museum & Hall of Fame.



Kites fly at Long Beach.

Submitted photos

For those more interested in the beach wonders, a wooden boardwalk winds along the coastal dunes, leading to a reconstructed skeleton of a grey whale. This portion is designed to replicate what Lewis and Clark experienced when they passed by 200-plus years ago.

Once you leave Long Beach and head north, the rest of the slender peninsula is quiet, spotted with cranberry bogs, small fishing and oystering towns. Oysterville is the oldest community in the area, with historic homes dating back to the 1850s. On the eastern side of the strip of land, Oysterville borders Willapa Bay, where oyster-merchants made their fortune back in the days of Chief Nahcotta, whose grave resides in the historic cemetery just outside the hamlet. Ledbetter Point State Park marks the end of the point of land and is a great spot for watching avian wildlife as gulls, hawks, eagles, and migratory seabirds pass through on the Pacific Flyway. A wonder, indeed!

Short Stories & Poems

This section provides a place for Port Ludlow residents to share their stories and poems. Information and guidelines on how to submit what you've written can be found on the Voice website at plvoice.org/breaking-news-2/guidelines-to-submit.

When the Rocks Came Crashing Down!

by Bruce Zalneraitis, Guest Writer

My wife and I recently moved to Port Ludlow from Portland, Maine. Prior to that we lived in Alaska several years—site of many adventures and stories. This particular tale took place in Juneau around 12 years ago.

A visit to Juneau is always an adventure due to its location along the coast of Southeast Alaska. The state capital is squeezed in between the ocean and high mountains of the coastal range. Its choice would seem odd as a location to develop into a city and later the capital of Alaska were it not for its history as a gold mining town.

I had made the trip to Juneau several times from Anchorage to conduct legislative business during the annual session that usually runs for three months in the late winter and early spring. We were there to support passage of a bill that would support organ and tissue donation through the creation of a state donor registry. On this particular visit in May, the session ended early for the day, so I decided to take advantage of the extra time to do a little hike above the downtown along an established trail. The weather was sunny and mild with temperatures in the mid-60 degrees at the start of the hike.

When hiking in the spring, one travels through all kinds of growth from grasses, plants, and budding trees to late winter conditions fairly quickly, as the mountains are quite steep and elevation is gained in a hurry even after a half mile on the trail. Although I saw a couple of hikers coming down the trail, for the most part I had the trail to myself. After around two miles of hiking I had approached the alpine zone where most of the terrain was free of all but some stunted trees. The trail at this point traversed the mountainside in a switchback fashion due to the steepness that was probably 50 degrees. I came to a part of the mountain known as a “chute” that looks somewhat like a large vertical groove approximately 40 feet wide at the trail crossing point.

During winter months chutes are common places for avalanches, but on this day there was hardly any snow left on the mountain, with only patches remaining here and there above and around me. I paused momentarily before crossing the chute, and heard an increasing roar coming from high above me on the mountainside. This thundering noise turned out to be an avalanche of rocks, mud, and snow that crashed by me just a couple of feet from where I was standing next to this chute. I couldn't guess the speed of the flow but it was very fast and noisy, and had I been in that chute only a few seconds later, I wouldn't have been able to get out of the way.

As I regained my composure, all I could smell was a burning, flinty odor like that when two rocks are banged against each other. The chute was now filled as far as I could see below me

with what could best be described as “cafe latte” snow and rocks of various sizes from pebbles to small boulders. I had no witnesses and no phone with me to take photos, just the vivid memory of an extremely close call. That was when I looked at my watch and said to myself, “It's time to get off this mountain!”

(Bruce was CEO of Life Alaska Donor Services in Anchorage for 12 years.)

Fall of the Berlin Wall, November 1989 - Recollections and Friendships

by Don Cooper, Guest Writer

In the spring of 1977, Pan American assigned me to Tegel Airport in West Berlin. Berlin had four zones of occupation: American, British, French, and the Soviet zone. Tegel Airport was in the French zone of occupation.

A bit of background: In 1948, the Soviets attempted to force the Western Allies out of West Berlin for 10 months by shutting down all surface travel. There were only two airports to supply West Berlin with the critical necessities needed to support the city: Gatow, in the British zone, and Tempelhof, in the American. To meet the required increase in airport capacity, a decision was made to build Tegel Airport. It was built in four months. But an interesting situation occurred when a call for volunteers was sent out to help build the airport ... 19,000 people answered the call to duty. Most were women, because their men had been killed during the war. The French military controlled the airport and due to its longer runways, it ultimately became the main airport of entry for West Berlin.

In 1961 the Berlin Wall was built to stop East Germans from fleeing a harsh communist regime. Twenty-seven years later, on November 9, 1989, the Berlin Wall fell. After working in West Berlin for several years, I never ever expected to witness in my lifetime the collapse of the Berlin Wall, but it fell with a resounding thud. The collapse of the Wall had a profound effect on Communism. After traveling to numerous countries in the East Block, I realized that every communist regime varies in the degree of oppression it held on its people. Yugoslavia, Poland, and Czechoslovakia were pleasant to visit because their governments were lenient. The rest of the communist world sucked, especially Russia, Romania, and East Germany where the secret police held a harsh, ever watchful eye of repressive control on its people. In talking to some of the East Germans after the Wall came down, they had never seen or tasted oranges or bananas.

In 1985, while based in Germany, I befriended Hedy Fricke, an elderly lady who lived in my neighborhood. She was born in 1912, raised in Berlin and married a young Nazi soldier in the early forties. He espoused the virtues of Adolf Hitler. Because of

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Spotlight

Rotary's Gift for Levi

by Pete Leenhouts, Chair, Public Image Committee, East Jeffco Rotary

Levi Knoche is a typical little six-year-old boy who lives with his family in Port Ludlow — energetic, enthusiastic, with a ready sense of humor. Unfortunately, he is hampered by his inability to use his legs properly, for he was born with several crippling disabilities. Levi enjoys being outside with his family, who, up to this point, have carried him everywhere on outdoor hikes and activities. But, as you might imagine, a growing boy gets heavier by the day.

Levi's disabilities have required extensive medical care. While he had been receiving treatment at Seattle Children's Hospital, the expenses bankrupted his family. He has since been treated at Shriners' Hospital for Children in Spokane, which doesn't charge families for any aspect of a child's care and treatment, undergoing several significant brain and spinal cord surgeries with lengthy recovery periods.

While being treated in Spokane, Levi came to the attention of the Wishing Star Foundation. Wishing Star is a Spokane-based nonprofit that grants wishes to children ages three to 21 who are terminally ill, have life-threatening illnesses, or are medically complicated. The Wishing Star Foundation is a member of the Association of Wish Granting Organizations which oversees compliance and regulations nationwide. The Foundation serves children in Spokane, Tri-Cities and surrounding area, and is similar to but not affiliated with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Without hesitation, Wishing Star found Levi more than qualified to be a recipient of a wish under their guidelines.



Pictured are the Rotarians and Levi with his family.



Levi sees something wonderful!

Levi's first wish was initially to go to Disneyland with his parents, but his medical conditions and the restrictions on travel imposed by the pandemic made that wish impossible to fulfill. After thinking about it for a while, Levi decided that he wanted to continue to be able to enjoy the outdoors with his family, and for that reason, asked for a tracked mobility chair. These are robust outdoor mobility chairs mounted on rubber tracks—a "wheelchair" if you will, but mounted on all-terrain vehicle treads. The chairs are built to the needs of each user to accommodate a wide range of disabilities.

The Wish request: Levi's mother Morgan wrote, "As Levi has been thoughtfully considering his Wish, we have talked about a wide range of possibilities from swimming with dolphins to a Disney trip. While those things seem like wonderful options that promise fun and offer lifetime memories, what Levi continually comes back to is something to equalize his mobility deficiencies. Our family used to hike and camp frequently, and as he has gotten older and more pointedly 'bigger,' the ability to do outdoor things as a family has all but dwindled away. My husband is an avid hiker, fisher, hunter, camper, outdoorsman, etc., and, living in the Pacific Northwest, we have so many breathtaking opportunities available to us. Our eight-year-old son now partakes in these activities with my husband and so often Levi is home with me as they head out, and we try to find something else fun to do."

Morgan continued, "With Levi's Spina Bifida and especially his recent spinal and brain surgeries and three-month hospital stay, he simply doesn't have the strength to haul himself around outside in any kind of terrain or off-road capacity. He has never had the ability to walk independently and relies on a walker for short distances or a manual wheelchair for longer days. Walker and wheelchair wheels are great for transporting a person across smooth concrete or asphalt, but are completely useless if you're on grass, dirt, or any other unforgiving surface. When he was younger, we made every effort to carry him, even modifying a pack frame backpack so my husband could carry him on his back, but at 60 pounds and growing, those measures are seemingly inadequate as well now. Levi desperately wants a track style wheelchair that would allow him the ability to experience the activities that he loves and would ultimately give the freedom back to our family to enjoy these things together. We have watched YouTube videos galore and his Wish is obvious in this desire."

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Funding the Track Chair: As it turns out, Cindy Guthrie, the Wishing Star Director of Community Partnerships & Development, is an active member of Rotary Club #21 in Spokane, WA. While Wishing Star could fund a part of Levi's wish, Cindy thought that perhaps her Rotary Club could find an additional partner. And, she knew that Rotarians are quick to respond to the needs of children, so she reached out to the Rotary Club of East Jefferson County, a rural club on the east side of Washington's Olympic Peninsula, only a few miles from Levi's home.



Wynkoop helping Levi into his new chair. Also pictured is Cindy Guthrie of Wishing Star.

Club President Paul Wynkoop stepped forward to lead the local effort making it possible for our local communities to support this little boy's wish, first through a front-page article in the local newspaper, the *Port Townsend and Jefferson County Leader*, through the support of the *Port Ludlow Voice*, and through emails to Rotary District 5020 Clubs, several of which contributed donations. In addition, Paul's expert use of the community oriented *Nextdoor* website, the Club's website, and Facebook pages also helped bring the effort to the attention of local community members, who responded enthusiastically to Levi's wish. Ultimately, The Rotary Club of East Jefferson County was able to raise \$11,450 of the approximately \$13,000 cost of the Track Chair. The balance of the funds were donated by Rotary Club 21 of Spokane.

The tracked wheelchair was built by Trac-Fab, a manufacturing company located in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania. They generously reduced their price on the final product, which helped us reach our financial goal much sooner. Because Wishing Star is located in Spokane, Paul volunteered to have the chair shipped to his home for safe keeping. The gift of the chair was accompanied by a 5' x 8' trailer to transport the chair to various locations. However, the trailer order wouldn't be ready until late November. Cindy reached out to Paul for assistance. He did some research, found several on hand at

Tractor Supply in Shelton, and drove there to pick one up.

The Reveal: On a bright and sunny September morning, Levi and his family came to HJ Carroll Park under the guise of meeting members of the Rotary Club of East Jefferson County whom they knew were raising the funds to purchase Levi's "Wish." They were greeted by Cindy Guthrie of Wishing Star, Paul Wynkoop, and a number of East Jefferson Rotarians and community members. Levi's tracked wheelchair was hidden from sight so we could surprise him. After visiting with Levi and his family for about 15 minutes, Paul trailered the chair down to the Rotary Pavilion where he and Cindy uncovered the chair for Levi to see. Levi's smile grew even wider once he realized what was happening. For everyone involved, whether they were there that day or not, it was a privilege to have the opportunity to play a part in granting a truly life-changing wish of mobility and freedom.

Once the chair made it to Levi's home, it didn't take him long to begin to drive his new tracked vehicle. The very next day he was on the trail behind the family's home, driving the chair with great mastery. The joy in his voice and the smile on his face are enough to warm even the coldest heart. The chair has numerous adjustments that will allow him to use it as he grows bigger, all the way into adulthood. We look forward to seeing Levi's future adventures over the coming years.

A Little About Rotary: Rotary International is a global organization, one of the very first devoted to using the skills and organizational capabilities of its members to improve the lives of others. Rotary unites more than a million men and women who take action to create lasting change – across the globe and in their communities. For over a century, Rotarians have bridged cultures and connected continents to champion peace, fight illiteracy and poverty, promote clean water and sanitation, and fight disease. One of Rotary's key strengths is its ability to marshal member expertise and support for its causes across the organization and from within the communities in which its members live and work.

The Rotary Club of East Jefferson County was founded in 1982. Over the years the Club has sought to improve the lives of our community through monetary donations to various and numerous community organizations, eradicating polio through member donations, and building several significant structures for community use—the main pavilion at HJ Carroll Park, the playground equipment at the Chimacum Creek Primary School, The Jefferson County Library's Bookmobile Garage, and the Rotary Garden Pavilion at the High School, and providing over \$100,000 in scholarships to local Chimacum High School Seniors, just in the past 5 years.

If you would like to learn more about our Rotary Club, or want to become a member, we're always looking for community-minded people who enjoy contributing their time, energy and talents to a good cause, as well as the fellowship of like-minded neighbors. Our website is: ejcrotary.club or contact our Membership Chairperson, Ed Thompson, at info@ejcrotary.club.



Levi loves his new chair!

Photos by Jay Syverson

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that, the marriage didn't last long, but long enough to have a baby girl in 1943, christened Marlis, who grew up to become a Pan Am stewardess, a colleague and friend. Marlis commuted from Zurich because she was married to a university professor who taught there. Consequently, her mother Hedy lived by herself and was a bit lonely. I commuted from Poulsbo once a month and most of my cronies commuted from various locations. In the evenings when we weren't flying, we would meet and dine together. On these occasions, I would invite Hedy as my guest; she loved being included and enjoyed the extra attention. She also enjoyed a glass of good draft beer—naturally, a German brew.

One evening, several months after the Berlin Wall fell, Hedy was busy ironing clothes, listening to her television with her back turned to it. She suddenly realized she was hearing a familiar voice. When she turned around, she recognized her neighbor's grandson, who used to visit before the wall was built in 1961. As a young girl, Marlis played with the boy on his visits to his grandmother. The young man eventually became a doctor in East Berlin. As Hedy watched the news story on television, it appeared the doctor was in a unique situation, having the only private medical clinic in East Berlin. He was telling the TV audience about an aircraft accident that occurred in East Germany and how the information was never transmitted to the West. Hedy called the station to find out how she could reach him. Contact was made several days later, and arrangements were made for a visit.

Hedy had no car or means to travel to East Berlin and asked me if I could take her to the doctor's clinic, which turned out to be quite a journey. We exited West Berlin to the south from the American Sector and drove along a country road south of Berlin for several miles and then entered East Berlin near the Spree River. As with most communist entities, the area was shabby and neglected in appearance with street names and numbers almost nil by design. We finally located the clinic. By American standards, it was very sparse in comfort and somewhat dark and dingy. While visiting, Hedy requested to go to the bathroom, and upon her return, she mentioned to me that "there was no seat for the toilet." Communist countries, including East Germany, lacked many amenities we in the West took for granted.

We were invited to sit in the back yard for tea, which is all they had to offer. The yard adjoined the Spree River. In our conversation it was mentioned the doctor was renting his house which was owned by someone living in Argentina. My suspicions were that the house was owned by a former Nazi who escaped/migrated to South America. I can remember walking to the bank of the river and looking north about 400 -500 meters and seeing the residence of Eric Honecker, the East German president. After several hours of renewing old friendships, it was time for Hedy and me to go home. The return trip was the same route and it took about 45 minutes to an hour to reach the entry point of West Berlin. How good it felt to be in the West again!

Hedy was a remarkable and courageous lady, and I enjoyed her company very much. She told me, "During World War II, we always knew the route of the American bombers and if their target was Berlin, I would take my baby in my arms about forty-five minutes before the bombers appeared and walk six blocks to

the bomb shelter." Hedy's younger sister, Edith (15 years old at the time), was raped by the Russians. War for the innocent victim is always terrible, no matter what side you are on.

(Don Cooper, a retired captain for Pan Am, wrote a detailed story about the November 1989 fall of the Berlin Wall for our May 2019 issue, available on our website. This sequel details a friendship he developed, plus other recollections and memories.)

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Village Council

Annual Meeting of Voting Members

by Sally Franzel, PLVC Board Secretary

The Port Ludlow Village Council held its Annual Meeting of Voting Members October 1, 2020. The purpose of the Annual Meeting is to provide members with a review of the various committees' activities during the past year and to elect Board Members for the following year.

The election committee received almost 400 ballots which was a 14 per cent increase over the previous year. There were four positions on the Board to be filled, and the successful candidates were announced at the meeting. Two of the successful candidates, Rita Garcia and Tamra McDearmid, sought re-election and will be delighted to continue their efforts to protect, preserve, promote, and unify the Port Ludlow community. The two remaining positions will be filled by newly appointed board members John Griffith and Karin Nyrop.

The Year in Review 2020 presentation highlighted the accomplishments of the Village Council's thirteen committees and included an Honor Roll recognizing the efforts of almost 100 volunteers. Many of these volunteers have supported the Village Council's objectives for a number of years, often in several different capacities.

Many of the Council's planned activities had to be put on hold due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the protocols that needed to be followed. In order to respond to changing circumstances, a task force was formed drawing from the Emergency Management and Health & Wellness Committees. The priorities of the task force are to provide the entire Port Ludlow Community with information relative to the pandemic that focuses on local aspects and to be a two-way communication conduit between the community and Jefferson County health officials. The task force continues to provide a Weekly Update e-blast and acts as a resource for residents to obtain information.

Residents have demonstrated their support of the Council's change in priorities with an increase in the number of ballots returned, increased participation, and increased donations. This resulted in donations received during the election from 147 members totaling \$7,170 and representing a 12 per cent increase compared to donations received in 2019. The Year in Review presentation and Honor Roll can be viewed on the PLVC website at plvc.org/2020-year-in-review.

The Annual Meeting ended with the Board's recognition of Bill Dean's outstanding contribution to the efforts of the PLVC. He has served on the Council in many different capacities over the years and most recently as President from 2017 to October 2020. Bill Dean thanked Mike Towner for his support as Vice-President and contribution to the work of the Emergency Management and Communication Committees.

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, November 5

2:45 p.m., Video Conference Call

Virtual Access Code 389 672#

Online: join.freeconferencecall.com/villagecouncilconference

Or Phone: 339-207-8391

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, November 17

2:45 p.m., Video Conference Call

plvc.org

At the Board of Director's Annual Meeting, the following Officers were elected to serve for 2021:

President—Jim Moffitt; Vice-President—Tamra McDearmid; Secretary—Sally Franzel; Treasurer—Paul Hinton.

Trail Mix

by Merrily Mount, Chair, PLVC Trails Committee



Timberton Loop at Beaver Pond, 2019.

Photo by Tim Rensema

We are quickly approaching nature's transition to a true Pacific Northwest colorful fall and winter wonderland. We should look forward to planning our winter activities, including walking and bicycling on one of our local trails and enjoying our local environment. You may possibly want to share time at one of our local trail gazebos and have a fall/winter picnic.

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The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Trails Committee is transitioning to new leadership this next year. I will step aside and be a “boots on the ground” worker volunteer as in my previous years. Larry Scott will return as Chair of the PLVC Trails and Natural Resources Committee. We are extremely fortunate to have Larry back in this position. We have a few openings on the PLVC Trails and Natural Resources Committee—the positions of Secretary, Maintenance Coordinator, and Natural Resources Coordinator. We are very fortunate to have Jane Navone staying on as steward coordinator, Paul Hinton as PLVC liaison, and Gary Hicks moving over to be our Treasurer.



Osprey Loop, 2017.

Photo by Jim Mueller

We all look forward to continuing in the volunteer effort to maintain our thirty miles of trails here in our community. It brings me great pride, pleasure, and purpose to have served my community on the PLVC Trails Committee. I hear from so many new residents that one of the major assets they noted when shopping for their new home in Port Ludlow was the easily accessible and pristine trails located so near their homes.

We look forward to hearing from residents who may be interested in being on the PLVC Trails committee.

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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) usually holds its annual membership meeting in April; however, due to the coronavirus, this year’s member meeting was postponed until **November 14**. The annual meeting packet was mailed out to all LMC members on October 16, so if you have not received it please contact me at the Beach Club, and we will prepare a replacement packet for you.

As with many things in the year of Covid-19, this year’s meeting will be different than any of our previous 51 LMC annual member meetings. This year’s meeting will be conducted remotely, with our members participating by phone, computer, tablet, or smart phone. Instructions for connecting to the member meeting are included in the meeting packet. This year, LMC members will vote to fill one condominium position and three lot owner positions on the LMC Board of Trustees.

North Bay members will also be asked to vote on how surplus operating funds from the 2020 budget are to be dealt with, in accordance with IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604. Members will be asked to vote on an independent audit of the 2019 financial records and member meeting minutes from prior meetings.

LMC Treasurer Linda Haskin will update the membership on our association’s financial position and the status of our reserve funds. I will summarize what we have accomplished from an operational standpoint, and LMC President Allan Kiesler will report on board goals and recognize the dozens of volunteers that have contributed time, energy and expertise to their North Bay Community.

Because we will not be meeting in person this year, it is imperative that our members sign their directed proxy and assign it to someone they know will be attending the meeting remotely, such as the LMC corporate secretary Jodi McDaniel. This year, we need to have 249 of our members attending remotely or by proxy in order to achieve a quorum, otherwise we will be required to schedule another meeting which will double our meeting costs of more than \$1,500. You will still vote your own ballot, and the assigned proxy cannot alter it. So please sign and assign your proxy!

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

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

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From SBCA President Bart Clark

First, let me announce Dick Grieves was appointed to fill the Board vacancy created by the recent resignation of Director Gil Skinner. Mr. Grieves will serve the remainder of Mr. Skinner's term as a Member At Large (and member of the Facilities Committee) that ends at the July 2022 Annual Meeting. Dick has served as an SBCA Board member and a Facilities Committee member in the past. Christine Spagle, Treasurer, has agreed to fill the Chair vacancy on the Facilities Committee created by Gil's departure.

I hope the membership can take some comfort in the performance and dedication of SBCA's Board members. Your volunteer Board members continue to devote their efforts to the safety of SBCA members during the Covid-19 pandemic and to the protection of SBCA's financial standing. Knowing that general liability insurance policies have not covered biological and pandemic damages since the 2005 SARS outbreak, we had to make some tough decisions. At every juncture, our motivation has been to protect the health, safety, and well-being of our membership during life in the time of Covid. Further, we have endeavored to do our best to protect the financial health of SBCA while judiciously authorizing well-considered expenditures for the maintenance and needed improvements in our facility while it is in shutdown status.

I want to thank General Manager Mark Torres and our staff members, Melinie and Marie, for their hard work during this difficult time. Once there is a safe and effective vaccine and/or a safe and effective antiviral to combat Covid and we are able to reopen the Bay Club under safe conditions, I think our members will be impressed by the wonderful job our employees have done in getting the Bay Club in tip-top shape.

Your Board is comprised of volunteers with only the best interests of our members and of our Association at heart. During the Covid pandemic we have received messages critical of some of our decisions that have, at times, bordered on being abusive and hostile in their tone and content. As someone who strongly believes that our role as your Board is to be in service to the best interests of everyone in SBCA, my Board colleagues and I welcome well-considered and well-informed constructive criticism from the SBCA membership. It is that form of communication and dialogue that makes for a well-functioning and productive relationship between the Board and SBCA members. So, all I ask in this regard is that everyone please recognize and appreciate that SBCA's Board members, staff, and the SBCA

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, November 13, 9:30 a.m.

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

Committee Meetings

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All SBCA members are welcome: 339-209-6193.

Meeting minutes are posted at plsbca.org
under Association Business.



membership are all neighbors who together want nothing but the best for our wonderful community. Let's continue to work in partnership to achieve that goal.

SBCA "Gleanings"

by Jenise Harper, Editor, South Bay Section

So far 2020 is like looking both ways before crossing the street and then getting hit by an airplane! My sense is the folks heading up our HOA feel that impact, big time. It was pretty wild before the election, and things really have not calmed down in the two months since our new Board of Directors (BOD) took office. Without going into all the details of what the group is dealing with, here are some snippets regarding the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) based on my understanding of the minutes of the September BOD meeting, and the "blast" sent to SBCA members with the Fourth Quarter dues statement. Unfortunately, the October Board of Directors meeting was held after the deadline for this issue of the *Voice*. My SBCA "Gleanings" (info gathered and processed on a personal level) are:

September meeting, SBCA Board of Directors:

From Greg Brotherton, Jefferson County Commissioner:

- (1) The County has enjoyed a very low Covid-19 case rate due to compliance with social distancing and robust contact tracing.
- (2) Jefferson County is working on plans with PUD for a fiber broadband infrastructure with WiFi hotspots in the Port Ludlow area.

From Mark Torres, General Manager: Completed Bay Club projects include a second coat of paint on the pool and spa decks. The pool has been emptied, with HVAC, fans and water heat pumps turned off. Per Administrative—Working with Finance Committee on re-forecasting full fiscal year (new budget

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expectation). Forecast ending September 30 appears favorable and may yield a surplus around \$30K. Finance Committee is working on recommendations for the Board. Of note are accruing legal fees associated with two ongoing issues. These are complicating the forecasting process, as the fees will exceed annual budgeted amount by over 20% by the end of this quarter.

Regarding the re-opening of the Bay Club: There have been no changes in regard to County’s Safe Start status; the County remains in Phase II. Unless any area being considered to reopen is “staffed,” then nothing in the Club or outside of it (like tennis) is allowed to reopen in the current phase.

New Business: (a) Two new Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) home sales are reported for 2020 thus far. (b) Regarding surplus funds, a document will be prepared addressing these funds and potential uses and effect on financial health of the Association. (c) Pool Resurfacing - A motion was made to approve the expenditure to resurface the pool in an amount not to exceed \$24,000. Carried without objection. (d) Parking Lot asphalt paving, sealing and striping—the previously approved vendor cannot meet Association time frames to complete. An alternate bid was obtained from another vendor. Motion: The SBCA Board ratify the Finance Committee recommendation, implemented by President Clark, to confirm the contract with new vendor StripeRite to pave with asphalt, seal, and stripe the Bay Club parking lot at an increased dollar amount so that the work can be completed this fiscal year. The motion was approved.

Following up: The work on the Bay Club parking lot has been completed in a timely manner and under the amount originally budgeted. It looks great!

Of final note: The following information was sent as a “blast” to SBCA members: “During the month of October the Board, with input from the Finance Committee, will be analyzing the Association’s financial position, including any known or anticipated future expense, and then decide if a reduction of dues is appropriate, and if so, in what amount.”

The final final note: Tennis is still out; golf remains the go-to sport. Did you realize when the sport began in Scotland, the term “golf” came by way of the acronym: “Gentlemen Only/ Ladies Forbidden.” It appears that the men-only sport was the rule of thumb until ...? Speaking of “rule of thumb,” there was an English law way back in the 1400s that said a man couldn’t beat his wife with a stick thicker than his thumb! This month’s “Gleanings” ... Every one of the people on the SBCA Board of Directors is your neighbor, your friend. Giggle Often/Laugh Frequently. Now THAT’S a great “rule of thumb” to follow!

Welcome to South Bay

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) welcomes our new neighbors—even if we’re forced to stay six feet apart. We are glad you’re here, and we hope to meet you at one of our monthly socials when the South Bay Club reopens and sizable gatherings are permitted. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with your questions about life in Port Ludlow. To learn more about SBCA news and events, you can visit plsbca.org.

November at the Bay Club

by Carol Riley, Chair Activities and Amenities Committee

November at the Bay Club will not see a return to the normal activities we have been missing—pancake breakfasts, member socials, music on the green entertainment, but we are hopeful that the membership will come together virtually in support of two organizations that have come to depend on our generosity.

The AAC met on Monday, October 12, to discuss how we can help the Tri-Area Food Bank and Christmas for Children. November has historically been the month when the proceeds from the pancake breakfast and the member fundraiser have gone to the food bank. As you can well imagine, holiday time puts an increased burden on the food bank’s ability to help those in need. Add Covid-19 into the equation, and the need is greater than ever.

Christmas for Children is another charitable outreach program that is struggling to fulfill their mission. In the past, the Bay Club along with several other sites acted as Tree Hosts so members were able to choose a gift request from the Christmas tree, shop, and deliver the presents back to the Bay Club for distribution to needy families. This year Christmas for Children is asking for cash donations so their team of shoppers can fill the requests from needy families.

Please stay tuned as we figure out the best way to help these organizations and enlist your support. I know you will welcome the opportunity to help out this year as you have always done in the past.

Time for a year-end investment review.



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Sports & Recreation

Hidden Coves

by Milton Lum, Contributing Writer

Current research from Denmark and the United States have shown a positive relationship between access to green spaces and improving mental and physical health, especially in urban areas. In our community the extensive network of trails maintained by the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Trails and Natural Resources Committee provide an easy access into these green spaces.

My two favorites, Estuary trail and Ward's Walk, are spurs off the main system. Both provide a view of the smaller coves at the south end of Ludlow Bay, and are shallow estuaries transformed twice daily by the incoming tides from mudflats to emerald ponds. They are accessible from the Around the Bay Trail and have comfortable benches.

Ward's Walk was started by John Ward Lawler, a retired farmer from Monroe who couldn't part with his farm-sized weed whacker. He was the first homeowner in the Hidden Cove subdivision and an active member of the South Bay Community Association. He enjoyed riding the weed whacker to clear the undergrowth along the cove to create a shortcut to the Bay Club.



Ward's Walk marker.

Photo by Milt Lum

Ward's Walk is accessed from the rear lawn of the South Bay Club at the west end of the copse of trees lining the bank. A sign posted by his children in his memory shows the start of the trail. Midway along the path is a memorial plaque to John Ward Lawler and a concrete pad anchoring a weathered wooden bench. That weathered bench, still sturdy after two decades, is what Craig Morley describes as his "zen place." Craig is a frequent visitor to the cove accompanied by his faithful companion Roo, a Miniature Australian Shepherd. I can attest to the meditative effect of that spot, having sat for a few hours in anticipation of that glory shot of a kingfisher or great blue heron in action.

Follow Ward's Walk into the Hidden Cove subdivision and to the end of South Keel Way. ABT marker 15 directs you through the woods along a trail that parallels Paradise Bay Road. Emerging from the trail onto Camber Lane, proceed to its intersection with

South Bay Lane, then go right to Paradise Bay Road. Turn left and proceed carefully along the shoulder for a short distance where you will see a sign leading to the estuary trail. A note of caution, the trail can be quite muddy after heavy rains. At the end of this short trail there are benches providing a view of the estuary and the homes that grace the southeastern shore of Ludlow Bay.

When visiting these coves, leave your phone at home. Take instead a sketch pad, a notebook for your thoughts, or some piece of inspirational reading. Be in the moment releasing all of your senses to absorb the place. Let your eyes take in the blue of the sky and the reflected brilliance of the surrounding trees as the tide creeps in. Listen to the sparrow's song or the screech of an osprey or bald eagle. Let your skin tingle with the cool air wafting off the water and your nostrils be refreshed with the smell of cedar. The world's problems, the virus, the petty inconveniences will all still be there when you return to them. Commit an hour to pause, withdraw, and reflect; and feel the healing balm of that place soothe your battered spirit.

(From the Editor: Milt and Doris Lum, retired pediatrician and nurse respectively, moved to Port Ludlow nine years ago this August from Chevy Chase, MD, and have not regretted their decision. Milt explains, "We enjoy traveling locally and abroad as well as participating in the many programs in this active and dynamic community. We are pleased that retirement has afforded us the time to pursue our individual hobbies such as sewing and quilting for Doris and reading, writing, and walking for me.")

Port Ludlow Hiking

by Dan Darrow, Hiking Club

At the time this information is being prepared, we do not know the status of the "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" guidelines for Covid-19 as it relates to organized hiking groups, car-pooling, etc. Note that those who have chosen to join a hiking event have followed CDC guidelines for outdoor recreation. Now that we are into the fall/winter season, the excursions will be closer to home base.

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

Everyone is encouraged to get outside on their own at any time and explore trails here in Port Ludlow or elsewhere as appropriate!

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

Friday, October 30 – Port Gamble Heritage Trails

Celebrate the day before Halloween with an easy hike through the local trails in Port Gamble. Perhaps there will be gremlins on the trails! Information: Gary Hicks 510-566-3401.

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Friday, November 13 – Fort Flagler

Explore the trails of our local state park. Expect a relatively easy hike of about five miles. Enjoy views of Port Townsend Bay and Admiralty Inlet. Learn about the “triangle of fire.” Information: Sarah and Denny Schuch 360-215-4065.

Friday, November 27 – Port Ludlow Trails

Walk off Thanksgiving dinner with a four to six-mile stroll through some of our Port Ludlow trails. Route to be determined. Note: a special relaxed 9:00 a.m. gathering time to honor the holiday.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a no-leader hike. Meet other walkers at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive at 9:00 a.m.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 8:00 a.m.

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

For more hiking information and pictures of previous hikes to these and other destinations, check out:
www.portludlowhikingclub.com

Marine Weather Workshop

Learn to read the weather before you head out on the water.

Washington Sea Grant and Jefferson County WSU Extension are co-sponsoring a Marine Weather Workshop.

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- The relationships of atmospheric pressure and wind.
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- How pressure gradients affect wind in Washington waters.
- What a computer model is, how it works, and what it can give you.
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Bonsai (Pronounced: BONE-sigh)

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

This plant-based art form can be traced back as far as the Second Millennium BCE in China, where *Penjing* or “tray plants” copied famous landscapes and could include small figures carved from stone, houses, even mountains. In about the Eighth Century, the Japanese adopted and refined these plant trays, and they became “bonsai.” There were strict guidelines, some of which exist today. For example, the size and shape of the pot is specific to the size and proportion of the plant, as are rules for shaping and positioning plants. If you are planting a forest, the larger trees go in the front and small ones in the back. This gives the same perspective as if one were looking down railroad tracks that get smaller in the distance. Also, all trees in a forest must be visible from the front.

Bonsai were first displayed in the United States at the Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition in 1876. However, it wasn’t until 1950 that John Naka went into the hills around California to collect wild junipers, training them into what became the American style. One of these is on display at the Pacific Bonsai Museum, which is one of two museums in the United States dedicated solely to the art of bonsai. The other one is the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum at the U.S. National Arboretum in Washington, D.C.

In conjunction with the Washington State Centennial Celebration, George Weyerhaeuser, Jr., heir to the Weyerhaeuser timber company, opened their Bonsai collection in 1989. Its unique design was created by Hoshide Wanzer Architects in collaboration with Berger Landscaping, a landscape architect. The outdoor paths are raked gravel with niches of white stucco walls separating each plant display. There is also a Conservatory for tropical species.

In 2013 Weyerhaeuser gifted the collection to Pacific Bonsai Museum (PBM) a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. With it came 150 plants, but only 60 can be displayed at a time. In 2014 Aarin Packard became the curator, having previously been assistant curator at the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum. The museum’s mission “is to connect people to nature through the art of bonsai.”

In addition to acquiring and maintaining the beautiful specimens, he added to the “Natives” exhibition of 2017 behind the plant, paintings by Iuna Tinta, representing that bonsai’s indigenous ecosystem. In the 2020 “World War Bonsai: Remembrance and Resilience” exhibit, focus is on how the culture of bonsai was affected by the Second World War—on both sides of the Pacific. It features a 70-year-old black pine that was started from a seed by Juzaburo Furuzawa while in an incarceration camp during the

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war. To help you understand what you are seeing, there are two numbers on each tree. The first number is its birth, when it was a seedling; the second number is when it was potted and began bonsai training. For example, the oldest tree in the museum is a Korean Yew (*Taxus Cuspitate*) that was a seedling in 1500 that didn't begin its training until 1986.

Pacific Bonsai Museum is located at 2515 South 336th Street, Federal Way, WA, 98001. They are open Tuesday through Sunday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., closed on Monday and most holidays. Admission is by donation. Also, even though, most of the displays are outdoors, masks must be worn and social distancing practiced.

On, Over, Under, or Through

by Jim Gormly, Contributing Writer

Travel in the beautiful Pacific Northwest, an area steeped with views of water, mountains, and glacier-carved valleys and fjords, inevitably involves the occasional tunnel, bridge, or ferry, each of which can cause an impediment to traffic flow. The two-mile-long State Route 99 Tunnel that replaced the Alaskan Way Viaduct is impressive as it snakes under Seattle. Traffic, however, can be heavy and slow in it or anywhere in Seattle. To travel east of Port Ludlow, we must use the Hood Canal Floating Bridge, which is occasionally closed to vehicle traffic. And when we use a ferry, how often do we pay the fee and smugly drive directly onto the vessel just as they put up the safety cable? Not often, I'm guessing. So we have to wait at the ferry landing, slowly load up the vessel, and then proceed at less than 20 mph. Not that that can't be pleasant, but it can seem agonizingly slow.

Now imagine driving to Whidbey Island without stopping, without crossing over water, or without going all the way around. You'd enter a tunnel south of Port Hadlock, pass under Marrowstone Island at 50 mph, and a half-hour later, pop up near Coupeville, more than 15 miles away. As crazy as that sounds, you'll be able to take an equivalent trip in Norway in a few years.

Norway, which is somewhat smaller than California, is reported to have more than 1000 fjords and 1000 road tunnels. While Norway has an efficient ferry system, it experiences harsher weather conditions and stronger currents than we do, so the country has been replacing ferries with tunnels and the occasional bridge. It already has 33 undersea tunnels where distances are too great for bridges. Norway has a long-term goal to develop a continuous Coastal Highway Route on its rugged west coast by 2050, replacing seven different ferry connections and reducing travel time by half. Currently under construction is a 16 mile-long sub-sea road tunnel (Rogfast Tunnel), with a maximum depth of 1286 feet below sea level. It's expected to be completed by 2026. And what if the fjords are too deep and too wide for a traditional rock tunnel? We're accustomed to floating bridges—after all, Washington State is the floating-bridge capital of the world—but Norway is considering a submerged, floating-tube bridge/tunnel, deep enough to avoid water traffic, but not so deep that high water pressure needs to be dealt with—usually 60-150 feet. Tethers anchored to the seabed or pontoons floating at the

surface would provide the vertical and lateral stability. Although this entire project boggles the mind and strains the Norwegian treasury (US \$40 billion projected for the entire infrastructure project), I have no doubt that they'll successfully complete it.

I don't expect the Washington Department of Transportation to consider building underwater tunnels, submerged or in bedrock, anytime soon, particularly on the scale that the Norwegians are pursuing, but it's fun to envision something so challenging and complex. Meanwhile, since my wife and I are usually not in a hurry, we'll enjoy the leisurely pace on one of the state's ferries, taking in the mountains, water, and glacier-carved valleys. It's partly what drew us to the Pacific Northwest in the first place.

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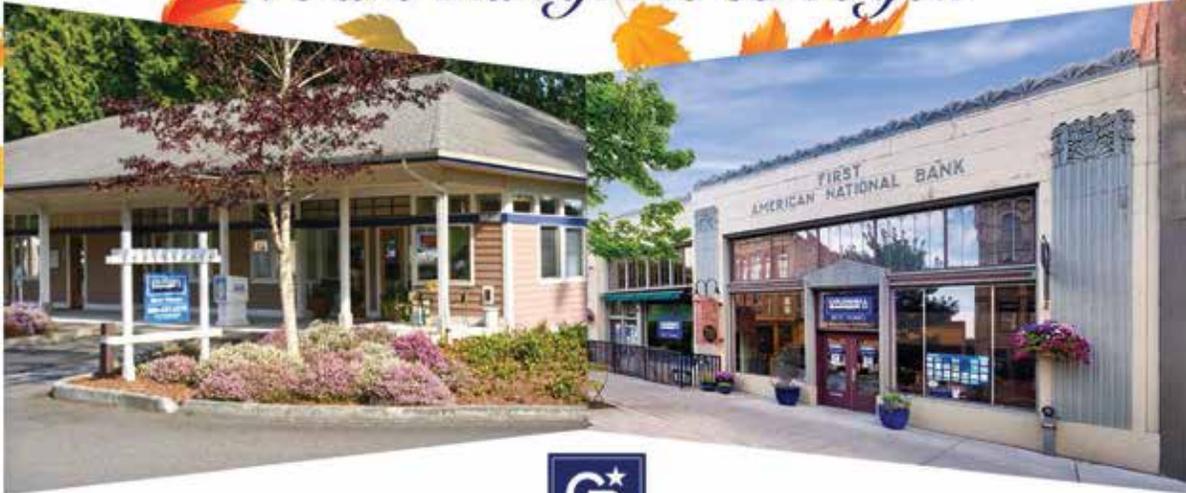
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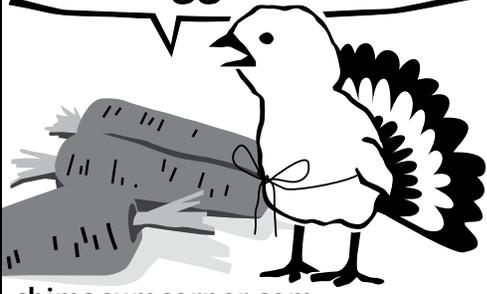
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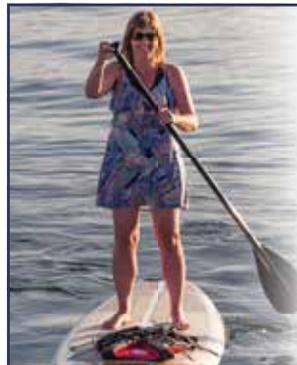
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