

PORT LUDLOW VOICE

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Examiner Extends Resort Hearing to February

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In the 90s when the Resort Plan proposed by Port Ludlow's developer was presented to a Land Use Hearing Examiner, hundreds of local residents crowded the Jefferson County Courthouse. So, it is no wonder when Port Ludlow Associates' (PLA) Major Resort Plan Revision was to be heard before Examiner Irv Berteig on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17 and 18, officials anticipated a big crowd. Considering County staff logged in over 400 communications on the project, who would have thought otherwise? But, on the first day, about 60 people attended and endured the cold in the Joseph F. Wheeler Theater at Fort Worden State Park.

In his opening remarks, Examiner Berteig announced two large file storage boxes of documents pertaining to the hearing were delivered to him five days prior, and there was no way he could fully review the contents before the hearing. He requested a tour of the Port Ludlow site, which includes the Ludlow Bay Village townhomes, the Inn, Marina and Harbormaster areas as well as the proposed location for the Admiralty III condos. The tour is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 7**, and will involve County staff, PLA representatives, delegates from community organizations and interested residents

Tuesday's hearing included testimony by Al Scalf, Director of the County's Department of Community Development and Mike Bergstrom, a consultant to the County. PLA was represented by attorney Marco de Sa e Silva of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP; Mark Dorsey, Project Manager; and consultants from Reid Middleton, Inc., a civil and structural engineering, planning, and surveying firm from Everett; as well as a biologist and other specialists. Testimony continued on Wednesday with representatives of various organizations and residents of Port Ludlow. Elizabeth Van Zonnenveld, President of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC), during her testimony said, "We would like to see you [PLA] withdraw this proposal and try again with community input." In his closing remarks, Scalf agreed with her, and asked PLA to meet in a public forum with residents to create a plan that everyone could agree on.

PLA wants to change the focus of the Resort Complex/Commercial Facilities (RC/CF) zone from large conferences and events to serving the traveling public. Because of the complexity of the application, the volume of material to be reviewed, and the request for a tour of the property, Berteig announced he would not close the hearing at the end of testimony on Wednesday, January 18, but rather, would continue it after he had studied everything. The hearing will continue on **Tuesday, February 28** at the Jefferson County Courthouse.

In addition to PLA's request for approval of its Major Revision to the Port Ludlow Resort Plan, approvals are sought for a Boundary Line Adjustment (BLA) and Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP). PLA also wants a code interpretation regarding over-water construction,



From the Editor's Keyboard

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Managing Editor

These are bleak days in Port Ludlow. Spoiled after an absolutely fabulous summer, the endless days of rain contribute to a feeling of malaise. But contributing to the sadness is the stoppage of all Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) major building projects, departure of familiar faces from the PLA employee roster, and the reality that at least temporarily PLA would not make major cash and in-kind donations to community-wide projects.

But if you're looking for action and language that borders on "trash talk," you don't need to pay the bucks to see professional sports—just attend a Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) meeting. The fans, in this case the residents, are getting feisty—they want to be heard. A buildup of residents' frustration is bound eventually to explode unless the PLVC begins to answer their questions and stops shielding Board members by referring all open discussion to Workshop meetings.

To the PLVC's credit, community members were allowed to speak before and after the January 5 meeting, but most Board members remained mute and couldn't or wouldn't respond to concerns. Effective with the **February** *Voice*, dates and times for General and Workshop meetings are published in the PLVC section. (See page 15.)

The *Voice* has been asked to publish all readers' letters. Our staff discussed this many times and again in January. Since a single-spaced one-page letter would require over one and one-half columns in our format, we can't comply. If we shortened a letter or didn't run it, we would be accused of favoritism or tampering with the content.

A staff member proposed placing residents' letters on the PLVC website. We submitted the request, described by their Webmaster as an easy process. The PLVC Board, however, refused to discuss our request, referring it to a later Workshop. It is obvious to keep on top of what happens at the PLVC, you need to save the **first and third Thursdays** at 9:00 a.m. for General Meetings and Workshops. The only allowable non-public meetings, according to PLVC By-Laws, are Executive Sessions that can be called to discuss legal issues.

The views expressed in this column are the Editor's alone—and don't necessarily represent the views of every volunteer member of the Voice staff.

Construction Halt: County Businesses Consider the Effects

by Voice Staff

With three Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) development projects, Olympic Terrace II, Trendwest and Ludlow Bay Village, held up in litigation, the extent of the economic impact from this shutdown of construction and real estate sales activity is of concern.

Mike Derrig, a 26-year resident of Port Ludlow, has been a consultant to management of Pope Resources, Olympic Resource Management and Port Ludlow Associates over most of those years. Speaking to the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board at their December general meeting, he said the property value of the three projects plus the Village Commercial Center is estimated at \$96 million. With construction costs running at 75 percent of sales prices, he estimates costs on these projects at \$72 million.

Members of the *Voice* staff contacted local contractors and vendors in an effort to gauge the affect of the stalled projects. Comments ranged from major impacts to little or none. When asked if the litigation would affect his business, Bob at Peninsula Floors in Port Townsend, answered, "Definitely—it already has." He said they'd already lost income and let two subcontractors go. Peninsula Floors does all of PLA's interiors, according to Bob, who remarked, "When they stop building, all construction related jobs are affected."

Sterling Huntingford of Cotton Redi-Mix of Port Hadlock said the shutdown has a huge effect. The company would lose revenue and probably have to cut two jobs. Stan Lea of Port Ludlow, who has worked for Pope Resources and their "off-shoots" since 1990, said, "This is the first time I will have to go out of the County for work." He expects the delays will have a huge impact on his business.

Jeff Sandquist of Sandquist Cabinets in Brinnon said the building delay has affected him a lot. His small company, made up of himself and two others, has geared up to do the kitchens, but now he's had to lay off staff. They were building a kitchen every week; now it's every two. He says, "The worst part is lying in bed at night and worrying about what is going to happen."

Although Mike Groff of Fine Finish Painting was unavailable to be interviewed, Jason Woods of Double D Electric said Groff has four employees and PLA is his primary customer so the lost work will probably have a great effect.

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Double D Electric has thousands invested in bidding [for Trendwest], according to Woods. “If we were to get the contract,” he said, “it would mean jobs for 10 to 12 people for 8 months and the Golf Course Clubhouse would also provide work. He concludes delaying or eliminating the projects will have a huge impact.

Some businesses were less pessimistic. Carl’s Building of Chimacum said, “PLA is not that big a customer so there is little or no effect;” and Shine Quarry said, “PLA is a good account but Shine is large enough that the loss of the three projects will not have a huge impact.” Michael Robinson, Glass Doctor of Puget Sound, commented, “Not yet,” saying he hadn’t noticed an effect and is still working in Port Ludlow. Mountain Propane’s comment was “nothing major,” since PLA just buys tanks from them; while Dave’s Tree Service view was, “Not at all,” since he’s still really busy with other jobs. Garron Petrick of Petrick Safe and Lock, says he always was an outside vendor and feels the delays have actually helped his business as he’s gained more in-shop work.

But loss of construction dollars isn’t the only impact affecting Jefferson County. According to Derrig, “Based on the current tax rates, these projects, upon completion, should generate an estimated \$1.5 million in excise taxes, \$5.9 million in sales taxes and over \$1 million per year in property taxes.” He estimated \$2.25 million of these taxes per year would go to Jefferson County.

When asked to comment on lost tax revenue, County Administrator John Fischbach said, “There is no question that the three projects in Port Ludlow generate significant dollars in revenue for Jefferson County and each of its taxing districts. Excise taxes and sales taxes provide substantial one-time dollars to our local economy and the annual property taxes (in excess of \$1 million) go a long way to pay for the new service demands.” These are the taxes that support community and county services such as fire and emergency services, schools, road maintenance, the hospital, libraries, etc.

Superintendent of Chimacum Schools, Mike Blair, indicated at a recent presentation on the upcoming school levy, that due to continuous new construction [in Port Ludlow], the small increase in the levy would not result in an increase in the levy tax bill for our local citizens.

Businesses servicing sales of property will also feel pressure. Susan Monroe and Shelley Henderson, founders of Bayside Escrow in Port Ludlow Place, said, “Little or

no new development would definitely have a negative impact on the growth and staffing of our business.”

The Trendwest project had provided much optimism for attracting other retail, grocery, services and restaurant operators to Port Ludlow. Based on their historical data from other similar locations, Trendwest had estimated their members would spend more than \$7 million at local golf, retail and restaurant facilities.

While residents have expressed agreement with the Appellate Examiner’s ruling that Trendwest timeshares should be considered transient accommodations, proprietors of businesses in the Village Center are disappointed that Trendwest members would not be potential customers.

Piper Diehl, proprietor of Ludlow Bay Massage & Wellness Center in the Village Center, looked forward to the vitality the proximity of the Trendwest project would bring to the Village Center. A Trendwest owner herself, she likes the looks and feel of the facilities as well as the caliber of the staff and felt they gave much back to communities.

Suspended development also causes organizations such as the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) to suffer less obvious impacts. It is estimated the annual contribution in assessments from Olympic Terrace II would have been approximately \$57,000.

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though they insist they don’t have plans at this time for any over-water buildings.

The BLA is of major concern to residents of the Ludlow Bay Village townhomes. PLA describes the purpose of the proposed BLA is adjustment of boundary lines between existing platted lots to make those lots consistent with the revised Resort Plan. However, some 29 townhome lots would be combined into various parcels slated for multi-family residential buildings of stacked flats.

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Port Ludlow Garden Club Brown-Bag Lunch

On **Wednesday, February 8**, at 11:00 a.m., at the Bay Club, the Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) will sponsor its traditional social and brown-bag lunch, with desserts and beverages supplied by the club hostesses. The 2006 annual membership cost is \$12.

Residents who are new to gardening, or interested in maintaining their views, will want to come hear David Deardorff present Container Gardening in the Landscape. Holding a Ph.D. in Botany, David is a former faculty member from both Washington State University (WSU) and the University of Hawaii. He will discuss how to use container culture to create manageable landscapes in smaller yards and patios. Container planting ideas will include: grouping plants with similar cultural needs (i.e., flowers, bulbs, shrubs, and grasses), multiple season planting in a single container, and tips for successfully managing the height of larger trees in the landscape by using pots or other containers.

During the meeting, you can sign up for the **March** bus trip to AWW Pots in Lynnwood, with a stop at Swanson's Nursery for lunch at their Festivities Café, more shopping, and then to the Pottery Time in Seattle. We anticipate returning to Port Ludlow by 5:00 p.m. The cost of this trip is \$35 with your PLGC membership discount. Please send checks made out to PLGC, P.O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow. This trip is sponsored by Dana Pointe Interiors. Thanks to Dana, we can buy pots at near wholesale prices, and arrange for them to be delivered to Port Ludlow.

In **April**, we will have a hands-on planting workshop at a local nursery, providing teaching tips for planting new pots

Singles Meet at Nemo's for Valentine's Day

All singles please join us for a Valentine's Day luncheon at Nemo's on **Tuesday, February 14**, at noon. We have reserved the private dining room for a festive lunch and gathering. Orders will be placed from an open menu, and billed separately.

For reservations, please contact Eleanor Stopps by **Tuesday, February 7**, at 437-2359. Call your single friends to carpool and share the day. Wear a touch of red, and remember your nametag!

Scotch Broom and Its Noxious Friends

by Dick Ullmann, Trails/Natural Resources Committee

It's almost is time for "Fun With Weeds Day, 2006." Once again, the Trails/Natural Resources Committee, in cooperation with the North Bay Greenbelt Committee, will be sponsoring our annual Scotch Broom Sweep. Over the past four years, volunteers have pulled, cut and whacked multiple truckloads of Scotch Broom and brought them to their final resting place. As before, we will also be looking for patches of Herb Robert and Tansy Ragwort.



Wednesday, March 8, is the date! We are looking for volunteers to meet at the Beach Club at 1:00 p.m. to form teams and pinpoint infested locations. And the best part—a tradition—is that volunteers and their spouses are invited to return to the Beach Club at 4:00 p.m. for a complimentary BBQ and social time. Prizes will be part of the deal! Scotch Broom stories will be told! The food will be terrific! And, a Scotch Broom King and Queen may be crowned. Don't miss it!

Sign up sheets are at both Clubs. Bring along a lopper or pruning saw and a pair of gloves. We also need a few trucks to transport our "loot" to the dump. Join us in this effort to improve the health of our forested areas. You'll enjoy the accomplishment and the chance to work and socialize with some great Port Ludlow volunteers.

Chimacum Schools Need Your Vote

Ballots were mailed January 18.
Must be returned postmarked no later than
Tuesday, February 7.
If you lose your ballot,
you can go to the County Courthouse in
Port Townsend to pick up a replacement.
Every vote counts.

Group Focuses on Pet Over-Population



*Marshall's life was saved when he was moved to Pet Pals' local shelter.
Photo by Deja Webster of Deja View*

Tackling pet overpopulation, Olympic Mountain (OM) Pet Pals is Jefferson County's premiere animal welfare group with two programs aimed at reducing pet homelessness. Their low-income spay/neuter program pays to have pets fixed when the family can't afford it. In addition, the group spays and neuters feral

cats throughout the county. The cats are humanely trapped, taken to vet clinics, and usually returned to their colony the same day, where they are important for local rodent control.

Since 2002, Pet Pals has paid for spay/neuter surgery for more than 2,000 dogs and cats, preventing births of thousands of animals, most of whom would have ended up homeless. These efforts are a big part of the reason that the county animal shelter has been able to become a no-kill facility. Without strong spay/neuter programs, local shelters are likely to be faced with euthanizing healthy pets or turning homeless animals away.

In addition to these programs, Pet Pals administers "Ginger's Fund," which has helped more than 100 low-income families pay veterinary bills for emergency medical care for their pets. It also brings animals to visit residents of extended care and assisted living facilities through their "Pets to People" program and uses trained therapy dogs to improve children's reading skills through the "READ" program.

Even with reduced rates from local vets, the programs are expensive with more than \$35,000 worth of annual expenditures. With no paid staff, and minimal overhead, funds go straight to help animals. Money to pay for programs comes from national grants, fund raisers, and member donations. The group is planning a large fund raiser in Port Ludlow in **March**.

For more information about OM Pet Pals or to join or volunteer, contact Ginny Messina, 379-9544, or messina@olympus.net

First Wednesday Luncheon at the Beach Club

The next First Wednesday Luncheon will be **Wednesday, February 1**, 11:00 a.m., at the Beach Club. Helen Kolff, from the Northwest Earth Institute, and Melinda Bower-Cates, an Eco Parties facilitator, will both share information about protecting our environment, and ways in which we can all get involved.

The deadline for anyone not on the permanent list wishing to attend was Friday, January 27, at the Bay Club or the Beach Club. Check with Veronica Schroeder at 437-4178 for last-minute reservations. Feel free to invite new friends or neighbors, and remember to wear your name tag.

In support of the Tri-Area Food Bank, guests are asked to donate canned soups in **February**, or the cost of a restaurant lunch in cash or check payable to the Food Bank.

A special thanks to January's raffle donor, McDonald's in Port Townsend, for providing gift certificates. After defraying luncheon expenses, all monies raised at the raffle are donated to the Food Bank and other local charities.

Looking Ahead

Joseph Mollerus, General Manager of the Port Angeles Red Lion Hotel, will host the First Wednesday Luncheon on Wednesday, March 8, at the Crab House restaurant. A sign-up sheet will be available at the February 1 luncheon. Seating at the Crab House is limited to 75, with travel arrangements to be determined once sign-ups are complete. Everyone, including permanent-list people, must sign up for this event.

Please Give Blood

Monday, February 27
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
2:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Port Ludlow Community Church

For information, contact Sally Hirschmann, 437-1377
Please call 1-800-398-7888 for an appointment.

Watercolor Painting Classes with Joy



Joy Herring resumes her popular watercolor classes.

Submitted photo

Come register for watercolor painting classes with Joy Herring! New class members can register at the Bay Club for this 6-week series that begins **Monday, March 27** and continues through **Monday, May 1**. Emphasis will be on good composition and laying washes.

Beginning classes will be scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and will focus on those who have no previous experience, or those who are still learning to control watercolors. Intermediate classes will be scheduled from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., and will focus on painters who can complete a challenging watercolor project. Students are encouraged to bring their own subject matter to paint. The cost to register for the entire course is \$60 for Bay Club members, and \$66 for non-members.

If You Love Theater!

Reader's Theater will meet **Wednesday, February 8**, 6:30 p.m., in the Bayview room at the Beach Club for another dramatic adventure. We have enjoyed the likes of Simon, Coward, Inge and even Shakespeare as well as several lesser-known playwrights for the past 15 months.

Meetings will not be held in **March, April or May**, as the Port Ludlow Players will be in production. Please join us in **February** for a delightful evening.

Call Val Durling, 437-2861, for further information or to be placed on the contact list.

Peninsula Carvers Resuming in February

Winter break is over and we're ready to resume carving! Our first coffee hour and planning session will be on **Tuesday, February 9**, 10:00 a.m., at the Bay Club. Please bring your current carvings to share with fellow carvers, or bring questions for us to answer. Carving is a fun and easy hobby to learn and enjoy. For information, call Maureen Poole at 437-2165.

WSU Water/Beach Watchers

Every year, Washington State University (WSU) Jefferson County Extension presents a series of classes designed to help educate Jefferson County residents about their watershed and water related issues.

Through this WSU Water/Beach Watcher program, participants learn from local and regional experts about a variety of natural resource topics, including stream biology, salmon restoration, estuaries, wetlands and wildlife, marine and near-shore environments, shorelines and coastal bluff processes, low-impact development, green gardening, improving water quality, groundwater, and much more. Classroom presentations are combined with guided local field trips so that participants get a first hand look at local beaches, streams, wetlands, etc. This is a fun way to learn more, become more familiar with our area, understand how our natural systems interact—and spend time with classmates and speakers that you will enjoy.

Classes are held at the WSU Jefferson County Extension Spruce Room in Shold Business Park on Highway 19 in Port Hadlock on **Monday and Thursday, March 6 to 30**, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Check in with us if you need to miss any classes and we can work out getting that class information to you. Upon completion of the eight-session course, class graduates are presented with many opportunities to get involved in their local communities through education, research and stewardship projects.

WSU Water/Beach Watchers are asked to volunteer 50 hours in the community in the coming year. The Water/Beach Watcher program is part of a cooperative seven-county watershed education program that has received federal funding to expand citizens knowledge and involvement in local natural resources science and projects.

Water/Beach Watchers come from all walks of life and from all over Jefferson County. Five members of the WSU Water/Beach Watchers Class of 2005 are from Port Ludlow and are making a difference every day through water-related projects. Call 379-5610 to register and for more program information. Class size is limited to 20 people.



Nancy Kragh of Port Ludlow measures a shrimp in a tagging assessment.

Photo courtesy of John Longcore

Movie Makers to Host Planning Session

On **Friday, February 10**, at 10:00 a.m., Movie Makers will hold a planning session at the Port Ludlow Community Church. Filming of *The Courthouse* is complete, and everyone responsible for writing, casting, acting, and filming this feature length film is anxious to view the Editor's rough-cut. We all learned so much, and now we want to share our product with you!

Please come view our film, listen to our filming stories, and help us brainstorm about promoting the film in theaters and selling DVDs. For information, call Maureen Poole at 437-2165.

February Hiking Schedule

by Dan Darrow, Hiking Club Scribe

The daffodil shoots are coming up, and the hummingbirds will be back at the end of the month. It's time for all of you who have been hibernating to wake up and put on your walking shoes.

Friday, February 10: Duckabush River Trail

Enjoy a moderate seven-mile hike through impressive second growth forest along the Duckabush River, with a 1,300-foot elevation gain on climbs up Little and Big Humps. Bring a snack or lunch and meet at the Bridge Deck at 9:00 a.m. to arrange for carpools and receive directions to the trailhead. For information, call Dick Ullmann at 437-5010 or David Blessing at 437-9426.

Friday, February 24: Grand Forest Land Trust

Join us for an easy walk exploring the Land Trust property on Bainbridge Island. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 9:00 a.m. to arrange for carpools and receive directions to the trailhead. For information, call Debbie Ayers at 437-9656 or Connie Abang at 437-0987.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the five-mile Timberton Loop any Wednesday, and enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier. Meet at the trailhead at 9:00 a.m. on Timberton Road. For information, call Doris Monti at 437-0716.

AARP Mature Driver Classes

The AARP Driver Safety Classes have improved! As of January instructors now teach an updated version (Edition 6) of the popular AARP Driver Safety Program. Course objectives are to help drivers understand the effects of aging on driving skills, learn compensating behaviors to help them be safe drivers, identify the most common types of crashes of older drivers, and learn how to reduce their chances of being involved in a crash.

Discussions on assessment of driving skills and identifying signs of unsafe driving will help drivers to look at their own driving problems. Car insurance companies that do business in Washington State are required to give an "appropriate" discount on car insurance to drivers 55 years and older who complete a certified Driver Safety Course. The AARP course is eight hours divided into two class sessions. The cost is \$10 for materials. Drivers of all ages are welcome.

AARP class schedules for Jefferson and Clallam Counties can now be found at www.drive2survive101.com. Click on "Education & Awareness" and then AARP class schedule. Classes of interest to Port Ludlow residents will be as follows:

- **Tuesday and Wednesday, February 7 and 8**, 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Beach Club, 360-379-1782
- **Monday and Tuesday, February 27 and 28**, 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Tri-Area Community Center, 360-732-4822
- **Monday and Tuesday, March 13 and 14**, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Port Townsend Community Center, 360-385-9007
- **Wednesday and Thursday, March 15 and 16**, 10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m., Beach Club, 360-379-1782
- **Tuesday and Wednesday, March 28 and 29**, 9:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Brinnon Community Center, 360-796-4350

With prior arrangements, you may take one day of the class at one location and the second day at a different location. You may reserve your space in the class by calling the number listed for each location. For more information, please contact Linda Pfafman, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office at 385-3831, ext. 521 or by e-mail lpfafman@co.jefferson.wa.us.

Fire Districts Acquire New Jaws of Life



Chiefs and paramedics from Districts 2 and 3 display new equipment. Submitted photo

Through the support of Jefferson County Emergency Management Director Bob Hamlin and Jefferson County Fire Districts, \$85,000 in Homeland Security Grant funds were awarded to Jefferson County Fire Districts 1,

East Jefferson Fire Rescue; Jefferson County Fire District 2, Quilcene; and Jefferson County Fire District 3, Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue.

These grant funds were for the purpose of acquiring two new sets of "Jaws of Life," a power unit, cutters, spreaders, and two sizes of rams for Fire Districts 2 and 3; and a new pair of cutters and spreaders for Fire District 1. The new cutters have a much higher cutting force than the others. That gives emergency responders the latest technology for extrication with modern vehicles.

Farm Fresh Eggs!

Would you enjoy a dozen organic eggs delivered each week, nearby in Port Ludlow? Our eggs are beautiful and healthy for you and your family. They come in a rainbow of nature's color—blue, white, brown and dark chocolate brown. Our chickens at Ananda Hills Farm range the pastures along with sheep, a cow and a livestock guardian dog that keeps them safe from predators. The hens are fed certified organic feed.

To pre-order your eggs for easy pick up at the Ludlow Bay Massage and Wellness Center, a local Port Ludlow business, call Ananda Hills Farm at 732-0111. You can also just stop by the Wellness Center, but for your convenience, it is best to call 437-3798 ahead and be sure staff are present.

Please look for our other products, which include potted herbs, vegetables, fryers and stewing hens. Shetland wool products in a variety of colors are also available for the hand spinner and knitter. See you at the local Farmers' Market this spring! Or call the farm anytime for a visit.

Jefferson County Fire District #3

Alarm Statistics December 2005

Alarms	
Fire	3
Emergency Medical	31
Motor Vehicle Accidents	13
Rescue	1
Service	6
Total Alarms	54
Ambulance Transports	
Jefferson General Hospital	9
Harrison Memorial Hospital	8
Harborview Medical Center	1
Naval Hospital Bremerton	0
Olympic Hospital Port Angeles	0
Total Transports	18
Mutual Aid with Neighboring Districts	
Provided	8
Received	1
Total Mutual Aid	9

Chief Ed Wilkerson's Safety Tip: Winter Driving

During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove and fireplace are clear of snow buildup.

Laughter is one of nature's chief stress relievers. Read the funnies, watch your favorite comedy show, swap jokes with friends. These are all good strategies for not taking winter, or life in general, too seriously.

Kayaking Adventure Described

Dine and Discover invites the community to come to the Bay Club on **Monday, February 6**, 6:00 p.m., to hear Shawna Franklin, operator of a boating business in Eastsound on Orcas Island. She kayaked completely around Iceland and will share her adventure with us.

On **Monday, March 6**, at the Beach Club, Mike Zimmerman, Area Manager of the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, will talk about the 100th Anniversary celebration of our State Park system.

Both events are open to the entire community. Please sign up at the Bay Club for the **February** event and at the Beach Club for the **March** event. Bring a potluck dish to share. Bring your own beverage, tableware and \$2 per person. Call Hilda and Michael Cahn with any questions at 437-8223.

Teal Lake Holiday Improvements

Over the holidays, the Port Ludlow Fly Fishers (PLFF) of Jefferson County organized improvements to Teal Lake, located off Teal Lake Road, beyond Olympic Terrace. The following projects were completed:

- New crushed rock topping on the parking lot
- Crushed granite rock by the lake access
- Crushed rock on the trails
- Donations from the following companies made these improvements possible:
 - Fred Hill Materials (Shine), 24 tons granite rock
 - Shine Quarry, 36 tons basalt rock
 - Port Ludlow Associates, 12 tons basalt rock
 - Shold Excavating, 5 hours truck time hauling rock from quarry to lake

The PLFF Teal Lake maintenance fund provided equipment to move the rock. Club members contributed labor to distribute and level the rock. They included Archie Charawell, Ken McMillen, Dick Timmerman and Ken Winter.

Tides of March Benefit Auction

Last year's Tides of March Benefit Auction was a roaring success. Funds that were raised allowed the Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) to provide a wide array of educational programs for "kids" of all ages—from 3 to 93!

And on top of that, if you were there, you know it was riotous fun with great food, beverages and exciting items that you couldn't find anywhere else. We still have people raving about the incredible experiences they bought at the auction, from gourmet dinners to lunch with the orangutans to a behind-the-scenes Smithsonian tour to a bi-plane ride for a birthday surprise.

This year, we plan to have even more unique, one-of-a-kind items and once again, we will celebrate the evening with excellent food and drink. It all happens on Saturday, March 4, 6:00 p.m., in the Erickson Building at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

But for the auction to be a success this year, your help is needed. Here are four things to help put this event over the top once again!

1. Save the date and join us for a very fun evening, **Saturday, March 4**.
2. Send in your pre-registration at \$9 per person vs. \$15 at the door. Registration forms are available online at www.ptmsc.org.
3. Volunteer! Help is needed in all sorts of areas, and, if you volunteer for any aspect of the auction, admission is free. Call Jean Walat at 385-5582, ext. 112 if you'd like to help out.
4. Contribute an item for the auction. We can use all kinds of items and need them submitted (not necessarily delivered) by **Friday, February 11**, in order to make sure they are included in the auction catalogue. Minimum value is \$25 please. Donor forms are available online at www.ptmsc.org.

Our goal is \$50,000 this year—up a notch from last year's \$40,000! For more information or to participate, please call the PTMSC office at 385-5582 or call Christina Pivarnik at 379-3378.

Movie Nights for Families

Family Movie Nights will be held on **Friday, February 3**, and **Friday, February 17**, at the Bridge Deck. All parents and children in Port Ludlow are welcome to attend. Movie selection is chosen the evening of the showing. Show time is 7:00 p.m. and the film ends about 9:00 p.m. Popcorn and juice are provided. Enjoy!

See you at the movies in **February**!

Call Now for Free Screening

Harrison Medical Center and Medtronics have arranged with Lifeline Screening of the U.S. to offer free stroke and vascular screening on **Tuesday, March 7**, at the Beach Club and **Friday, March 17**, at Harrison's Silverdale facility. To qualify, one must be at least 60 and have one of the following conditions: take blood pressure medicine, have smoked, history of heart disease, or family history of abdominal aneurism.

If you believe you may qualify for this free one-hour test, with ultrasound, which normally costs \$129, call Lifeline Screening toll free at 1-866-220-7283 for an appointment for either date. Be sure to state that this is a free test. A limit of 90 people on each date is permitted.

Tenth Annual Victorian Festival

Have you ever dreamed of taking a trip in a time machine, back to an era of Victoriana, a time when tall ships covered Port Townsend Bay? The Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) will present the Tenth Annual Victorian Festival, **Thursday, March 16 through Sunday, March 19**. The Cornucopia Band, a popular old-time band twice at our Music on the Green, will perform in the afternoon at Water Street Brewing and Ale and in the evening at the Festival's Victorian Costume Ball.

If you want to really get in the act, the search is on for local actors to play the roles of rascals, suspects and other actual characters from Port Townsend's past for the Festival's annual History's Mysteries game on **Saturday and Sunday, March 18 and 19**. These volunteers get to dress in costume, spread gossip, protest their innocence, create scenes, mislead sleuths and generally have a great time with other characters and visitors to the Port Townsend Victorian Festival. For more information, contact Marsha Moratti at 385-1003 or marsha@jchsmuseum.org.

The Festival will feature a myriad of other events using the entire town as a venue. For a preview, visit www.victorianfestival.org or e-mail inform@victorianfestival.org.

Auditions for PLP May Production

Port Ludlow Players (PLP) announces four "absurdist" one-act plays to be presented on an early **May** weekend. Auditions will be held **Wednesday, February 22**, in the Bayview Room of the Beach Club from 6:30–8:30 p.m.

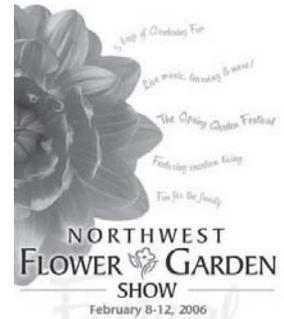
If you attended and enjoyed the female version of *The Odd Couple* last spring, get involved—either in acting or technical crew—we need you. Call Val Durling for further information at 437-2861.

Calligraphy Classes at the Bay Club

Come join us for Calligraphy classes at the Bay Club, **Thursday and Friday, February 16 and 17**, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$50 for members, and \$55 for non-members. To register and discuss supplies, call Judy Courtwright at 379-4037.

Northwest Flower and Garden Show

Come enjoy the Northwest Flower and Garden Show from **Wednesday, February 8, through Saturday, February 11**, at the Seattle Convention Center. With each ticket purchased, you will receive brochures providing an overview of the show, and dates for free gardening seminars.



Tickets are available at the Community Enrichment Alliance ticket table in the Bay Club any **Wednesday or Friday**, between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$16. Garden club members can purchase their discounted tickets by calling Linda LaCrois at 437-7790, or Eline Lybarger at 437-7701.

Girl Scout Thinking Day

All former Girl Scouts and leaders are invited to attend a Thinking Day Event on **Wednesday, February 22**, 2:00–4:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. We will serve refreshments, show a movie, *The Golden Eaglet*, enjoy some scout songs and reminisce about our scouting days.



Girl Scouts.

A donation of \$1 will be collected at the door. Please sign up at the Bay Club or Beach Club by **Monday, February 20**. For further information, call Roz Greene, 437-9870, or Nancy Green, 437-0548.

Dog Owners!

Do you know what your pet is doing while you're away? Is it barking or howling incessantly? Perhaps it would be advisable to check with neighbors to find out.



Be a good neighbor by taking the appropriate steps to ensure peace in the community.

Dog walkers, kudos for all of you who carry a plastic bag and always clean up after your pets. Thank you!

From the Jefferson County Administrator's Desk

by John F. Fischbach, Jefferson County Administrator

Greetings to all of you. I hope this communiqué finds you in good spirits and good health.

In early January, I had the opportunity to address the Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce and give an overview of the County's budget and plans for 2006. I thought a brief recap might be of interest to those of you unable to attend.

In December 2005, the Board of County Commissioners approved a budget of \$41.1 million for 2006. This was an increase over last year's budget of \$37.9 million. Sales tax revenue in 2005 came in strong at \$2.2 million with over \$2.3 million projected for 2006. Another strong revenue source is the real estate excise tax. With the ever increasing value of home sales in 2005 equated to \$412.5 million, the tax derived from those sales goes to capital expenditures such as the sewer project discussed later in this article.

The budget took into account three main topics of primary interest to Jefferson County residents, based upon surveys conducted in the past few years. They are law and justice, health care, and recreation. As a result, several staff members were added to both the Sheriff's Department and the Health Department. Overall, the County now has 10.4 staff per 1,000 residents.

There are five main projects that are being undertaken in 2006. The first involves the Irondale/Port Hadlock sewer system. A consulting firm has been hired to develop a full plan by **August**, including where and how to finance it, along with preliminary engineering plans.

Secondly, the clock tower rehabilitation is underway. Landscaping has begun around the County Courthouse, making the grounds more user-friendly to the public coming to do business at the Courthouse.

The Castle Hill offices have been undergoing remodeling and upgrading since late 2005 and will continue into 2006. And finally, a water resource inventory study is ongoing with legislation planned for later in the year.

Port Ludlow has three major developments under consideration, as you are all aware: the Ludlow Bay Village Master Plan, which had a public hearing January 17 and 18; Olympic Terrace II, which two Hearing Examiners approved and is now in Superior Court; and Trendwest, with the Hearing Examiner's decision remanded in early

December. I've addressed all of these topics in previous articles and will do so again next month as more unfolds with each of them.

The last issue of importance revolved around the Gateway Visitor Center and its potential move. One possibility might be the property owned by Dean Reynolds that is at the base of Teal Lake Road at Highway 104. Al Scalf, Department of Community Development Director, and I met with Mr. Reynolds in early January. Over the next few months, we'll be working with the Port Ludlow Chamber to determine the best venue for the Visitor Center as well as staffing for it.

I look forward to bringing you more news next month. As always, please feel free to contact me at 385-9100 or via e-mail at jfischbach@co.jefferson.wa.us if you have questions or comments.

Jefferson County Crop Walk

This walkathon will be held on **Saturday, March 4**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. for registration and 10:00 a.m. to walk. The purpose is to raise money to fight hunger in our community and around the world through self-help development initiatives.

The walk begins and ends at H.J. Carroll Park on Rhody Drive in Chimacum. The entire distance is five miles, but a "Golden Mile" loop within the Park is offered for walkers who would like to participate but prefer a shorter distance.

Each year about 2,000 communities across the country sponsor Crop Walks, an interfaith initiative of Church World Service. This will be the third year the walk has been held in Jefferson County and is being sponsored by our local churches. Funds raised through the walk support Church World Service's relief and development programs or may be designated to other international hunger-fighting agencies. These funds help provide tools of hope that empower people in 80 countries to meet their own needs. A portion of the money raised will go to our local food bank. For more information about the Crop Walk, contact Carolyn Allen at 385-5033.

Last year the staff of the *Voice* raised \$300 for this worthy cause, and several staff members participated in the walk. We would like to increase the number of sponsors giving monetary donations and the number of walkers this year. If you would like to help us, please contact Bev Rothenborg at 437-0505.

Peggy Schafran, Our Community Ombudsman

by Bonnie Schoenemann, Assistant Managing Editor



Peggy Schafran is an unsung heroine.

Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

The personable and passionate Peggy Schafran is one of our most valuable resources in Port Ludlow. She has single-handedly brought a wealth of information to our mostly senior population.

Peggy has personally researched and arranged for forums and lectures on health issues so that we won't be caught panicked and un-

aware when our turn comes to act calmly and rationally in an emergency situation. Here for 29 years she has been actively involved in increasing our knowledge of community resources. Because of personal health situations in the past, she has had to "wing it" and, as a result, is determined that the rest of us be prepared.

Peggy's grandmother always mentored her granddaughter to make a difference and to be a leader, which she has fervently taken to heart. Her background includes a 33-year career in Federal Civil Service, acquiring her education at night school along the way (it took her 20 years to get a B.A. = tenacity!). She has been teacher, has traveled extensively, has a thirst for knowledge and applies it to benefit others.

Her marriage to Walter Schafran (who many of us remember as Uncle Sam every 4th of July) and his subsequent health problems, convinced her that our community would benefit greatly from her experience of going through the hoops and loops of getting service and help in a myriad of situations—not just in the medical field.

She developed an informational reference booklet as well as a sign-up list for volunteers offering transportation and/or company to housebound community members, available at both Clubs. (Newcomers: please add your name if you are interested in helping out.) And that was in addition to always being heavily involved in our community affairs: Lot Owners Association (LOA) President, Chairman of the First Wednesday Luncheons, Port Ludlow Singles Group, various health forums, and one on heart problems planned for the end of **April**.

Peggy Schafran is an unsung heroine in Port Ludlow. She quietly goes about bettering this community through information on issues we all benefit from. Her last forum on strokes in November involving three local hospitals absolutely maxed out the South Bay Club parking facilities (oops), only emphasizing the fact that what she is doing is very important. She says she wants to make a difference by helping her friends, and by doing so, herself, by sharing any information she thinks would be beneficial. "When I leave this world I want to know I have helped others." You have, Peggy—in spades.

Computer Club News

Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) meets **Monday, February 13**, at 6:00 p.m. for a social time; with the meeting itself beginning at 6:30 p.m. Greg Burns, Chief Technology Officer at Open Interface, returns to speak to the membership about the wireless home. Greg is currently responsible for all Bluetooth protocol stack development for the company. He was an early pioneer in interactive TV, home networking, and advanced consumer technology at Microsoft. PLCC General Meetings are open to all Port Ludlow residents. Be sure not to miss this interesting program. Bring your friends!



The Outlook Express SIG meets on **Monday, February 6**, 10:30 a.m.–noon. Bring your questions, or e-mail them to Pat Awisus at PatA112234@msn.com. Genealogy SIG meets on **Thursday, February 9**, 1:00–3:00 p.m. for all PLCC members who are interested in researching their roots. Mac SIG meets **Saturday, February 4**, 9:00–10:30 a.m., and again on **Monday, February 20**, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Photography SIG is **Monday, February 27**, 10:30 a.m.–noon. PC Workshops are held every **Saturday** morning 11:00 a.m.–noon at the Bay Club. Bernie's Beginning Computer Class continues on **Wednesdays through February 15**.

All SIGs and Workshops are for members only. For information about joining PLCC, contact Homer Evans at 437-2430 or e-mail him at hpevans@cablespeed.com. Visit the Club website at www.pl-cc.com for more Club information and computing tips.

Village Activities Calendar

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

February

Wed., February 1

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., Reinstate 7-Day a Week Hours, Beach Club
 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon, Beach Club
 Noon, Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, Harbormaster
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Red Cross CPR Class, Bay Club
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class (enrollees), Bay Club
 7:00 – 10:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary “Boating Skills” Class,
 Fire Station

Thurs., February 2

9:00 a.m. – noon, PLVC General Meeting, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Knitwits, Beach Club
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Red Cross First Aid Class, Bay Club

Fri., February 3

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Family Movie Night, Bridge Deck

Sat., February 4

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members) Bay Club
 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., PLYC Crab Fest, Bay Club

Sun., February 5

3:00-5:00 p.m., Artists of Month Reception, Beach Club

Mon., February 6

9:00 a.m. – noon, LOA Board Meeting (members), Beach Club
 9:00 a.m. – noon, Beginning Watercolor w/Joy, Bay Club
 10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Outlook Express SIG (mem-
 bers), Bay Club
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Dine and Discover Potluck, Bay Club

Tues., February 7

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., AARP Driver Safety Class, Beach Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Plush Investment Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., February 8

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., AARP Driver Safety Class, Beach Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Port Ludlow Drainage District, Beach Club
 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Garden Club Luncheon, Bay Club
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class (enrollees), Bay Club
 6:30 p.m., Reader’s Theater, Beach Club

Thurs., February 9

10:00 – 11:45 a.m., Peninsula Carvers, Bay Club
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Computer Club Genealogy SIG (members),
 Bay Club

Fri., February 10

9:00 a.m. – Hiking Club departs for Duckabush River Trail,
 Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 10:00 a.m., Moviemakers, Port Ludlow Community Church
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Inner Harbor Board Meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Members’ Cocktail Party (members),
 Bay Club

Sat., February 11

9:00 a.m. – noon, LMC Board of Trustees Meeting (members),
 Beach Club
 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Timberton Board Meeting (members),
 Bay Club

Sun., February 12

3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Arts Council Presents Mike Strickland Trio,
 Bay Club

Mon., February 13

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Bluebills Meeting, Bay Club
 9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 2:00 – 3:00 p.m., Woodworkers, Bay Club
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m., Computer Club Social, Bay Club
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Computer Club General Meeting, Bay Club

Tues., February 14

Valentine’s Day

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., MGA Meeting, Bay Club
 Noon, Singles Meet for Lunch, Nemo’s
 4:00 – 6:00 p.m., Ten Karat Women’s Investment Club,
 Beach Club
 6:00 p.m., Free Spirits Valentine’s Dinner (members), Bay Club

Wed., February 15

10:00 a.m.–noon, Rubber Stamp Art Club, Beach Club
 12:30 – 4:00 p.m., Port Ludlow Artists’ League, Bay Club
 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Book Club, Bay Club

Thurs., February 16

9:00 a.m., PLVC Workshop, Beach Club
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Calligraphy with Judy, Bay Club
 2:00 – 4:30 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Computer Club Board Meeting (members),
 Bay Club

Fri., February 17

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., SBCAARC Review Meeting, Bay Club
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., Calligraphy with Judy, Bay Club
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Family Movie Night, Bridge Deck

Sat., February 18

6:00 p.m., North Bay Homeowner Potluck (HOPL), Beach Club

Mon., February 20

Presidents’ Day

10:00 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Special Topics SIG (members),
 Bay Club
 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members), Bay Club

Tues., February 21

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club
 12:15 p.m., Out to Lunch Bunch, Fort Worden
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Fly Fishers General Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., February 22

2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Girl Scout Thinking Day Tea, Bay Club
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Port Ludlow Players Auditions, Beach Club
 7:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary General Meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., February 23,

10:00 a.m. – noon, Port Ludlow Drainage District, Beach Club
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club

Fri., February 24**Flag Day**

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 9:00 a.m., Hiking Club departs for Grand Forest Land Trust,
 Bridge Deck
 Noon – 3:00 p.m., “Protecting Vessel” Talk, Marina

Mon., February 27

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Computer Club Photography SIG
 (members), Bay Club
 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Blood Drive, Port Ludlow Community
 Church
 2:45 – 5:00 p.m., Blood Drive, Port Ludlow Community Church
 3:00 – 4:45 p.m., Teal Lake Board Meeting, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., *Voice* Staff Meeting (members), Bay Club

Tues., February 28

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Ludlow Bay-4 Board Meeting, Bay Club

Future Events

Jefferson County Crop Walk, March 4
 PLYC Officers’ Open House, March 5
 Trails/NRC Meeting, March 6
 First Wednesday Luncheon at Port Angeles Red Lion, March 8
 Fun With Weeds Day, March 8
 The Canadian Tenors, March 12
 AARP Driver Safety Class, March 15 and 16
 Nine-Hole Golfers Kick-off Cocktail Party, March 16
 Beginning and Intermediate Watercolor Painting with Joy,
 Starting March 27
 CEA Shopping Trip to University Village in April



Recognizing a Stroke

Bill and Ingrid had gone to an afternoon, neighborhood barbecue, where Ingrid stumbled and took a little fall. She assured everyone that she was fine and must have tripped over a patio brick because of her new shoes. The hosts offered to call a paramedic, but Ingrid refused. So they helped her to get cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared to be a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself for the rest of the evening.

Ingrid’s husband called later to tell everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital and passed away at 6:00 p.m. She had suffered a stroke at the barbecue. Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, Ingrid might still be alive today.

Three Simple Questions

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within three hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke ... totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed and getting to the patient within three hours, which is tough.

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke.

Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to smile.
2. Ask him or her to raise both arms.
3. Ask the person to speak a simple sentence (Coherently) (i.e., “It is sunny out today.”)

If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

After discovering that a group of non-medical volunteers could identify facial weakness, arm weakness and speech problems; researchers urged the general public to learn the three questions. They presented their conclusions at the American Stroke Association’s annual meeting last February. Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

Expired Gift Cards

Have you heard about some gift cards that couldn’t be used due to expiration or because of a franchised company, etc.? Fear no more.

Former Governor Gary Locke signed a law that was effective July 1, 2004 and covered retail gift cards purchased and used in Washington State. They no longer can expire, they no longer can be hit with automatic deductions for non-use, and once the balance drops to \$5, the card owner has the right to receive cash back. There are exceptions in the case of credit card gift cards and gift cards or certificates that are donated. For more details, see: dor.wa.gov/Docs/Pubs/News/2004/N.

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Port Ludlow Village Council

General Meeting Highlights

by Beverly Browne, Contributing Editor

The January meeting of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) was held at the Beach Club on Thursday, January 5. The Council initiated a method of taking public comments; residents wishing to speak, sign up for time. Initial comments are restricted to two minutes per speaker. Questions raised by various residents included:

- Whether any PLVC Board members were involved in an organization called “Association of Friends of Ludlow Bay”
- Confusion over the purpose of the PLVC
- How the PLVC Board obtains residents’ views
- Why a letter, approved at the December meeting, was not sent to the Court supporting Olympic Terrace II
- How and when the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) and Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) presidents got a vote on the Board, since they didn’t when the PLVC was formed.
- How residents could know when meetings would be held, since Workshops generally were not announced in the *Voice*.

During opening comments, Tom Stone, PLVC secretary, said a written request had been received from the *Voice* requesting readers’ letters be published on the PLVC website *plvc.org*. The matter was set aside for further consideration. Later in the meeting, Stone suggested a link could be provided through “Interested People Contact Us.” The Board chose to refer the question to a future Workshop meeting.

In response to questions about membership in the Association of Friends of Ludlow Bay, it was said that the affected Council members had terminated their relationship with the organization. Lani McCarry addressed the gap between the Council’s actions and its mission of representing the residents. She was told that the Council had no formal method for gathering public opinion.

Secretary Tom Stone announced that unapproved minutes from the last meeting are posted on the website. Approved minutes will be posted on the web and at the Bay and Beach Clubs when Council members complete their review and make corrections.

Treasurer Bruce Pyles reported that there was over

Schedule of Future PLVC Meetings

Regular monthly and workshop meetings of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) are currently scheduled on the **1st and 3rd Thursdays** of each month and are open to all community residents. Note workshops are primarily Council working sessions in preparation for the regular monthly meetings. The current schedule of forthcoming PLVC meetings (**Thursdays** at 9:00 a.m. unless noted otherwise) is as follows:

February 2 , Regular,	Bay Club
February 16 , Workshop,	Beach Club
March 2 , Regular,	Beach Club
March 16 , Workshop,	TBD
April 6 , Regular,	Bay Club
April 20 , Workshop,	TBD
May 4 , Regular,	Beach Club
May 18 , Workshop,	TBD
June 1 , Regular,	Bay Club
June 15 , Workshop,	TBD

Agenda Item Additions at PLVC Meetings

Every regular monthly Council meeting includes time for public comment from those in attendance. To ensure that Council meetings are conducted efficiently and to allow response where appropriate, each individual public comment at these meetings is normally limited to a nominal two minutes.

Residents, having more substantial topics or issues that they believe should be brought before the Council and which require more thorough review and discussion, are reminded that they can request or recommend agenda topics through any Council member or, alternatively, through the Council Secretary, Tom Stone, at tstone@cablespeed.com. Individuals proposing agenda topics should include a brief outline of the issue and be prepared to introduce the topic (define problem, research required, issues or questions to resolve, action proposed/requested, etc.), when scheduled at a regular monthly meeting of the PLVC.

\$19,000 in the Village Council treasury as of the end of December. Of that amount, \$3,500 is designated for Trails. Income from the Sound Bank Visa card has been declining slightly. Better promotion of the card, that generates \$25 for each enrollee even if not used, was suggested. He announced receipt of an invoice for annual support from the *Voice* for \$2,400, which was referred for consideration at a future Workshop meeting.

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Marilyn and Dick Durand are chairing the 2006 Funfest. Discussion centered on whether income from the Funfest should benefit only the Village Council or should be distributed to provide other benefits to the community. Doug Herring commented from the floor that he had personally committed to the 70-some volunteers that money from the 2005 Funfest was designated to go back to community projects such as the arts. However, so far there was no plan to create a citizen committee to distribute these funds. According to Connie Wilkinson, Habitat for Humanity did receive a donation from festival funds. Former Councilmember Lee Amundson said the original PLVC had decided FunFest would raise money to cover Council expenses. Tom Stone suggested the organizers for a certain year should distribute funds generated in that year, and that a Finance Committee should be appointed to ease the process.

Reporting for the Community Development Committee (CDC), Larry Nobles said the Committee was tracking three projects with Jefferson County.

1. The first is the LUPA (Land Use Petition Act) suit filed in relation to Olympic Terrace II, with the final hearing scheduled for **Wednesday, February 22**, before a Kitsap County judge. He discussed SBCA's intervention, which generated questions as to the appropriateness of the PLVC also filing an intervention to support the SBCA. Nobles went on to say that the appellants' requests for change in venue to another county and extension of time had been refused.
2. With respect to Ludlow Cove II, Trendwest has filed a LUPA and is considering a comprehensive plan adjustment with a deadline of **Wednesday, February 1**.
3. Last, the plan to lease or sell the Conference Center to a local church is stalled since a church is not a permitted use of the site without a major revision of the Master Planned Resort (MPR) code. According to former Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) President Greg McCarry and others, such a revision would create a dangerous precedent.

Further discussion centered on the best way for the PLVC to support the Olympic II development—an intervention with South Bay Community Association (SBCA) or a letter to the court. A motion for PLVC to join SBC in the intervention at a cost not to exceed \$3,000

failed. Councilmember Allen Panasuk reminded the Board that they had reaffirmed support of the project at their December 1 meeting. Finally, a motion passed to ask Bruce Schmitz to consult with attorney Richard Shattuck, since he was already scheduled to meet with him, for his recommendation on the best way PLVC can support the Olympic Terrace II development.

Steve Failla, Recycling Committee Chair, reported that Skookum had bailing problems and requested that residents flatten plastic bottles to reduce volume. He also requested volunteers for the Recycling Committee. (See related article on page 17.)

Marge Carter, Trails Committee, reported that support for the Trails Committee from Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) would not be available until their building program was resumed. (See related article on page 30.)

Phil Otness, Utilities Committee, reported that the Committee had been concentrating on local utilities and that some Committee members may need to be replaced. There was no report from the Emergency Preparedness Committee.

John Golden, Ludlow Bay Resort Committee Co-Chair, announced the hearing before the Hearing Examiner on the Ludlow Bay Village/Resort Plan would be held at Fort Worden on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 17 and 18. Some residents had tried to get the two-day hearing venue changed to the Bay Club and Beach Club; however, the Judge chose the Port Townsend location.

Commissioner, Pat Rodgers, announced he would not run for re-election and said he would answer any questions. He stated that County Commissioners are governmental officials who create policy but have little impact on judicial processes. He said he favors eliminating the position of appellant hearing examiner.

In response to a question about why the hearing examiner would not hold hearings in Port Ludlow, County Administrator, John Fischbach, cited three reasons.

1. The large numbers of expected attendees.
2. The need for public recording.
3. The necessity of adequate public notice. Changing the venue would delay the hearing.

Jefferson County Fire Chief Wilkerson announced that David Wheeler was the new Chair of the Fire Commis-

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sioners. He discussed changes in administrative organization and the appointment of an Administrative Chief. He announced a grant received from Homeland Security that allowed the purchase of a state-of-the-art “jaws-of-life.” (See related story on page 8.)

Diana Smeland, Interim PLA President, spoke about the company’s plans in the community. She said that PLA intends to remain in Port Ludlow and the investors are positive about its development. However, real estate inventory is low and that will cause some pressure on spending. There is no intention of closing the Harbormaster at this time, although there may be some menu changes. It is PLA’s intention to expand the circle of comment on the development of the Resort. Greg McCarry agreed that there are elements of the project that are very important to management including a new Marina building. Changes will need to fit within the approved plat. Any change that goes beyond that requires a 100 percent vote of the residents of Ludlow Bay Village, a virtual impossibility.

In the final comment period, Mike Derrig outlined the substantial financial impact of delaying and/or eliminating any and all of the proposed developments. According to Derrig, there would be effects on local and county taxes, jobs, retail sales, and developer profits. (See related article on page 2.)

Doug Herring commented that the PLVC’s processes, specifically with regard to letters, should be less opaque. It should involve comment periods, open session, and set deadlines.

The next general meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 2**, 9:00 a.m., at the Bay Club.

The Joys of Recycling

by Steve Failla, Port Ludlow Village Council Recycling Chair



This is a call for Recycling Volunteers (RV). As an RV, you will not be required to do anything at any time, nor will you be a recreational vehicle. I’m trying to make volunteering easy.

Probably the simplest help you could provide would be to call Skookum on your cell phone if you notice that any

bins are almost full or jammed. There are several other ways that RVs can help our recycling program, but the key is to do only what you are motivated to do and when you have a few minutes to do it. If you would like to discuss helping our community by becoming a RV, please call me at 437-7734 or e-mail SteveFai@cablespeed.com.

Port Ludlow will soon be able to recycle #2 opaque plastic bottles such as liquid detergent and orange juice containers. This will be after Skookum’s new, higher-powered bailing machine runs through the backlog of materials accumulated during its debugging period. But the addition of #2 plastics will exacerbate the capacity problem in the two compartments reserved for plastic bottles and cans at our Recycling Center. You have probably noticed that these two compartments fill up readily, and most of the volume is gallon milk jugs and beverage bottles.

There is an easy solution, but it requires residents’ participation. Some of us do not flatten our plastic bottles—nor, for that matter our cardboard boxes, but cardboard is for another day. If we would simply step on our plastic bottles before recycling them, we could easily provide the capacity to accommodate our increased plastic volume. Flattening your beer and soda cans would also be helpful. Squishing your own containers at home will also give you the personal advantage of reduced bulk stored in your garage and transported in your cars. Thanking you in advance for putting your foot down to help us retain recycling in Port Ludlow.

Be sure to also read Bob Burns’ article about his successful recycling program, appearing on page 24.

Helping Hands Wanted

No requests this month.

Many organizations in Port Ludlow and Jefferson County need a helping hand. Each month this column will be devoted to requests for assistance. Please submit to Bonnie Schoenemann at billschoe@msn.com.



Making Do With Less

by Marge and Tom Carter, Trails Committee Co-Chairs and
by Dick Ullmann, Natural Resources (NRC) Committee Chair



At the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) meeting on January 5, the continuing lawsuits and appeals concerning Port Ludlow Associates' (PLA) development plans were called "egregious litigation" by one speaker. This litigation has succeeded in stopping

PLA's development progress for now, and it will have immediate negative effects on many of us in Port Ludlow.

We already know that the new Golf Course Clubhouse is on hold. From the standpoint of the Trails/NRC Committee, we will need to re-evaluate our plans for next year without a monetary contribution from PLA. But we will lose much more than that. PLA's support for the work of our Committee has come in many different ways: advice about proposed projects; donated contractor work for large jobs, such as culvert replacement; permission to utilize PLA property for trails and their slash burn sites for weed disposal; the free and generous use of equipment and supplies, and on and on.

Hopefully, this situation is only temporary and PLA will eventually "ramp up" again in Port Ludlow. But what do we do now? Tough decisions are ahead of us, and they are going to be painful.

A special meeting of the Trails/NRC Committee will be held on **Monday, March 6**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. We will discuss our options, make a new budget, elect leaders, and develop a revised work schedule for 2006. We request that anyone interested in local trails and natural resource issues attend and help us negotiate our way through this difficult time.

Information and Assistance for Seniors

by Dave Aldrich, Senior Information and Assistance

Medicare's new prescription drug plan has finally started covering enrolled clients' medications in January. The process of choosing and signing up with a plan is still an option until **Monday, May 15**, of this year. The process can be a bit daunting but we are experts in helping with this challenge. We are asking people who want to pick a plan to call so that we can help. The processing time may vary depending on your list of medications but for most

callers we can find the best plan in about 15 minutes.

There are still Medicare clients who think that the plan does not apply to them or if they do nothing that there will be no impact on their future coverage. It is important that folks understand that this plan has significant benefits to most Medicare clients and that to delay deciding can accrue a penalty that will never go away.

Remember that Senior Information and Assistance offers free services to people 60 and over. We also provide free consultation and assistance to families who are caring for older loved ones. Please call 385-2552 and ask for Dave Aldrich.

Who Has the Vote?

A resident recently raised the question whether the presidents of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) and South Bay Community Association (SBCA) have the right to vote at Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) General Meetings.

The Bylaws, under Article IV, say: "... In addition, the presidents of LMC and SBCA, or their designees, shall be directors of PLVC during the term of their presidency." Section 1 goes on to define Powers and Duties and says, "...Each director may, without regard to elected position, exercise one vote on any issue before the PLVC."

In the past there were non-voting members on the Board, the Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), the developer rep, and the community commerce rep. These Board positions were eliminated a few years ago.

Out to Lunch at Fort Worden

On **Tuesday, February 21**, the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) Out to Lunch Bunch will be traveling to beautiful, historic Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend. Join us at the Fort Worden Commons at 12:15 p.m. for a Chef's luncheon, featuring one of the following choices:(1) Full lunch, which includes a choice of three entrées, salad bar, dessert, and beverage for \$10 plus tax(2) Soup and salad bar, which includes dessert and beverage for \$8 plus tax (3) Salad bar, which includes dessert and beverage for \$6 plus tax. Please make a reservation by **Friday, February 17** at the CEA ticket table in the Bay Club, any **Wednesday or Friday** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For questions, please call Mary Ann Sandor at 437-0215 or Janet Barnes at 437-2431.

Beach Club/North Bay News

Carol Shamhart is the Beach Club editor. Submit your articles to her by e-mail at shamhart@cablespeed.com or call her at 437-0141 no later than the 10th of the preceding month.

☒ Denotes Beach Club Members-Only Activity

LMC Board of Trustees Meeting

Saturday, Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m.
All LMC members are welcome. ☒

Back-to-Back LMC Meetings in January

by Sally Orsborn (for vacationing Carol Shamhart)

Double-header meetings of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) finished barely in time for attendees to get home to watch the Seattle Seahawks win against the Washington Redskins. The LMC 2006 budget was also a big winner that day. It was ratified by a large majority of votes at the January Special Members' Meeting.

During the monthly Board of Trustees meeting that followed, there was both good and bad news about the women's locker room, according to Brian Belmont, LMC General Manager. He reported that the room was in use and almost complete; however some long-awaited lockers arrived in Seattle looking as if they had been run over by a truck so must be reordered. In the meantime, more hooks will be installed. Deconstruction of another sort took place, but this time purposely. The old but cherished whirly-go-round—once at Kehele Park, more recently languishing at the RV storage lot—was demolished and removed. That, and other clean-up efforts, greatly improved the appearance of the RV lot. Brian commended Peter Joseph for raising funds for a flat panel TV for the exercise room. (Considerable discussion ensued as to who would control the remote.)

Committee Reports

Operations continues efforts to make each tree-view issue a win-win situation and is grateful for the cooperative spirit in which members work with one-another. The Committee also continues oversight of facilities use and operations in cooperation with the General Manager.

Architectural Control (ACC) approved ten requests and have twelve pending, including seven houses. The Trustees will address one appeal.

Finance will have the Procurement Policy ready for the next Board meeting.

Greenbelts (GBC) continues to monitor about 30 greenbelt cases, most in which members are committed to replanting. The Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) paid for replacement of the trail to Kehele Park following drainage work in that area. Olympic Water and Sewer (OWSI) reimbursed LMC for trees removed on the greenbelt along Rainier Lane and will restore the area. The Board approved a new GBC member, Joan Dragnich.

Covenants and Regulations (CRC) asked that Trustees critique and be ready to approve previously-submitted proposed changes to the governing documents. An additional study was presented to the Trustees concerning Revised Code of Washington (RCW) law pertaining to homeowner associations. CRC compared LMC governing documents with the RCWs and found several instances indicating that our documents need updating. The Committee was instructed to prepare wording.

Communications delayed the distribution of the Winter LOG by a week so that survey results can be included.

Further Board Action:

Regular Beach Club hours will be reinstated as of **Wednesday, February 1**. The Club will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., seven days a week. Evening lap swim will resume from 5:00–6:00 p.m. Ferry tickets will be available to members daily from 5:00–7:00 p.m.

A motion made to terminate preliminary negotiations on joint usage of the tennis courts with SBCA passed by a 7-1 vote of the Trustees. Contract memberships are available to all non-LMC members living within the Master Planned Resort (MPR) and on Ludlow Bay Road. Contract members are welcome to use all LMC amenities including the pools, tennis courts and the RV lot under the same conditions as LMC members, but without voting privileges.

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Trustees approved the long-studied Beach Club/Bridge Deck Rental Policy. It has been neither the policy nor the practice of LMC and SBCA to offer open use of their respective amenities to nonmembers. However recent talks have resulted in more equitable nonmember fees when group meetings include both members and nonmembers. A charge of \$1 per nonmember is now to be collected at each meeting. This is a new LMC policy but the practice has been in place at the Bay Club for some time. Reciprocal groups will continue as before; no charge to members at either club. There will now also be a charge to teachers who use any of our facilities for classes from which they gain profit. See details of the new policy at the Beach Club office.

The next meeting of the LMC Board of Trustees takes place **Saturday, February 11**, 9:00 a.m.. at the Beach Club. Members are encouraged to attend. ☼

Needed: Volunteers!

by Melanie Lewis

We all know how fortunate we are living in Port Ludlow—the beauty, the activities, our friends, and the various associations that provide structure to the community, essential for maintaining pride of ownership here.

The North Bay Lot Owners Association (NBLOA) is active in representing our lot and homeowners. One of the responsibilities of the Board of Directors is to make sure that our views and opinions are heard at the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) meetings. Others are to provide social events and sponsor family, theater, and art events. We also support service projects such as the yard waste pick-ups and Clean Sweep.

There are nine Directors on the NBLOA Board. Directors serve a three-year term. Meetings are on the first **Monday** of each month, excluding August, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Some of our Directors have served for many years and are ready to pass the torch on to new volunteers. Serving as a Director is a wonderful way to meet your neighbors and learn more about how our community is run. It takes only a few hours a month, if that. It is also an excellent training ground for serving on the LMC Board and Committees. This year, there are three positions open on the NBLOA Board. We encourage new residents to volunteer and give back to your community.

Nominations for the two LMC Board of Trustee positions, three-year terms, representing the lot and homeowners may also be made through NBLOA or directly through LMC. We're looking for qualified candidates willing to dedicate themselves to the time it takes to ensure that our corporation is administered according to the governing documents and through proper business procedures.

If you are interested in running for either Board, now is the time! New ideas and new faces are always welcome. For further information call Lenetta Johnson, Nominations Chairperson, at 215-0171. ☼

North Bay Art Group

by Francy Gronewald

Fifteen members of the North Bay Art Group participated in our annual "All Member" showing which was displayed from December 2 until January 29. The many compliments we received on the quality and variety of the works presented were appreciated by the artists.



Our "Artists of the Month" for February and March will be photographer, Phil Kollen, and watercolorist, Betty Cooper. There will be a reception in honor of these artists on **Sunday, February 5**, 3:00–5 p.m., in the Gallery room at the Beach Club. All members and their guests are invited to view the show, talk with the artists and share in refreshments.

With the advent of a New Year we will be starting new projects and enjoying two new members who will be joining our Friday afternoon workshops at the Bridge Deck. Come and join us if you would like to participate.

Since there will be a three-day holiday celebrating Presidents' Day, we will not have a workshop on **Friday, February 17**. We will be at the Bridge Deck from 1:00–4:00 p.m. on the remaining **Fridays in February**.

If you have questions about our group please call Francy Gronewald at 437-2781 or Penny Sanzaro at 437-7970.



LOA to Nominate Candidates



A general membership meeting of the North Bay Lot Owners Association (NBLOA) will be **Monday, February 6, 9:00 a.m.**, at the Beach Club. This meeting is for the express purpose of nominating candidates for lot owner representatives to the

Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees and to the NBLOA Board of Directors.

All nominees for LMC and NBLOA Board positions must agree to serve if elected. Letters of intent to run may be brought to the meeting or left in the NBLOA box at the Beach Club office. Candidates for NBLOA Directorships will be announced at the February NBLOA meeting. Nominees for the LMC Trustee positions will be presented to the LMC Board to be placed on the ballot for the **April** election. Nominations for LMC Trustees may also be made directly through LMC. ☎

HOPL Offers Valentine Surprises

by Helen Schaafsma

The February Homeowner Potluck (HOPL) Dinner will take its cue from one of the holidays of the month ... Valentines Day. So, of course, our theme will be "Love and the Great Lovers of the World." And no more secrets will I reveal!

The date is **Saturday, February 18** and the hour is 6:00 p.m. As usual, please sign up at the Beach Club office, paying the per-person price of \$7 and choosing the potluck dish you would like to contribute. Do remember to bring your place settings.

All North Bay and contract residents are welcome. Please do join us and have some fun. ☎

Welcome: North Bay Newcomers

Bob and Julie Attebery
Scott and Corinna Boyd
Peter and Helen Leenhouts
Larry and Judi Scott
Brad and Judi Wohlman

Wren Court
Cressey Lane
Pioneer Drive
Warbler Lane
Baldwin Lane

Why Learn A New Language?

by Maria Elena Roberts

Spanish has become the second language in this country! Communication seems to have made our world smaller. Interaction among all countries is a matter of everyday life.

In learning a language, you are gaining much more than the ability to communicate. As you learn, you start immersing in the idiosyncrasy of that culture. Direct communication brings you closer to people because you are already sharing one aspect of their culture. Also, understanding the "logic" of a language (syntax) you can, to some extent, understand how those people think and react. We know that Latin temperament is lively and expressive. An easy example of how this is revealed in Italian and Spanish is by the use of suffixes. *Casa* in Italian and Spanish means *house*; but *casetta* in Italian and *casita* in Spanish bear a sense of endearment; whereas, *casone* in Italian and *casona* in Spanish have a derogative meaning and refer to a big old *house*. The emotional tone that words acquire when suffixes are added show the temperament of such people.

Every language that we learn opens a door to a new world allowing you to grasp the nuances of the multiple expressions of other cultures. Here lies the meaning of the proverb that reads, "A man is worth as many languages as he speaks."

Another important benefit of learning a new language is that by keeping our mind busy, we can avoid senility. Learning is enjoyable, learning is fun and now we have this opportunity right here in Port Ludlow.

Maria Elena Roberts is a native Spanish speaker and language teacher with a diploma from the British Council. She has more than twenty years' experience and will continue offering language courses in Spanish and Italian using the Communicative Approach Method.

Eight-week courses are taught once a week at the Bridge Deck for one and one-half hours. The registration fee is \$175. Call Maria Elena at 437-2129 for registration. Classes can start the second week of **February** in groups of 8 or 10 at the most.

Bay Club/South Bay News

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 jandd@waypoint.com and cuadrez@olypen.com.
 For information, call Linda Colasurdo at 437-2208.

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SBCA Board Meeting

Friday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.
 All SBCA members are welcome. 

South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Update

by Tom Stone, President, South Bay Community Association

January Board Report and Commentary:

Twenty-four members representing different South Bay Villages attended our meeting. Attendees were given an opportunity to make a statement or comment, and four residents took advantage of this opportunity. All correspondence received in the last month was reviewed and entered into the minutes. Below are the highlights.

Financial:

Latest financial information is posted on the SBCA website at www.plvc.org/sbca.htm. Our formal audit is still on track even though it was delayed due to an auditor's illness. Our Association lawyer is now working on four issues.

Board of Director Reports:

Connie Wilkinson provided an update on Tennis. She is still working with the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board on the possible use of North Bay tennis courts by South Bay residents. She and another SBCA Board member also attended an introduction meeting with the new Jefferson County Department of Community Development planner for Port Ludlow. Larry Elton reported that we are still in discussions with the person challenging our CC&Rs. Legal action is continuing.

Membership Report:

Mike Morgan stated there are currently 514 households in the SBCA.

Committee Reports:

Architectural Review Committee (ARC) Report:

Larry Elton reviewed permit applications, pending appeals and ongoing ARC projects. He stated that SBCA gazebo repairs would be taken on by the Bluebills organization when the weather improves and there will be no tree

cutting. A revised Landscape Application Packet has been developed that will include a "Neighbor Notification" page that will require members to make their neighbors aware of the changes they are requesting with the application.

Bay Club Expansion Committee:

The Board approved the Committee's self-funding concept so that it may be presented to the SBCA membership. The Board desired that the community know and understand what is being proposed. See accompanying article (on page 23) and the website at plvc.org/sbca/expansion.htm. Expansion funding will be discussed in detail at the January Village President's Meeting

Old Business:

Connie Wilkinson gave a historical review of how Bay Club Associate memberships came to be. Discussion ensued regarding changing the areas from which the prospective Associate Members could come, lowering the initiation fee and the consequences of these actions. It was finally agreed that the SBCA would offer up to 25 Associate Memberships at the present initiation rate of \$2,500. Come join us!

The next SBCA Board Meeting will be **Friday, February 3, 9:00 a.m.**, at the Bay Club. Members are invited to attend. 

February SBCA Cocktail Party

Attention South Bay Community Association (SBCA) members! Come shake those winter blues by joining us at the next all-members cocktail party at the Bay Club, **Friday, February 10**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We will be welcoming new members, and saying goodbye to anyone leaving our beautiful area. The party is hosted, so bring your favorite appetizer to share, and help us celebrate an early Valentine's Day! 

SBCA Expansion Project

For the past three years, a number of Committees have been looking at the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Bay Club building. Emerging from these meetings has been the need to remodel and expand some parts of the 16-year old building. These Expansion Committees have determined that remodeling should be in a three-phase process.

The first phase was to fix soundproofing, repair windows, and carpeting. These projects were completed. The second phase is to bring shower and locker room areas up to health code standards, expand the exercise room and add on an aerobics area. The third phase is to expand the auditorium, expand the kitchen and add parking. The second phase is the main project to be considered at this time. The remodeling of the shower/locker rooms, expanding the exercise room, and adding the aerobics area is estimated to total 2,448 square feet at an estimated cost of \$600,000.

The SBCA's Board of Directors charged the 2006 Expansion Committee in October to review previous Expansion Committee priorities and recommend a method of financing the remodeling and expansion project. In December, the Expansion Committee made up of Bill Browne, Tom Callahan, Jerry Conover, John Cragoe, Marti Duncan, Jack McKay, Mike Morgan, Bonnie Schoenemann and Bates Thomas came back with a recommendation to complete Phase II (remodel the shower/locker rooms, enlarge the weight/exercise room and add an aerobics room).

The Expansion Committee members studied four options of how to finance the project:

1. Do nothing until the funds are collected by a dues increase.
2. Borrow the money from a bank and pay it back from dues over a period of years.
3. Have an assessment, which requires a favorable vote of two-thirds of SBCA membership.
4. "Borrow" funds from the membership by pre-paying dues (bonds), which would earn 4 percent interest. In effect, the bonds would represent a pre-payment of dues and would be liquidated (including interest) over a ten-year period through a credit, which would reduce the quarterly dues payment.

Expansion Committee members then put together reasons for and against each of the finance options. These "pros

and cons" can be viewed on the South Bay Association website: <http://www.plvc.org/sbca/expansion.htm>

The website also contains background about the Bay Club building, recent history of how the three phases of remodel were developed, pictures, drawings, charts and spreadsheets.

Rules We Agreed to Live By

by Aven Andersen, SBCA Architectural Review Committee Member

At the request of the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) has modified its permit application packages to include a *Neighbor Notification Form*. This new form should be filled out for all new applications. Its purpose is to ensure that your neighbors are made aware of any work you plan to do that requires an ARC permit. Your signature on this form indicates only that you have been notified of your neighbor's proposed work, not that you agree or disagree to any or all portions of the proposed work. The ARC will not accept applications without this sheet completed.

Permit application packages are available at the Bay Club office and, by the time the February *Voice* is published, you should be able to download a package from the internet: go to www.plvc.com, select SBCA, and look for the ARC permit application package. The ARC meets on the third Friday of each month. The deadline for submitting an application for review is close of business on the **Tuesday** before the ARC meeting.

Free Spirits Hearts and Flowers Dinner

Come join the Free Spirits for a Hearts and Flowers Valentine's dinner on **Tuesday, February 14**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. All during January Free Spirits members could sign up at the Bay Club. Non-members can sign up as of **Wednesday, February 1**. The cost is \$12 for members and \$23 for non-members.



Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6:00 p.m., followed by a prime rib dinner at 7:00 p.m. Come celebrate with your special someone and dance to the music of the Casanova musical group! 🎵

Bay Club Recycling Program

by Robert Burns

In January 2005, the Bay Club management agreed to implement a pilot project to determine the efficacy of establishing a recycling program for Bay Club events. The activity was to be operated by community volunteers.

Overall, the pilot project has been very successful. The volume of Bay Club trash was decreased with a resultant savings in trash collection costs, the impact on local landfills was reduced, and there was no disruption to normal Bay Club operations or events. As a volunteer activity, there was no cost to the Bay Club for staff involvement, purchase of eight collection bins, or transportation of recycled items to a collection center.

The range of items collected included glass bottles and jars of all colors, aluminum and steel cans, plastic containers, translucent jugs, and cardboard and paperboard. As of December 31, a summary of the items collected totaled:

1,046	750 ml bottles
250	1.5 liter bottles
67	1.75 liter bottles
967	beer bottles
721	aluminum cans
337	plastic containers
268	items of cardboard

In Jefferson County green glass is not collected at recycle centers. Thus without the Bay Club program, 1,319 items of green glass, primary wine and some beer bottles, would have been deposited in the trash.

The effects of the recycling effort are rather profound, as noted in the following example. The cost savings in energy by recycling one aluminum can is equivalent to operating a television for three hours or a 100-watt light bulb for ten hours. Thus the Bay Club collections equate to a total energy savings of 2,163 hours in television viewing or 7,210 hours of lighting.

The entire Bay Club Staff, Mike, Linda, Heather, Melanie, Heather, Laura, and Dennis, are to be commended for their promotion of and assistance with this effort. Without their vigorous support and suggestions for improvement, this program would not have been possible.

The leaders and members of the Arts Council, Boeing Blue Bills, Community Enrichment Alliance, Dine and Discover, Free Spirits, Home Owners' Associations, Men's and Women's Golf Associations, Potluckers, Port

Ludlow Yacht Club, and other organizations, are also commended for their overwhelming support and participation.

In addition, a considerable portion of the recycled items were transported to the Bangor Submarine Base Recycle Center, where excess funds realized from the sale of collected items over the cost of operations are forwarded to the Base Morale and Welfare Relief Fund (MWR). The MWR provides direct benefits to members of our Armed Forces and their families in need.

Overall, the Bay Club recycling activity, which is now an established program, serves as a sterling model for other communities such as ours. For questions, comments, or to volunteer to assist with this effort, please contact Robert Burns at 437-0451.

Say "Hi" to Dennis Niskanen

You may have noticed how spiffy our Bay Club facility is looking these days. This condition is due to the good works of one Dennis Niskanen, who in the last two months has made a noticeable difference in his role as chief maintenance and upkeep custodian. He also fills in for the ladies at the front desk and very much enjoys talking to the "great members" who come in.



*Dennis Niskanen, a new face at the Bay Club.
Photo by Marti Duncan*

Dennis lives in Poulsbo with his wife and college-aged daughter, braving the bridge every day to get to "the best job I've ever had." Niskanen is of Finnish derivation; his wife comes from Norwegian heritage—"an interesting combination," he says. He originally hailed from the Midwest and came to Washington in 1982. Among other jobs he worked for 15 years at Sub Base Bangor also doing building maintenance. He loves fixing things, reading, and is a fair-weather outdoorsman.

The rest of the Bay Club staff gave him many thumbs up, saying, "He's the best ever," "nice to work with," "love having him here," "does a fabulous job," and "he's such a great fit."

We all think so too, Dennis.

Welcome, South Bay New Members

Peter and Sylvia Kelley	Inner Harbor Village
Daniel Meade and Patricia Lea	Ludlow Point 4
John and Virginia Steger	Fairwood Village
Ken and Judy Thomas	Olympic Terrace

Lynn Gauche has relocated from Timberton to Olympic Terrace. Kees and Trix Bouterse have relocated from Inner Harbor Village to Timberton.

Contrasting Views from PLA and Litigants

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg

Community hopes were dashed in early January when negotiations ceased between Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) and three individuals, whose various appeals and litigation have halted major development projects. In a letter to the *Port Ludlow Voice*, Randy Verrue, on behalf of Olympic Pacific Partners LLC, the managing member of PLA, wrote, "I am sorry to advise that our discussions went nowhere." However, Lewis Hale, one of the litigants, said he would not describe the negotiations as having gone "nowhere."

At this writing, it appears the case will be heard in a Land Use Petition Act (LUPA) hearing with opening briefs presented on Friday, January 27; response on **Friday, February 10**; rebuttal on **Friday, February 17**; and final hearing on **Wednesday, February 22**.

Verrue stated in his letter, "In an effort to place a priority on these two projects [Olympic Terrace II and Trendwest], I indicated that we were prepared to take Ludlow Bay Village [LBV] off the table and go back to the community to receive further input. I also indicated that I personally would participate in the process and all interested persons would be given the opportunity to present their views. I indicated that this would probably delay the project a minimum of six months but I was prepared to do this given the level of anxiety expressed by the appellants over the current Ludlow Bay Village plan."

Referring to the confidentiality agreement insisted upon by the appellants, Verrue could not be specific on the proposal that was submitted by the appellants. He did state that they presented a list of 18 demands that would, in essence, cede the planning for LBV to the appellants; and that they requested PLA pay the townhome owners a large sum of money.

Verrue said, "I had no choice but to decline and curtail further settlement discussions if any conditions were imposed that would limit the community's ability to plan the LBV area. Further, their demand for a large cash payment to the townhome owners was without merit and could only be viewed as extortion. We, of course, would never agree to this type of payment."

Hale saw things differently, stating, "During the [December 16] meeting we detailed verbally the 18 conditions noted by Mr. Verrue, and there was only one over which he expressed any concern." At Verrue's request, the litigants followed up with a letter setting forth the items; and, Hale says, "The result ... is the baseless assertion that we were engaging in extortion."

The 18 items, according to Hale, requested that PLA honor or correct issues that they are legally or contractually obligated to perform or have previously committed to. One such contractual responsibility of the Town Home Association is the exterior maintenance of the townhomes. He claims Association president Greg McCarry has stated there is no money in the budget for these expenses. Hale further claims reserves for deferred maintenance of the townhomes have not been funded, saying, "Since the ten-year-old Association is still controlled by employees of PLA, owners have no say in, or control of, it."

In prior years Pope Resources provided a subsidy to the Town Home Association, which it was obligated to do until 40 townhomes had been sold. Of the 53 lots in the townhome plat, PLA currently owns 28 vacant lots, and 25 townhomes have been built and are owned by individuals. PLA claims, according to Hale, that they are not obligated to continue the subsidy provided by Pope Resources.

In Verrue's closing remarks, he stated, "... We want to complete the vision that we identified when we acquired the various assets from Olympic Resource Management. In addition, we want to build a new Golf Clubhouse, new dining facilities, provide improved tennis courts, an expanded Village Center and other improvements that can be enjoyed by all residents of the Port Ludlow community."

Hale says, "What we need are facts and binding commitments from PLA ... It is time for PLA ... to financially secure (bond) all of the amenities, such as the Golf Clubhouse, that they intend to include as part of the completion of Port Ludlow."

Arts and Entertainment

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

Classical, Jazz and Blues Piano: All on a Winter Afternoon



Mike Strickland, pianist, composer and recording artist.

Submitted photo

If long, dark nights find you at home—not feeling comfortable about driving at night, particularly when its rainy, windy or icy, the Arts Council's Performing Arts in Port Ludlow afternoon presentation on **Sunday, February 12**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club, is just right for you. Pianist, composer and recording artist Mike Strickland will perform familiar songs in his unique

classical, jazz and blues styles with backup by Clipper Anderson on bass and Doug Ostgard on woodwinds.

Born into a musical family in Jackson, Mississippi, Strickland grew up listening to Henry Mancini, Vince Guaraldi, the Beatles and Burt Bacharach. At the age of nine his father encouraged him to entertain dinner guests with *Alley Cat* and *Baby Elephant Walk*. Strickland discovered his love for the Great American Songbook while singing in musicals and school choirs.

Residing in Seattle, Washington, since 1981, Mike Strickland draws his inspiration from great jazz and popular pianists such as Henry Mancini, Peter Nero, George Gershwin and Dave Grusin. In 1987, he formed Mike Strickland Productions, Inc. and began recording. Performing all over the U.S. as a solo artist and with various groups, and garnering national radio and TV credits, he has recorded 18 CDs and sold over 250,000 copies.

As an added bonus, Strickland's 13-year old daughter

Elizabeth will appear. A fine classical pianist with a passion for her music, she has performed in over 60 of her father's concerts and is always a big hit with the audience.

Clipper Anderson has spent the last several years building his reputation as one of the finest jazz bass players in the Pacific Northwest. He was described in Seattle's premier jazz magazine *Earshot* as being "...a player for the connoisseur to savor."

Doug Ostgard specializes in woodwinds professionally. He has backed up an impressive list of showbiz greats. Entertainers he remembers well include Tony Bennett, who "liked to hang out with the band and always talked to everybody."

Individual tickets for this concert are \$16 each and can be purchased at the Bay Club. There's still time to save \$2 per ticket by purchasing a six-concert Flex Pass at \$84, which six people can use for one concert or two can use for the last three concerts in the 2005-2006 season. For further information, call 437-2208. To purchase tickets or exchange passes by mail, send a check, your request and a stamped self-addressed envelope to P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

Characters of Port Townsend

A one-man show by local artist Leslie Cox will continue at Northwind Arts Center until **Monday, February 20**. Subjects for this show are people who have sat for Cox in the last ten years. Most of the subjects still live in the area. It is challenging to capture a person's personality and likeness in a matter of 4 to 5 hours, but that is what he has been able to do.

In conjunction with Port Townsend's Gallery Walk on **Friday, February 3**, a Characters of Port Townsend reception will be held at Northwind from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. There is no charge.

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Cox's lectures on art history continue at Northwind with the second entitled Mannerism Artistic Style on **Wednesday, February 1**, and the final lecture entitled Baroque Artistic Style on **Wednesday, February 8**. Each lecture begins at 7:00 p.m. The suggested donation for members is \$3 and \$6 for non-members.

For more information, visit www.northwindarts.org or call 379-1086. Northwind is located near the Port Townsend Visitors Center and is open from noon to 5:00 p.m. on **Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays**.

Port Ludlow Artists' League

Renowned artist Diane Ainsworth will be demonstrating her technique for oil painting at the Artists' League meeting, **Wednesday, February 15**, 12:30 p.m., at the Bay Club.

Ainsworth originally painted in watercolors but switched to oils in Taos, New Mexico. After visiting the Pacific Northwest, she became fascinated by the abstract designs made by boats and their reflections on the water. Since moving to Port Townsend, she is pursuing the challenge of capturing her surroundings and has become aware of a shift in her work toward expressionism. Her work can be seen in galleries across the country as well as in the lobby of Port Ludlow's American Marine Bank.

The following artists are displaying their work locally through **March**: Connie Glaser, watercolors at Coldwell Banker Realty; Phil Kollen, photography at Homer Smith Insurance; watercolors and acrylics by Susan Cavanaugh at the American Marine Bank conference room.

Brighton Beach Memoirs Auditions

Bainbridge Performing Arts (BPA) will hold auditions for *Brighton Beach Memoirs* on **Monday, February 13 and Tuesday, February 14**, 6:30–9:00 p.m. at The Playhouse on Bainbridge Island. Interested parties are requested to prepare a one- to two-minute comedic monologue. The cast will include roles for two women in their late 30s to early 40s, two young girls ages 13 and 16; one man in his early 40s; and two young men ages 15 and 18. Those auditioning are requested to bring an acting resume and headshot, if available.

Neil Simon's semi-autobiographical comedy is about Depression-era teenager Eugene Jerome, who dreams of becoming a successful comedy writer, but whose fantasies are constantly punctured by his squabbling family. Run dates are **Thursday–Sunday, May 11–14, Friday–Sunday, May 19–21, and 26–28**.

Call BPA for an appointment at 206-842-8569.

Three Tenors Coming to Ludlow!

First we had The Three Tenors—José Carreras, Plácido Domingo, and Luciano Pavarotti; and now we have The Canadian Tenors—Giovanni Amenta, Leon Leontaridis and Joey Niceforo! This threesome, Canada's newest musical ambassadors, is coming to Port Ludlow for a matinee performance on **Sunday, March 12**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club.

Their classical training, expressively vibrant sound and accessible style combine to delight the purist while thrilling audiences of all levels. Their repertoire covers a wide range of music—foot-stomping Canadian folk tunes, ballads, musical theater, opera, pop-opera and the world's most beloved songs.

This concert will feature a caliber of talent rarely found on the Olympic Peninsula. Get your tickets beginning **Sunday, February 12**, at the Bay Club. They are \$16 each, or buy a six-ticket Flex Pass for \$84, that can be used for this one concert or for the last two concerts of the season. To purchase tickets or exchange passes by mail; send a check, your request and a stamped self-addressed envelope to P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. For information, call 437-2208.

Performing Arts Calendar

Thursday and Friday, February 2 and 3

Experienced and aspiring actors learn and grow their skills when Second Stage showcases short plays and advanced scene work at The Playhouse, Bainbridge, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.theplayhouse.org.

Saturday, February 4

This performance tells many stories of Uganda and East Africa's amazing history and culture when Children of Uganda comes to The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 6:30 p.m. for dinner, 8:00 p.m. show, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Fridays and Saturdays, February 3 through March 4

The Ride Down Mount Morgan by Arthur Miller reveals the struggle between honesty with others and honesty with oneself, raising important questions about love and marriage, The Jewel Box Theatre, Poulsbo, 8:00 p.m., one matinee Sunday, February 12, **2:00 p.m., 360-779-9688**, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Saturday, February 4

Pinocchio and the Purple Shoes is an up-to-date adaptation of the famous story about the puppet who wishes to become a real boy; includes interaction by the actors with the audience, The Jewel Box Theatre, Poulsbo, 11:00 a.m., 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., 360-779-9688 (reservations suggested), www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Saturday, February 4

Zoophonics is part of the Bremerton Symphony's series designed for younger folks and their relatives when pre-concert activities are meant to inspire little hands to touch, try out and get into the theme, Bremerton Performing Arts Center, 2:00 p.m. for concert followed by an ice cream social, 360-373-1722, www.bremertonsymphony.org.

Saturday, February 4

The Port Angeles Symphony presents Reflections of Spain with music by Falla, Ravel, Chabrier and more, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, dress rehearsal at 10:00 a.m., pre-concert chat at 6:45 p.m., concert at 7:30 p.m., 360-457-5579, www.olympen.com/pasymphony.

Saturday, February 4

Each month, The Edge performers present an evening of totally improvised comedy and song, based entirely on audience suggestions, The Playhouse on Bainbridge, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.theplayhouse.org.

Tuesday, February 7

Branded for her emotional lyrics and compelling tunes, Marti Stevens has developed a singular style of singing and guitar playing. With her trio, she presents four-part harmonies and music with acoustic folk/rock/country flair, The Playhouse, Bainbridge, 8:00 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.theplayhouse.org.

Saturday, February 11

Head to the Admiral Theatre for an evening of comedy featuring past winners and finalists of the Seattle International Comedy Competition, Bremerton, 8:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday and Sunday, February 11 and 12

The Bainbridge Orchestra presents a chamber concert with guest conductor Elizabeth Stoyanovich and music by Tchaikovsky, Mozart and more at The Playhouse, 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 4:00 p.m. Sunday, 206-842-8569, www.theplayhouse.org.

Sunday, February 12

The Hume Street Jazz Band will be featured at the Jazz in the Olympics dancing/listening event, large dance floor, food and bar available, Eagles Club, Port Angeles, 1:00–4:00 p.m., 360-681-0710.

Sunday, February 12

Performing Arts in Port Ludlow present pianist, composer and recording artist Mike Strickland, with Clipper Anderson on bass

and Doug Ostgard on woodwinds in a performance of jazz, blues and boogie-woogie, while Strickland's 13-year-old daughter, a classically-trained pianist, makes a guest appearance, Bay Club, 3:00 p.m., 437-2208.

Tuesday, February 14

Pick up your sweetie and head to the Admiral Theatre for a Valentine's night out with flowers, chocolate and romance, dinner at 5:30 p.m., movie at 7:00 p.m., Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Tuesday, February 14

The accomplished musicians of the North Olympic Youth Symphony perform in the Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 7:00 p.m., free admission, www.olympen.com/pasymphony.

Tuesday, February 14

The Jewel Box Theatre's talented improv comedy troupe, "What Happens Next?" will present a special Valentine's Day show and you can bring your sweetie absolutely free, Poulsbo, 8:00 p.m., 360-779-9688, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Friday, February 17

Outrageously talented and comic, Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo! is a company of professional male dancers performing the full range of the ballet and modern dance repertoire, including classical and original works, The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8:00 p.m. show, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Sunday, February 19

The Jewel Box Poets Sunday Reading Series continues monthly poetry readings with Gayle Kaune and Mary Lou Sanelli, Poulsbo, 3:00 p.m., 360-779-9688, www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org.

Wednesday, February 22

Bainbridge Performing Arts presents Frank Ferrante in *An Evening with Groucho*. This comedy consists of the best one-liners, anecdotes and songs when the audience literally becomes part of the show, The Playhouse, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.theplayhouse.org.

Thursday, February 23

With perpetually arched eyebrows, wire-rimmed glasses, chewed-up stogie and trademark mustache, Frank Ferrante transforms himself into Groucho Marx for a free-wheeling evening of rapid-fire jokes and songs, The Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 7:00 p.m., 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday, February 25

The Port Townsend Community Orchestra has been active since 1987, and this concert includes some Rossini, Schubert and Mozart's Concerto for Horn, No. 3 in E with soloist Roger Crook, Chimacum High School Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., www.olympus.net/community/ptorchestra.

Sunday, February 26

Bainbridge Performing Arts' Mostly Music program is designed especially for young listeners and families as they listen to recordings and live performers and discuss the music, The Playhouse, 4:00 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.theplayhouse.org.

Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce

Introducing the Chamber Board

Dana Petrick – President: Dana has been a Jefferson County resident since 1991 and is a small business owner. She opened Dana Pointe Interiors in 1996, which is now in its 10th year of business. Dana has been a member of the Tri-Area Chamber of Commerce and served on the Board as President for three years. She was active in the designation of the Tri-Area as an urban growth area. Dana has been a member of the Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce for eight years and has also served on the Board and as President. She looks forward to pursuing a permanent Olympic Gateway Visitor Facility as the main Chamber focus this year.

Kevin Hunter – Vice President: Kevin is the Broker/Owner of RE/MAX Admiralty and Admiralty Property Management, in addition to being the Senior Pastor of Grace Christian Center (formerly Door of Grace Ministries). Since Kevin believes in being a positive win-win supporter of local business and in the life of our community, all three organizations he founded and leads belong to the Chamber of Commerce. He is a life-long learner, holding the Washington State Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI) designation in addition to having earned a Th.D. He believes in energetically living life in a positive manner. Inspiring, motivating, and serving people are his passion and his priority. Kevin is convinced that we live in one of the most beautiful places on earth and will do all he can to further and better Port Ludlow and Jefferson County and its fine residents.

Duane E. Anderson – Treasurer: Duane is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and prepares tax returns for individuals and small businesses. Also, he provides accounting assistance for small business and QuickBooks training. His prices are fair and he will make house calls. Call 437-1392 for an appointment.

Paula Zimmerman – Secretary: Paula is the Branch Manager at American Marine Bank in Port Ludlow. She has worked for American Marine Bank in various positions for over 15 years. In addition to her banking experience, she has served as the coordinator for a youth

mediation program at the Dispute Resolution Center in Kitsap County, where she coordinated mediation services and conducted mediations involving youth and their families and juvenile offenders and victims. Paula earned her Bachelors Degree in Human Services from Western Washington University. She lives in the Quilcene area on Dabob Bay with her husband Kent. They are recent empty nesters with their three daughters away in college.

February Chamber of Commerce General Meeting

The Chamber's monthly luncheon and general meeting will be held at noon, **Wednesday, February 1**, at the Harbormaster Restaurant. The luncheon will focus on taking better care of us, and taking time out to do so. Numerous local businesses right here in Port Ludlow can help us de-stress and pamper ourselves.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Jerry Brady of Brady Chiropractics. He will be speaking on health and wellness through chiropractics, natural health and nutrition. We will be inviting other businesses to introduce themselves and describe what they offer as well.

The cost for the luncheon is \$12, including beverage. Please RSVP to info@portludlowchamber.org or call Jutta Gebauer at 437-9798 no later than Monday, January 30.

New Members

The Chamber would like to welcome Dennis Holman from Coldwell Banker Forrest Aldrich, Inc.

And we welcome Penny Garrison from Once Upon A Time, Coffee and Gift Shop.

Board Members-at-Large

Space on our Chamber of Commerce page didn't permit our printing background information on two other Board members. They are Kevin Zellmer and Tim Caldwell. Read about them in the March issue of the *Voice*.

Port Ludlow Associates

Developer's Report

by Randall Verrue, Olympic Pacific Partners LLC, Managing Member



Randall Verrue

Submitted Photo

In the January 2006 edition of the *Port Ludlow Voice* it was reported that Greg McCarry, President of Port Ludlow Associates, would be resigning on January 20, 2006, to pursue his own real estate and home building company.

As a result of Greg's departure, I think it is important to communicate directly to the Port Ludlow Community through the *Voice* so that

rumor and speculation do not fill the vacuum created by change. Change may alter the cast of characters but does not alter our strategic plan or vision for the future. At the outset, I would like to thank Greg for his many years of service to the residents of the community. At the time we formed PLA in 2001, Greg and I had several discussions relating to our vision for Port Ludlow and his future goals and ambitions. He indicated to me that he was primarily interested in being a homebuilder but would be willing to stay with our new organization to assist us during a transition period.

This past summer, Greg indicated that he wanted to move forward with his plans to depart PLA and we agreed upon a year-end 2005 date. This time period was selected to allow the entitlement processing to be completed on three key projects for the community. The first was Olympic Terrace II, the continuation of our highly successful residential project in the South Bay. The second was the Trendwest project at Ludlow Cove. Trendwest provides much needed additional vitality to the Village Center, the restaurants in the local area and critical financial support for the Golf Course facilities. The third was the completion of administrative hearings to allow a final plan to be approved for Ludlow Bay Village. Greg also wanted to be present for the ground breaking for the new Golf Clubhouse, which has been in the design phase for over a year.

Unfortunately, due to the litigation activities of Les Powers, a resident of Yakima, Lewis Hale, a resident of Seattle, and Rick Rozzell, a resident of Port Ludlow, the time period to proceed with each of these projects has been extended beyond the point to allow Greg's continued participation.

However, PLA's vision for Port Ludlow remains unchanged. Our objective is to complete a high-quality residential community, which will generate capital for reinvestment and a return to our investors, and add sufficient population to Port Ludlow to ensure the financial viability of the utility company, the Resort facilities and the amenity infrastructure. When we achieve these objectives, we believe that values will be enhanced for businesses and residents alike. While we are very frustrated by the litigious actions of a small contingent of people within the community, we are very bullish on the future. We have no plans to sell any portion of the company's assets and believe that our objectives will be achieved.

The business plan that we embarked upon in 2001 remains virtually unchanged. While we experienced major changes in portions of our business model due to the tragic events of September 11, 2001, and the recession that followed, we intend to complete the build-out of Port Ludlow as market conditions and resolution of land use appeals allow. Specifically, the goals for each of our business units are as follows:

Home Building: We have approximately 400 additional residential units to develop in accordance with the Master Planned Resort (MPR) cap of 2,250 dwelling units. Our strategy is to continue to build homes ourselves and also to sell land to other builders so they can build homes. The location of the 400 units will be influenced by the Trendwest project. If that development, consisting of 120 units, does not proceed, additional pressure will be placed on locating units in Ludlow Bay Village and other neighborhoods in Port Ludlow. While the neighborhoods and the number of housing units to be constructed in each neighborhood is still under study, we currently envision 80 units in Olympic Terrace II; 120 units in Ludlow Cove; and up to 69 additional units in Ludlow Bay Village. The balance

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of the 131 homes would be located in a variety of new neighborhoods including Springwood, Ironwood, Creekside, Falls Terrace and Bay Hollow.

Hospitality Operations: These operations are managed by Kevin Zellmer and consist of the Inn at Port Ludlow, as well as the Fireside and Harbormaster Restaurants. As a result of the recently completed focus group studies within Port Ludlow and the employment of our new chef, Deneb Williams, we will be implementing several menu changes to make our restaurants more attractive to local residents. In addition, we plan to demolish the Harbormaster Restaurant and relocate these operations to a smaller casual dining facility adjacent to the Marina.

Marina: Kori Ward continues to make the Port Ludlow Marina one of the best in the Northwest. Our plans call for an expansion of the Marina and the construction of a facility that can accommodate meetings of the Yacht Club. The number of additional slips is somewhat up in the air at the present time due to the high cost of steel and concrete. However, we should be able to determine the final configuration of the expanded Marina once the Ludlow Bay Village plan is approved.

Golf Course: We are pleased with the addition of Kevin Earl as Director of Golf Operations. This facility probably presents us with our greatest challenge. Currently the number of golf rounds sold on an annual basis does not allow us to properly maintain all 27 holes and make a profit. We were hopeful that with the addition of the Trendwest project, we would increase play by approximately 50 rounds per day. New golf rounds will provide the resources and comfort to commence construction of the newly designed Golf Clubhouse. While the timing and scope of this improvement is now in question, we would like very much to find a way to build a suitable clubhouse facility. In the near future, we also would like to replace the entire sprinkler system for all 27 holes, reconstruct many of the bunkers and continue other subtle course changes to improve play.

Village Center: Port Ludlow needs a full service grocery store and other service shops to properly meet the needs of the residents of our community. While most new grocery companies are seeking larger population bases before committing to construct new stores, we are confident that we will be successful in attracting a very high quality facility without adversely affecting our current tenant base. The Trendwest project was very important to

our plans to enhance this facility.

Olympic Water and Sewer Company: In addition to overseeing the Village Center, Larry Smith does an outstanding job managing the Water and Sewer Company, which has been recognized by the State of Washington as an award-winning operation. Currently, all infrastructures that are necessary for the entire build-out of Port Ludlow are in place. We carefully follow a 10-year capital improvement plan to ensure that all facilities are maintained to an outstanding level and intend to keep this company until the final home build-out is completed in Port Ludlow.

John L. Scott Residential Brokerage: Chuck Hynden is our lead broker and has an outstanding team of professionals selling new and resale homes in Port Ludlow and the surrounding communities. I am pleased that we currently have a 50 percent market share on all housing transactions completed in the region. Our goal is to increase our market share and to increase the value of all of the homes within the community. During the last four years, property owners in Port Ludlow have experienced major increases in property values. Lots have increased 300 to 400 percent in value and homes have increased 50 to 100 percent. While we are not so bold to expect this trend to continue at these rates, we do believe that Port Ludlow continues to offer an outstanding lifestyle at an affordable price.

Administration: Diana Smeland will assume the role of acting President of PLA and will be directly reporting to me. Diana is the Chief Financial Officer of PLA and is a wonderful person to work with the community during this period of transition. When the litigation affecting the three key projects is resolved, we will be replacing Greg to assist us with the final execution of our business plan. While Diana will be the primary contact person, I have rearranged my schedule to be in Port Ludlow the fourth week of every month for the foreseeable future and anticipate becoming more active in the community.

I have been pleased to review our objectives and strategies. As always, I am available to address concerns and questions of the community. Please stay tuned!

Resort Happenings

by Kevin Zellmer, General Manager, The Resort at Port Ludlow

The tides are changing at The Inn. Some of you may already know that our new Executive Chef, Deneb Williams, is in place. January's fresh sheet at the Fireside highlighted some of our new menu items. Starting **Wednesday, February 1**, the Fireside will be rolling out Chef Deneb's new menu. Great changes include an expanded lite affair and entrée selection. There is a signature Lobster Bisque soup and a fresh seafood selection daily—soon to be a favorite. Many other changes are also coming to enhance your enjoyment, including The Resort At Port Ludlow's new Private Label wine. In addition, well cocktails and wine selections will be value priced at both the Fireside and Harbormaster. Remember the Private Label wine is great to purchase for off premise to keep or to give as a special gift.

As most of our community here in Port Ludlow may not have seen the inside of meeting rooms or sleeping rooms at The Inn, we have a great opportunity for you. Be looking in the mail for a special invite going out to all MPR residents for The Inn's open house in **February**. This will give you a chance to come visit the Inn and see the \$200,000 refurbish done in early 2005. Complimentary wine and appetizers will be served. In addition, there'll be a passport tour through the hotel, where you will be able to see some of our rooms and suites. Added to all of this excitement will be a drawing for great prizes for everyone.

As spring is upon us, many of our Port Ludlow residents have booked special events here at the Inn for 2006. We welcome you to think of the Inn for that special occasion. In the first few months of 2006, residents from Port Ludlow have booked small weddings, social and family gatherings through our Sales and Catering Department. Anyone interested in booking their special event can contact the Inn at 437-7000 to be connected with Sadie Agurkis.

Lastly we haven't forgotten Valentine's Day. This year we will be having two Valentine events. For those week-end getaways, **Saturday, February 11**, we have a special Valentine's Dinner planned and will repeat the same event on **Tuesday, February 14**. Please contact The Inn at 437-7000 visit our website, www.ludlowbayresort.com, for overnight and dinner packages.

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Call to Artists: Juried Show Seeking Entries

Sequim Arts is seeking entries for its 30th annual juried art exhibit. Work in both 2D and 3D form will be accepted. The cash prizes total over \$1,000 and merchandise awards will also be presented. The juror will be internationally renowned pastel artist, Susan Ogilvie. A non-refundable entry fee of \$25 is required for a maximum of three slides or photographic images per artist. Artists must be at least 18 years of age. The deadline for submitting entries is **Monday, March 13**. The show will run between **Thursday, May 11 and Sunday, May 14**.

For more detailed information, including an entry form, visit www.sequimarts.com or call Carol Eichler at 360-582-0927, e-mail caroleichler@yahoo.com. Send entry fee and registration to her at 1250 Thornton Drive, Sequim, WA 98382.

Mariners' News

Dock Talk

by Kori I. Ward, Port Ludlow Marina Manager

The Resort at Port Ludlow Private Label wine has arrived at the Marina. Chardonnay, merlot, and cabernet with our Resort label can be purchased for \$17.10 a bottle with your resident discount card.

Congratulations to John and Sharon Lynch with their 65-foot M/V *Shamrock*, the grand prizewinners of our tenth annual Holiday on the Docks. The Lynches will receive a free month's moorage. Honorable mentions include Larry and Buggy Carter with their M/V *Bugsy's Sea Gal*, and B.J. and Pam Benson with their S/V *Nelle Bly*. The Carters and the Bensons won dinner for two at the Inn at Port Ludlow. I would like to give a big thank you to the Grace Christian Center (formerly Door of Grace Ministry), whose carolers strolled the docks and brought much Christmas joy to the occasion.

Every year I write a poem to celebrate the year when we break for drinks during Holiday on the Docks. I have included it for those who could not be there.

2005 were did it go?
I ask from me to you.
The cruising is all over?
And the sailboat races too?
The boats are all at moorage
Some adorned with lights
Nestled at their homeport
Awaiting Christmas Night.
The seas have carried you to and fro
Just to name a few
The Georgia Strait, the Harrow Strait,
San Juan de Fuca, Too.
The ports of call are many
They beckon you to roam
But it's Port Ludlow Harbor
You choose to call your home.
There has been laughter, joy and merriment
Some pain, some loss, some sorrow,
Let's close the door on yesterday

And look forward to tomorrow.

You've all come together
Worked hard to make this show
All wondering—who's going to win?
As yet we do not know.

The change of watch has come and gone
All officers are new
So here's to a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year, Too

USCG Auxiliary Offers Boating Safety and Education Courses



The US Coast Guard Auxiliary is the most prominent organization offering recreational boating safety education to the public. Because of the USCG Auxiliary course offerings, over 150,000 people are educated annually in safe boating practices, in an ongoing effort to

share the waters in a safer manner. In addition to the basic USCG Auxiliary boating safety courses, at least a quarter million boaters also attend the Vessel Safety Checks course annually.

Whether it's as basic as America's Boating Course, or advanced as teaching boating navigation, the USCG Auxiliary has proven to be an effective instrument in preventive Search and Rescue (SAR). If more boaters are educated, and thus able to handle their boats in a safer manner, the USCG's rescue job becomes easier.

In 2006, the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 41 will offer the following courses in Port Ludlow and Port Hadlock: America's Boating Course, Boating Skills and Seamanship, GPS for Mariners, and a series of How To courses. In addition, children's boating safety courses will be offered in Belfair and Chimacum. The goal for all of these courses is to make boating more safe and enjoyable. We urge both captains and first mates to become educated in basic boat operations and safety techniques.

For more information about USCG Auxiliary boating courses, contact David Aho at 302-0113, or by e-mail at daho@cablespeed.com.

USCG Auxiliary Course for February

The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary is offering Boating Skills and Seamanship Chapter 1, Which Boat is for You, on **Wednesday, February 1**, 7:00–10:00 p.m., at the Port Ludlow Fire Station on Oak Bay Road. This is an extended, eight-chapter course, with one chapter being taught each month. At the end of the course, you will be awarded an official USCG Auxiliary Certificate.

Chapter 1 will cover the following: boating safety, types of boats, boating terminology, boat hulls and propulsion, learning about boat defects, purchasing considerations, boat insurance, and operator responsibilities.

The fee for Chapter 1 is \$40, which includes individual class cost and materials. If you sign up for the entire eight-chapter course, you will save \$10. Registration and payment of fees must be received one week prior to the first class. To register, send fees to: USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 41, 181 South Bay Lane, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

For information, contact David Aho, Flotilla Public Education Officer, at 302-0113, or by e-mail at daho@cablespeed.com.

Attention All Boaters

Friday, February 24

Noon – 3:00 p.m.
 “Protecting Your Vessel from
 Stray Current and Galvanic Corrosion”
 presented by
 Dick Troberg, BSME, BSEE
 Port Ludlow Marina

Sign up at the Marina office

Speed Limit in Port Ludlow Bay

5 mph

No Wake, It’s the Law!



Book Club Reschedules Review of Bold Spirit

Being a bold, determined, and confident woman wasn’t always admired in 1896. However, Helga Estby, a Norwegian immigrant, personified these characteristics as she crossed America to win a \$10,000 wager, and preserve her family homestead in Eastern Washington.



Accompanied by her eldest daughter, this mother of nine traveled by foot to accomplish what, even by today’s standards, would be considered extraordinary. During their journey, they defended themselves by shooting a man, and later shared an afternoon with President-elect McKinley in Ohio.

After her death in 1942, Helga’s children attempted to destroy many of her memoirs, because they considered her chronicles shameful. However, Linda Lawrence, the author of *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby’s Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America*, was able to piece together Helga’s memoirs, and bring this story to life.

Normally we meet on the second Tuesday, but for this month only join us on **Wednesday, February 15**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club, to discuss this extraordinary book about a woman who defied the expectations of her times, and the strict, conservative Victorian society in which she lived.

The book selection for March is *A Name of Her Own*, by Jane Kirkpatrick. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call Martha Dawson at 437-4167.

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DOG Talk

by Kevin Earl, Director of Golf (DOG), Port Ludlow Golf Course

Clubhouse Update: Because of the delay in the demolition of the Clubhouse, we have some badly needed preventive maintenance to catch up on, including lights in the parking lot, shampooing the carpets, fixing small leaks, etc. My mention here is for people to not get the impression that the Clubhouse is gone and dead. No, it is still in the permitting stage, and we are fine-tuning the interior so the plans will be ready when the time comes to build it.

In case you were wondering, Webster says:

rain, n. **1. a)** Water condensed from atmospheric vapor and falling in drops. **b)** A fall of such water; a rainstorm. **c)** The descent of such water. **d)** Rainy weather. **e)** Rains, a rainy season. **2.** A heavy or abundant fall: *a rain of fluffy cottonwood seeds; a rain of insults.*

rain out, phrasal verb. To force the cancellation or postponement of (an outdoor event) because of rain.

Well, we all can identify with this one lately...

Eleven inches in eleven days on the course and it remained playable during the entire time. Help me give accolades to Jerry Mathews and his crew for his continued efforts and hard work on our antiquated drainage system.

Walkers on the Course: Thank you to everyone who is checking into the Pro Shop before walking. We enjoy seeing you and hope that the information we provide about frost and cart path conditions, maintenance projects planned for the course and general weather is beneficial to you and the Golf Course. You are benefited by this information in regards to your safety and well being. Protecting our course and preserving our environment benefits us. Please remind your friends and neighbors to check in with us and we will all win by having this privilege available.

As we find in life, it only takes a few to lose the privilege for us all. We would hate to see that happen, but I did receive a call from a couple that stated they would not check in. If that attitude continues, we will have no other option but to change our policy. It is up to all of us to help monitor who walks on the course.

Rules of Golf

by Dave Ramsay

Many courses, particularly many private clubs, have banned the use of certain electronic devices (cell phones, laptop or hand-held computers, radios, etc.) on their premises. The usual reason for such a measure is to ensure a pleasant, uninterrupted and undistracted experience for the players. As this practice has become more commonplace, some people have wondered if this is an actual Rule of Golf. This isn't the case.

Decision 14-3/16 says, "Players should ensure that [such devices] do not distract other players," but they are not in themselves a breach of any Rule. However, if a player used his cell phone to give or ask for advice (Rule 8-1), then he would be in breach of Rule 14-3 and subject to disqualification.

Port Ludlow Golf Club does not discourage anyone from having his or her cell phone at the course. In fact, I always suggest having it with you since one never knows when an emergency or urgent matter will arise.

However, in keeping with etiquette and the effort to minimize distractions and ensure a great experience for all when playing, I highly recommend turning your phone "off" or "silent" and keeping its use to an absolute minimum.

Hope to see you here!

Nine-Hole Golfers Prepare to Kick Off Season

by Beverly Browne, Contributing Editor

The Port Ludlow Nine-Hole Golf Association, also known as the Nifty Niners, is an organization of men and women dedicated to encouraging the play of friendly and competitive golf. They schedule games weekly on **Thursdays** from **March through October** on selected Port Ludlow courses. The men's and women's associations have different Boards who determine which games are played throughout the season. The emphasis is on "friendly" although prizes are given to encourage improvement and competitive spirit. Beginning golfers, young and old, are welcome as are those with more experience. Everyone started somewhere, even Tiger Woods and Michelle Wie, so the Niners are tolerant of differing skill levels.

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To introduce the association to new members and boost the old ones, the Niners are preparing to host a cocktail party on **Thursday, March 16**, at the Bay Club. Details will appear in the **March** issue of the *Voice*.

Remember, golf is a sport that can be enjoyed longer than many others, add years to your life, and keep your mind sharp. It also has social advantages. If you don't believe me, talk to Elsie McClean of Chico, California who is still playing at 101 years of age. Listen to 94-year old Esther Sundel who says: "I'm not just sitting around and waiting for the angel of death. I figure he can't hit a moving target."

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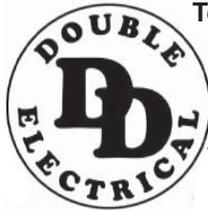
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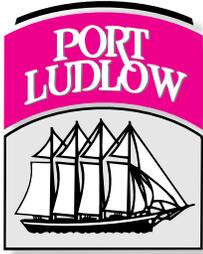
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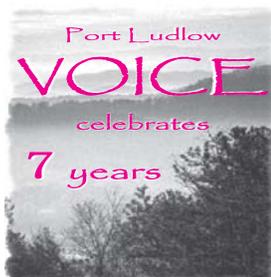
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