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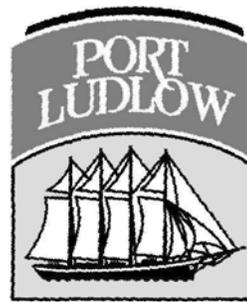
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### ON THE FRONT COVER

Frozen Inner harbor

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# News & Community

*Submit your articles by email to editor@plvoice.org no later than the 8th of the preceding month.*

**As the Voice went to press, some organizations were planning to resume in-person gatherings. Since that time Jefferson County has experienced an increase in covid cases, so be sure to confirm any organization's in-person status.**

## Editorial

*by Carol Riley, Staff Writer*

Happy New Year from all of us on the staff of the *Port Ludlow Voice*!

We closed out 2021 with a stunning cover photo of light at the end of a snowy, tree-lined tunnel. It seemed appropriate to show in the last month of 2021 that we were looking forward to brighter, happier days ahead.

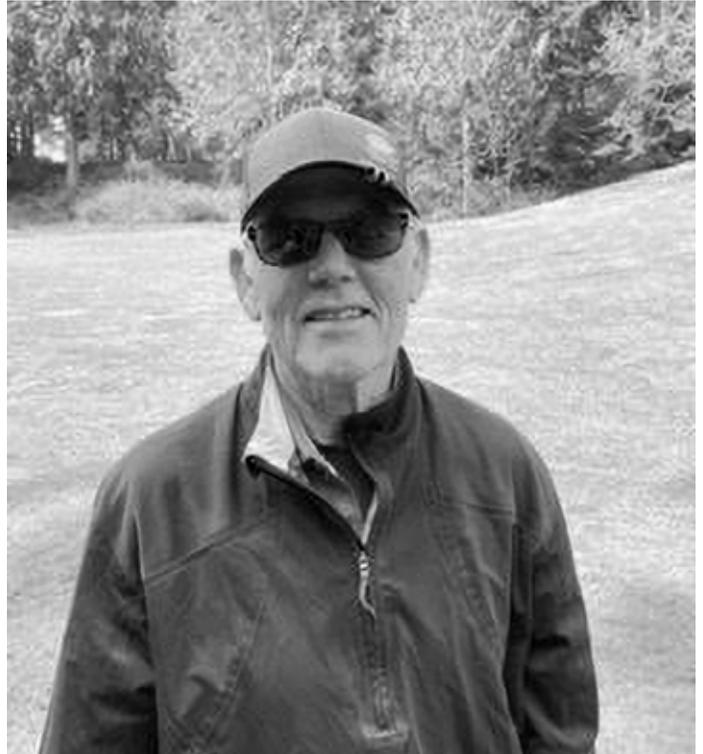
We are opening the new year with another beautiful photo of light, a beacon of hope for the future and the debut of our new cover design. Change is good. We know that intellectually, but it's difficult to embrace change in reality; and I confess that the *Voice* staff has struggled to "see the light" and bring our cover, last changed in 2011, to a new day. With the help of our photo editor and the talents of a local designer, we agreed that it was time for a new look, and we are thrilled with the result.

Our cover photos have always been the star of the show, and this new cover design with its clean, uncluttered look and crisp font announces who we are but allows the photo to shine. We hope you love it as much as we do.

## OlyCAP Raises Almost \$3,500 for Children's Christmas

The Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCAP) received \$3,475 from the PSO Bluebills and the Port Ludlow community in its annual Christmas gift drive. With those funds, 28 kids in the housing program received gifts worth about \$100 each. OlyCAP will set aside the remaining money for kids' Christmas gifts in the coming year. An OlyCAP spokesperson expressed thanks to both the generous donors and volunteers for the organization.

## A Loss



*Tim could often be found on the golf course.*

Submitted photo

Tim Propeck, a member of the *Port Ludlow Voice* family, passed away on December 9. Tim was a valued member of our staff since 2019. He served as our sports editor, webmaster, and was a man who embodied the spirit of a volunteer. Tim helped out whenever and wherever he could and did so with a smile and the gentle spirit we all came to love. When Tim wasn't contributing to the *Voice*, you could find him on the Port Ludlow golf course or engaged in some other outdoor activity. Tim will be greatly missed.

### Reminder to Dog Owners

So we all can enjoy our walks, please carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog.



## Library Has Full Event Lineup

Jefferson County Library has a new crafting station. During the month of January, kids 7 to 11 can use creativity and engineering to make a 3D snow scene. The library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock.

Below are upcoming live online programs presented by the library:

### Storytime—Mondays and Wednesdays in January, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.

Join library staff on Zoom for stories and movement activities for preschoolers, toddlers, and caregivers to enjoy together. Storytime can help build a love of books and shape strong readers. (There will be no online Storytime January 17.)

### Tech Tuesday—New Online Library Resources—January 11, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Explore a large selection of digital videos using hoopla. Connect to a live tutor through BrainFuse. Get the latest intel on investing with ValuLine. Free with your library card.

### Book Discussion—January 13, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.

Participants will discuss *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. To sign up for monthly book discussions, please email Andrea Hergert at [ahergert@jclibrary.info](mailto:ahergert@jclibrary.info).

### Climate Change and Clean Energy—January 13, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

A six-part Thursday-evening discussion series will be presented by experienced energy scientists. Topics will include renewables, CO2-free electricity, nuclear power, and ways to bring clean energy to everyone.

### Third-Tuesdays Trivia—January 18, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Library staff will host a night of friendly online competition with questions about science, history, pop culture, geography, and more. You can participate using a computer, a tablet, or a smartphone.

### Hygge Night—January 27, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Hygge (pronounced *hoo-ga*) is a Danish concept that celebrates the simple things in life. People over 18 can sign up on the library web site to get hygge craft materials and do easy projects during the Zoom session. Register for this program by January 22.

The library will be closed for New Year's Day on **January 1** and for Martin Luther King Jr. Day on **January 17**. For more information call 360-385-6544 or email [information@jclibrary.info](mailto:information@jclibrary.info). View the full event calendar at [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info).

## Martha's Book Club Plans New Meeting Schedule

Martha's Book Club will resume regular meetings beginning **Tuesday, January 11**. The schedule going forward will be the second Tuesday of each month from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Previously known as Port Ludlow Book Club, the group began in 1993. There are no rules—you don't even have to read the book (but you'll probably wish you had). All Port Ludlow residents are welcome. Please contact Sarah Schuch at [saclawso@gmail.com](mailto:saclawso@gmail.com) to find out more and to request the current reading list.

## Free Legal and Estate-Planning Zoom Seminars

Join Tony Hinson on **Tuesday, January 11 and 25**, at 11:30 a.m. as he explores estate and life-care planning solutions that prepare you properly to protect your assets and remain independent.

Topics will include estate tax issues and retirement accounts; healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid; long-term care insurance; maintaining quality of life; aging in place; preserving wealth; estate plans, and supplemental needs trusts.

These seminars will be held live on Zoom. To register, visit [sherrardlaw.com/seminars](http://sherrardlaw.com/seminars), or call 360-779-5551.

## Local Resident Appointed to Habitat Board

Lori Tschohl has been appointed to the board of directors of Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County. She is the managing member of Eagle Pipe & Mechanical, a commercial and residential gas piping and HVAC company. It's an all-woman, Port Ludlow-based organization.

Tschohl is known locally for her efforts to bring more women into the trades. She has been involved in multiple humanitarian projects and has visited all seven continents.

## Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

### Alarm Statistics November 2021

**Alarms**

Fires	1
Rescue/Emergency Medical	50
Service Call/Good Intent	19
False Alarms	6
Total Alarms	76

**Ambulance Transports**

Jefferson Healthcare	13
St. Michael	13
Medevac	2
Total Transports	28

**Aid**

Aid Given	10
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## Chamber Rolls Out Café Sessions, Classes, and Concierge Program

The Chamber of Jefferson County has scheduled its virtual winter events, including Chamber Cafés. The cafés are held on the first and third Fridays of most months.

At the December café, Washington state representatives Mike Chapman and Steve Tharinger discussed the legislature’s response to the Covid pandemic as well as 2022 state government priorities. Other past cafés can be found on the Chamber’s YouTube channel.

As part of the 2021 Port of Seattle Tourism Marketing Grant, the Chamber hosted a Port Townsend Fantasy Weekend Getaway contest. The winners enjoyed a two-day Port Townsend visit last September.

The Chamber has also continued its partnership with Service Corps of Retired Executives to provide virtual business-education resources, on-demand classes, and workshops, along with personalized business mentorship. The classes are free or low-cost for members and non-members alike. The Chamber will provide members with credits up to \$50 for each class completed and non-members with a credit toward a Chamber membership by signing up through the designated web link. To learn more, contact [director@jeffcountychamber.org](mailto:director@jeffcountychamber.org).

In addition to the above services, The Chamber has rolled out its Community Concierge Program, in which local residents can share their individual knowledge with potential visitors. These community volunteers typically handle emails, texts, or phone calls about their chosen field of expertise, which might include music, fine arts, shopping, dining, kayaking, or hiking in the region. Interested subject-matter experts should contact the Chamber.

The Chamber website calendar at [jeffcountychamber.org](http://jeffcountychamber.org) contains dates for its upcoming workshops as well as for local business and nonprofits events.

## Seasonal Advice from Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

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

It’s time to put Christmas decorations away.

Dried out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in your home or garage, or placed outside against the side of your home. In controlled tests, fire researchers found that a dry Christmas tree can become engulfed in flames in less than 10 seconds.

You can take your Christmas tree to the compost facility in Port Townsend located at 603 County Landfill Road, just off Jacob Miller Road. The cost to recycle your tree is \$5.

This would also be a good time to make sure you have adequate emergency food supplies and extra flashlight batteries in advance of winter storms that could cause power outages. Waiting until the last minute to get needed items could mean you will find empty shelves at the grocery stores.

To receive information about winter storms and other public safety incidents, text Jeffcodem to 888777 and sign up to receive Nixle messages from Jefferson County Dept. of Emergency Management. Be sure to reply to the message you receive from 888777 to complete your signup.

If you have questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue provides, please call 360-437-2236, or visit our website at [plfr.org](http://plfr.org).

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## Virtual Yard & Garden Series Will Feature Authors, Experts, Teachers

The Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation is presenting its interactive Yard & Garden lecture program beginning **Saturday, January 8**. The series will be conducted in a live webinar format from 10:00 a.m. to noon on six consecutive Saturdays through **Saturday, February 12**.

Speakers and topics will include this lineup:

- Linda Gilkeson, instructor and best-selling author of *Backyard Bounty: The Complete Guide to Year-Round Organic Gardening in the Pacific Northwest*. **January 8** lecture, “Planning Your 12-Month Garden.”
- Bess Bronstein, educator, ISA-certified arborist, and horticultural consultant with 35 years of experience in arboriculture, landscape management, and garden design. **January 15** lecture, “How to Successfully Prune Any Shrub.”
- Eric Lee-Mäder, author and co-director of the Pollinator Program at the Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation. **January 22** lecture, “Bring Back the Pollinators: Sowing Biodiversity for Bees and Beneficial Insects.”
- Christina Pfeiffer, author of *Pacific Northwest Month-By-Month Gardening*, who specializes in sustainable horticulture and efficient techniques. **January 29** lecture, “What on Earth? Taking Care of Garden Soils.”
- David Seabrook, Jefferson County Fire District commissioner, master gardener, and climate change activist. **February 5** lecture, “Growing Community Food System Resilience for Uncertain Times.”
- James Cassidy, soil science instructor at Oregon State University and faculty advisor for the university’s Organic Growers Club. **February 12** lecture, “Mulches and Crop Rotations.”

The Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation presents this program every year, with an interruption last spring due to the coronavirus pandemic. This is the first year the series will be virtual. It is cosponsored by the Jefferson County Extension Service of Washington State University.

The price for the entire six-lecture series is \$60. Single-event tickets are available for \$12. Tickets may be purchased from *yardandgarden.brownpapertickets.com*. Ticket sales help support Jefferson County Master Gardener programs. For more information, visit *jcmgf.org*.

## Port Ludlow DigitalLife Update

by Robin Glass, Port Ludlow DigitalLife

Here are our scheduled meetings for Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) for the month of January.

All Things Digital, Bay Club, **Monday, January 17**, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

“Windows 10 Features and Benefits:” Windows 10 has been around for several years, and you may think you are ready for the next operating system. The question is: how much do you know, and can you learn more to make it more enjoyable to use? This class may better prepare you for Windows 11 if you choose to upgrade.

In this class, you will learn how to modify the Start menu and Taskbar; lock and unlock the computer; change mouse settings; change power and sleep options; create and nest folders in Windows Explorer; learn how to “clean” your hard drive; study many options in the Settings window, and more.

This, as with all computer classes, is a hands-on session. Bring your computer with necessary power supplies. This meeting will offer a preview to our **Monday, February 21** topic: “Should You Upgrade to Windows 11?” These are very timely topics that will interest anyone using a PC.

Camera Special Interest Group, Bay Club, **Monday, January 24**, 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Aven Anderson will lead an overview of photo editing options.

PLDL photo sessions are held on the fourth Monday of each month at the Bay Club from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Go to *pldigitallife.org*, and if you missed last year’s exhibit, be sure to check it out, too.

PLDL is open to all people who are interested in computer and photography education. For additional information, contact PLDL President Shirley Sandoz at *sandoz@olypen.com* or Robin Glass at *prglass@comcast.net*.

## Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Contributing Writer



Meet Lieutenant Alex Kosiuga, firefighter and EMT with Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue. Alex is responsible for facilities management of all three Port Ludlow stations and pre-firefighting planning. Alex began his career as a volunteer with East Olympia Fire District 6, completed the Bates Technical College Fire Service curriculum, and has been with Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue since April of 2004. Alex was born in the Ukraine while it was still part of the Soviet Union; when he was ten years old, his family relocated to Tacoma to avoid religious persecution. Alex decided to become a firefighter, as his extended family was involved in public service, and appreciates that each day is a different experience with new challenges.

Alex now lives in Puyallup with his wife Lyuda; they have been married since 2002. They have four children, Anthony 14, Leah 12, Luke 7, and Esther 4. Alex is very involved with his family, and they enjoy traveling throughout the United States. Now that their kids are older, amusement parks are the big attraction. Alex is also very involved with his church.

The thing Alex likes best about his job is helping and providing solutions to people going through the worst times in their life. Alex feels that the hardest part of the job is being away from his family during his 48-hour shifts.

The most memorable positive event Alex recalls involved a woman who was in a serious accident. After she crashed her Suburban into a tree, her head

was pinned between the tree and the car. She had to be extricated from the wreck. Miraculously, she made a full recovery, which amazed Alex and his team.

Alex remains connected to his Ukrainian culture and community in Puyallup, and takes pride in mentoring the youth of the community on opportunities in the fire service and other vocations.

## Port Ludlow Voice's New Photographer

A former high school teacher, builder of wooden radio-controlled sailboats, sailor, traveler, and dynamite photographer has joined the *Voice* as Photo Editor. His first photo appeared without much fanfare in the December issue. The January issue again highlights his talents—in the photo and our new cover design.



Photo by Steve Deligan

Steve Deligan taught American history and government in the Seattle area for many years while his wife, Shan, teaches European and world history. With the advent of Covid, Steve opted for retirement. He and Shan moved to Port Ludlow where Shan's widowed mother lives. Today, Shan continues to teach in Mukilteo, but the two have plenty of plans for sailing and travel when she retires.

In addition to *Port Ludlow Voice* covers, Steve's work can be seen online at [deliganis.com](http://deliganis.com). His photos are also featured in the Port Ludlow Art League's new exhibition opening at the Fireside Inn on **January 3**. As for the photo that comes with this article: it's the full-scale shot from which our cover was taken. Look closely and you'll see where the cover came from.

## Bayside Brings More People Home

by Heather Dudley-Nollette, Director of Development



Bayside Housing & Services has launched their biggest year-end fundraising campaign to date with a goal of raising at least \$300,000 to fund transitional housing Healing Villages at Peter's Place and Pat's Place into 2022. The first group of "tiny home" structures were moved to the new Pat's Place site on Wednesday, December 15 and work continues toward the goal of opening Pat's Place and housing clients in their temporary homes this winter.

Pat's Place is located at 10th & Rosecrans in Port Townsend's Castle Hill neighborhood. Volunteers with the Community Build Project have contributed their labor to build the structures and are working with Bayside Housing & Services to complete the site preparations, move the individual shelter homes onto the site, and prepare them for occupancy.

While that work continues, Bayside is busy hiring and training additional Community Navigation staff to support the clients who will soon move to Pat's Place. This includes an additional Case Manager to advocate for clients and connect them with necessary skills and services, and a Housing Monitor who will live onsite to help monitor security and safety concerns.

Bayside's fundraising and in-kind goals are completely dedicated to this work for both Peter's and Pat's Places. The resources will benefit all their Healing Village resident clients who are experiencing

the homeless condition and need transitional support to find and keep permanent homes!

The community can help Bayside create these housing and support service opportunities by contributing to their campaign at [baysidehousing.org/donate](https://baysidehousing.org/donate) or by fulfilling items on their in-kind contribution Wish List of additional bedding, kitchen, and general items for the villages, as well as some "big asks" for a 6-12 passenger mini- or full-sized van to meet ongoing client transportation needs and one more RV or travel trailer to house two new Housing Monitors at both Healing Villages. See Bayside's website for a full wish list.

- To date, Bayside has provided over 14,000 bed nights
- They are currently serving 24 individual clients in tiny shelters at Peter's Place (a tiny home Healing Village in Port Hadlock), and 57 clients at Bayside Tower (at the Old Alcohol Plant)
- They have provided almost 14,500 meals this year to their own clients living at Bayside Tower and Peter's Place, and to hungry people formerly living at the fairgrounds and now at the Mill Street property
- They have provided over 500 rides for clients to access schools, medical appointments, pharmacies, grocery stores, banks, and errands

In 2022, Bayside will continue to move toward a trauma-informed model of care, which is a non-judgmental method for aiding those who have experienced and may still be experiencing trauma. Embracing these evidence-based practices is central for homeless health-care providers as the homeless condition is linked to experiences like previous childhood abuse and neglect, intimate partner violence, traumatic brain injury and a history of military service, among other circumstances.

Trauma-informed models of care provide a safe space for clients to feel heard and supported. Bayside hires and trains professionals who employ a trauma-informed approach to care, and who are equipped to understand the actions of their clients and to engage them in seeking and attaining permanent housing.

With your support, Bayside Housing & Services will bring more people home in 2022 and beyond. They are supporting clients with wrap-around care aimed at building long-term skills. Ultimately, Bayside wants to help all their clients find and keep permanent homes for life.

## Features & Stories

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### The Hood Canal Bridge

*by Milton Lum, Contributing Writer*

Ivan Doig, a Northwest author and historian, described the February 13, 1979 storm as an “iron wind” snapping the western section of the Hood Canal Bridge. With wind gusts of 80 to 110 miles per hour funneling down the Hood Canal and producing 10 to 30-foot waves, the 18-year-old bridge yielded to Mother Nature. No lives were lost as the bridge, closed to traffic, tumbled into the Hood Canal. The crew who remained deserted their posts just in time. The major casualties were the residents of the Olympic Peninsula whose lives were disrupted for over three years until the bridge was repaired and reopened.

From its initial inception to its opening in 1961, engineers had concerns about building a floating bridge in a saltwater tidal basin. Floating bridges were designed for fresh water and not subjected to salt water, strong currents, and powerful tides. For the first 18 years of its existence the bridge provided an expeditious route from the Olympic Peninsula to the Kitsap Peninsula, but the February 13 storm revealed weaknesses in the original design. A perfect storm of winds and waves battering the bridge displaced the anchors holding the pontoons, resulting in loss of structural support. The high waves flooding the maintenance deck burst the hatches and flooded the hollow pontoons. With the loss of buoyancy, the pontoons listed and cracked. The cables holding the bridge in place finally snapped and the bridge sank.

Alternative solutions to the floating bridge, explored in the aftermath of the sinking, included a resumption of ferry service, an underground tunnel below the canal, and a suspension bridge. However, each potential solution was more cost prohibitive than repairing the existing structure. Federal funding for bridge repair was secured by William Bulley, Secretary of Transportation, assisted by Senator Warren Magnuson. Construction began in June of 1979, but it remained for residents of the Olympic Peninsula to be resilient and creative in learning to adjust to lifestyle changes imposed by a longer commute to destinations across the Hood Canal.

The days immediately following the storm proved to be chaotic. Mary Ann Walker of Inner Harbor Village remembered Paradise Bay Road as being like “Pick-up sticks” with fallen trees everywhere. “We were stuck at home for several days before they cleared the road.” Her husband, working at Bangor Naval Base, carpooled with five others and drove around the western shore of the Hood Canal to get to work. Within a few weeks, a blue barge with folding chairs (christened the “African Queen” by the locals) began transporting passengers across the canal. It took time for the residents to adjust to the “new normal.” By the end of the year that “new normal” included auto ferry services from Port Townsend to Edmonds with cars lining Water Street; increased traffic along Highway 101 West with cars speeding through Quilcene; a passenger-only ferry between South Point at Bridgehaven in Jefferson County and Lofall in Kitsap County; shuttle buses from Port Townsend to Bridgehaven and Bangor Naval Base; and Kitsap County Transport to Lofall. Those solutions all required increased patience and commuting time for those living on the Olympic Peninsula and working on the Kitsap Peninsula.

The repaired bridge finally reopened to vehicles on October 24, 1982, with a huge celebration and a line of cars simulating the worst traffic jams of contemporary summer seasons. The cost of the repair was \$143 million of which \$100 million was federally funded. Toll fees were initially increased from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per car. Protests ensued, reducing the toll to \$2.00. In 1985, the courts ruled that the insurance payment constituted repayment of the construction bonds and the tolls were eliminated.

Funding from the Washington State Department of Transportation totaling \$471 million during the period from 2003 to 2009 allowed for structural improvements to the east and west spans, replacement of the eastern part of the floating portion, and replacement of the western portion electrical systems. The final installation necessitated another closure from April to June 2009. This time residents of the Olympic

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Peninsula were given ample time to prepare for the inconveniences of utilizing alternate paths of transit.

On my first trip across the Hood Canal Bridge in May of 2005, I was awed by the spectacular view of the snow-capped Olympic Mountain range to the west and the distant Mt. Baker to the northeast. Sixteen years later I am still awed and also grateful for this precious link to the other side of the water. Bridge closures for maintenance or marine crossings are but tests of patience and the price paid for living in this pristine location.

## **Whither Port Ludlow? A Look into the Future**

*by E. Haskell Maxwell, Staff Writer*

If we want to see what tomorrow looks like, we will have to start with today and two factors that color everything else.

The first is people. More specifically, the growing number of people in the U.S., Washington state, and, inevitably, Port Ludlow. According to the latest census data, Washington ranks number seven among the fastest growing states with a growth of 14.6 percent across the most recent 10-year period. For Port Ludlow growth has been far slower but still clocked in at 8.64 percent overall. And the influx seems to be growing.

That's partly due to the horrors of Covid and its one bright-spot corollary: the emergence of the work-from-home era wherein employees can live pretty much wherever they want. While that movement might someday recede, it doesn't look to be happening soon. And Port Ludlow, with its rural character, gorgeous scenery and proximity to major population centers, could be primed for a population boom.

More people will come, for sure. But don't fret about a boom, says Diana Smeland, president of Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), the by-far dominant landholder in this area: "We are limited in the total number of homes that can be built in the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort (MPR)."

By 'limited' Smeland refers mainly to Section 17 of the Jefferson County Code. This states that, on the residential side, the MPR cannot exceed 2,250 Equivalent Residential Units (ERUs, i.e., living quarters with their own kitchen facilities). Today, Smeland

notes "about 1,750 of those units are built." That leaves approximately 500 to come.

So, we've got a ceiling. The remaining questions are when, and where the unbuilt ERUs will appear. To answer that, let's split Port Ludlow into its two association zones: The original area, known as North Bay; and the newer development, called South Bay.

For North Bay, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) General Manager Brian Belmont lists a total of 1,090 housing lots available, with 118 of them slated for condos. Of the lot total, 193 remain undeveloped, virtually all of them in existing neighborhoods. (A fraction of the unbuilt lots belongs to existing homeowners who purchased land adjacent to their homes.)

Still, a decent number of to-be-built lots remain. An example is the open beach front area between North Bay's Conference Center and its existing Admiralty Condos. This development of single-family homes, says Smeland, "is about two years out."

PLA also plans to add residences in the open land area around the lagoon. This is slotted for condo development, but a combination of financing and community concern makes the timing uncertain. In addition, Belmont points out that, "Port Ludlow Associates has 34 acres by the Village Center, so they do have lots of property that could be developed."

Still, the majority of new housing development in the MPR will appear in the South Bay area. That region, says South Bay General Manager Mark Torres, has "up to 800 lots that can be platted or built." South Bay now boasts 574 homes, and PLA is currently developing its Olympic Phase II area with 37 single-family home lots, which Smeland hopes to have completed by the second quarter of 2022. To find other areas set for development on both North and South Bay sides, check the accompanying map.

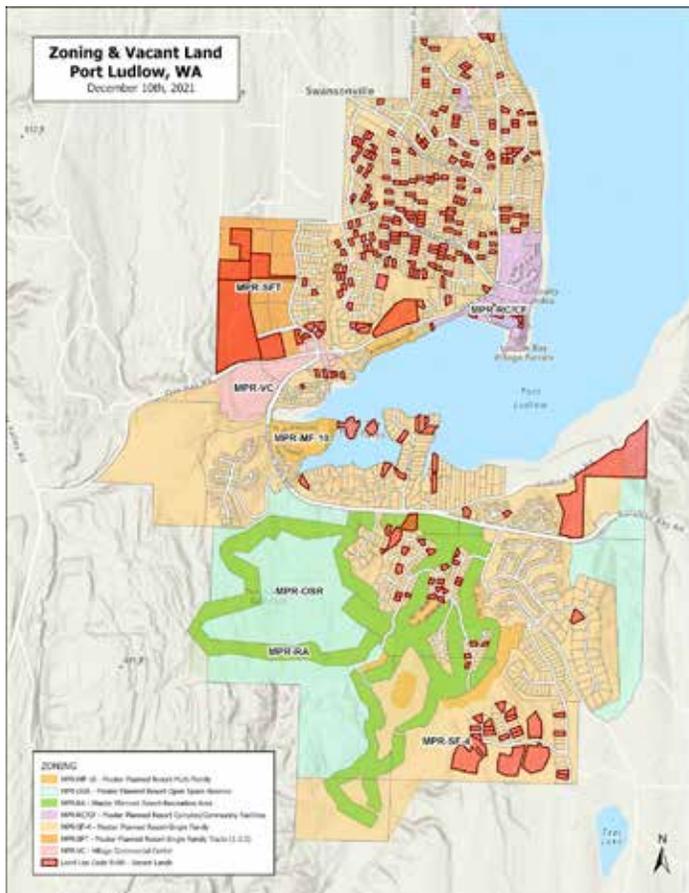
In terms of commercial development, the situation is murky. As shown by the map, we have several areas which could, by zoning, host new stores and offices. Concrete plans, however, are still being mulled over due to financial considerations and other concerns. Still, notes Jefferson County's Interim Planning Manager David Wayne Johnson, "There is clearly room for more development within the Commercial Zone, and plans for mixed use (both residential and commercial) redevelopment of the Resort Complex where the Inn and Marina are located are slowly moving forward."

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Of course, Port Ludlow’s MPR does not exist in a vacuum and development will continue outside its borders. Most notably, Jefferson County recently announced plans to build a sewer system in the Port Hadlock area. Currently, Port Ludlow and Port Townsend are the only Jefferson County areas with sewer systems, a natural limit to growth outside these areas. As noted on the Jefferson County website: “When construction of the sewer system is completed, the Irondale & Port Hadlock (area) will be able to support affordable housing, medical facilities, higher density multifamily residences, senior housing, as well as commercial and industrial development.”

This development will, of course, take time (10 years is the current estimate). When completed, it will mean both additional services, and traffic, for MPR residents. Does that make the future bleak? Hardly. As always, changes will come. And some current open spaces will disappear. But thanks to a variety of factors, not least of which is that cap, the Port Ludlow MPR should remain a lovely place to live.



Our many thanks to Kevin Hitchcock, Jefferson County GIS Analyst/Cartographer for his help with this map.

Produced by the Jefferson County Planning and Land division, this map shows zoning designations within the Port Ludlow Master resort (see the legend on the bottom left hand corner) plus land which has been platted but has yet to be built on (shown crosshatched in red). Expect new developments to appear in these areas.

### Immortality Through Initials

*by Tim Rensema, Staff writer*



*Clark's inscription at Pompey's Pillar.*

Photo by Tim Rensema

Being interested in history, I have been drawn to people who have carved or painted their initials or names in trees, on rocks, and other places to immortalize their passing that particular site or some experience. When you see these carvings, you can't help but wonder what the individual was thinking when they were there. These type of carvings exist all over America, but I would like to pick out some that I have seen. In some cases, the individuals are well known in our history, while in others, they just happen to be in the wrong place at the wrong time.

First, I would like to start with the father of our country, George Washington. He was a surveyor in his early years, and while in Rockbridge County, Virginia, came across a natural bridge which was a local historic site (which is now a national historic site called Natural Bridge). Washington is supposed to have carved his initials GW at the base of the natural bridge, and today there are initials there. For now, they are credited to President Washington. During the Civil War there were probably hundreds of places where wounded soldiers or guards on picket duty would carve their initials in a tree or house. In the town of Brandy Station, VA, where one of the largest Civil War cavalry battles occurred, there is a house that was

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used as a hospital. Inside the house (Graffiti House) the historical society has preserved most of the writings that were written by wounded soldiers. At the Chatham House, located across the Rappahannock River from the town of Fredericksburg, there are bricks in the exterior wall that have engravings on them. Sergeant Sylvester Ostrander was treated in Chatham for a chest wound and ensured his immortality with his penciled signature on the interior wall.

Guernsey, Wyoming is our next stop. The Wyoming Army National Guard has a training site here that is adjacent to the Oregon Trail. At this point the Oregon Trail passes a bluff that was used as a message point for those families moving west on the Oregon Trail. There are any number of names and dates of people who made this trek, such as LN Breed in 1868. The Trail here is cut into the bedrock from such long use and so many wagons that traveled this route. Going north to Slope County, North Dakota will bring you to a really unique site. This area was known for being a meeting and trading place of eastern and western Indians. In fact, an isolated population of limber pine exists on the top of a butte that was used for this purpose. The pine seeds were a favorite snack of the western Indians and some inadvertently dropped out and germinated. In this very lonesome but beautiful country, the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry had camped after leaving Fort Lincoln, Mandan, North Dakota, on their way to the Little Big Horn river area of Montana. Two troopers (Williams and Neely) were on picket duty, May 18, 1876, and were probably bored to death, so carved their names and dates in the cliff near their bivouac. The site is well protected with chain link fencing, but unfortunately, Williams and Neely weren't. They were troopers of Custer's 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry that met their deaths at Little Big Horn. However, they managed to ensure people would remember them.

Continuing west to the eastern part of Montana, just east of Billings off interstate 94 is Pompey's Pillar, which is a massive outcropping next to the Yellowstone River that is the only remaining on-site evidence of William Clark's travels. The site was named for the son of Sacajawea (Clark's Shoshone interpreter). Clark carved his name and date in the rock (1806) and it is still visible today. It is a quiet spot where the latrine pits are being investigated, having been identified because of the high mercury content which was indicative of the diet and ethnicity of the travelers.

There are probably hundreds of these type physical memories from pioneer travels. Certainly, many modern-day pioneers may have carved their names and possibly someone else's in a beech tree bark to be immortalized for the life of the tree, even though their relationship may not have survived that long. Like the beech tree bark, the modern petroglyphs of our pioneers do not easily fade, but are prone to being erased by other more modern signatures (or modern graffiti). So, if you're travelling by a well-known trail such as the Santa Fe or the Oregon, or along one of the many hiking trails, look up and around and you may see some written remembrance of someone carved into the rock or tree.

## Edibles

*by Carol Riley, Staff Writer*

Who wants to read a food-related article in January? Who wants to write a food-related article in January? Honestly, January is the month when most of us are so satiated with holiday food and drink that food is the last thing on our minds—at least until Super Bowl Sunday.

A recent look at the top New Year's resolutions shows, not surprisingly, that the top three have to do with eating and health: 50% of those who make resolutions want to exercise more, 48% want to lose weight, and 39% want to focus more on eating well. These numbers vary a little by generation, but Baby Boomers fall into these categories along with 44% of us wanting to save money and another 17% wanting to do more volunteering (that's great because the *Voice* needs you!).

So, if we plan on doing better in 2022, let's look at the list of food resolutions provided by Taste of Home. They offer 29, but we are going to look at just a few, check out two of their recipes, and move on to a fun exercise about how to correctly pronounce some popular food names. Ready? Off the couch, big stretch, grab a pen, and let's begin.

Resolution No. 1: Try a new recipe each week. Did you get an Instant Pot for Christmas? Take it out of the box, read the instructions, and prepare to fall in love. It will help you with Resolution No. 2: Expand your repertoire of "go to" meals. We all get in a rut when we're cooking and fall back on what we can put together with our eyes closed. Open those eyes and find a few new favorites. Resolution No. 3: Take time to make

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breakfast. It really is the most important meal of the day, and I've included a great recipe for Mini Ham and Cheese Frittatas at the end of the column that is sure to become a staple in your recipe collection.

Resolution No. 4 and our last one is to give up sugar for one week. Did you know that research shows sugar is more addictive than cocaine? See how much better you feel if you can stay with this for a week. Don't eat a lot of sugar? Are you sure? So many foods have added sugars in forms we don't think about so check those food labels carefully. OK, one more, Resolution No. 5: Stop ordering salads at McDonald's and eat their basic hamburger. Yes, it has fewer calories and less fat and sodium than the salad largely because of the salad dressings.

And now for some food fun—testing your pronunciation skills of items that have crept into our pantries and onto restaurant menus:

Quinoa – KEEN-wah; gluten-free grain, great rice substitute

Macaron – mah-kuh-ROHN; delicious French cookie

Pho – FUH; Vietnamese noodle dish with broth, rice noodles, and herbs

Acai – ah-sah-EE; super fruit added to salads and smoothies

Edamame – ed-ah-MAH-may; underripe soybeans, boiled and served with sea salt

Bruschetta – BRU-sketta; Italian antipasto grilled bread with chopped tomato, garlic, olive oil and salt.

How did you do? Great, I'm sure. Enjoy the recipes and try to keep those resolutions.

### **Mini Ham and Cheese Frittatas**

Preheat oven to 375 and spray 8 muffin cups with cooking spray.

Whisk together:

6 large eggs and 4 egg whites

2 tablespoons fat-free milk

¼ teaspoon each of salt and pepper.

Add 3 tablespoons of chopped chives.

Sprinkle 4 oz of cubed ham and 1 cup of shredded low-fat or fat-free cheddar cheese evenly into the 8 prepared muffin cups.

Spoon in egg mixture to about ¾ full.

Bake 22-25 minutes until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Carefully remove from baking cups and serve warm.

Serving size one muffin: 106 calories, 4 grams fat, 14 grams of protein.

### **Bruschetta**

Preheat oven to 350

Using ¼ cup of melted butter mixed with ¼ olive oil, brush both sides of 10 slices of baguette about 1" thick. Place on a baking sheet and bake 8–10 minutes until golden. Remove from oven, but leave on baking sheet. Combine 4 oz. crumbled feta cheese, 2 to 3 cloves of minced garlic, and 1 tablespoon of fresh basil (or 1 teaspoon dried).

Sprinkle the cheese combination onto the bread slices, top with chopped and seeded tomato from one large tomato and bake for another 8–10 minutes until warm.

### **Figs**

*by Eline Lybarger, Guest Writer*

Aunt Hannah had a fig tree and when they were ripe, she made the most wonderful things: figs cut vertically, to look like flowers, with a pinch of brown sugar and dab of whipped cream; fig bars, like Fig Newtons only better; fig and orange tart; fig bread, jam, Christmas's Figgie pudding, so rich I could eat only two bites, and dried figs to eat like candy all year long. Fresh figs are extremely perishable and will only last for about a week in the refrigerator. However, they are nutritious, containing calcium, potassium, phosphorus and iron. Also, the milky sap from the stem can be irritating, so you may want to wear gloves when picking them. To harvest gently twist the fruit or cut the stem with pruners.

The most common fig, *Ficus carica*, originated in the area from Asiatic Turkey to northern India, but has been cultivated around the world. Today other common figs are Dattato, Fraga, and Brown Turkey. None of these require their flowers to be pollinated, but will produce better if they have been pollinated. In tropical areas figs may have two crops but in our cooler climate we get only one crop in the fall. In fact, the fig "fruit" isn't a fruit at all, but a swollen stem with the flowers packed inside. Sort of like an inside-out strawberry.

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Figs prefer full sun and well-drained, fertile soil. Some can reach 30 feet, but there are also dwarf varieties that lend themselves to containerizing. The plant is drought tolerant, but once established, it needs only a little extra fertilizer. Prune during the dormant season; removing dead or diseased wood, suckers and crossed or crowded branches. Also, thinning out older stems encourages larger fruit. If your fig is in a container, every few years, in late winter, you will want to root prune; removing about one third of the root and top, then add a mixture of compost, potting soil and organic fertilizer.

These are some small varieties growing 6 to 15 feet tall but which tolerate pruning. Other figs that do well in small spaces or a container are:

‘Black Jack’ produces large, sweet, purple-skin with strawberry red flesh.

‘Brown Turkey,’ also called ‘Texas Everbearing,’ is well adapted to colder climates and is a good container plant. Has purple-brown fruit with pink flesh.

‘Celeste’ has brown skin, pink flesh and is known as the “sugar fig” because it is so sweet.

‘GE Neri’ grows 4 to 6 ft. tall and wide. Prefers to be kept moist but not boggy. It has purple skin and red fruit the size of a tennis ball and is very sweet.

‘Hardy Chicago,’ also known as ‘Bensonhurst Purple,’ adapts well to containers.

‘Italian Honey’ or ‘Lattarulla’ or ‘Blanche’ grows well in colder regions; has yellow-green skin and very sweet red flesh.

‘Little Miss Figgy’ is the smallest variety reaching only 4 to 6 feet tall with purple skin and amber flesh.

‘Violet de Bourdeaux’ or ‘Negronne’ has purple-black skin and juicy deep red flesh.

Raintree Nursery in Norton, WA has had some of these varieties. Valley Nursery in Poulsbo has ‘GE Neri’ at about \$30.



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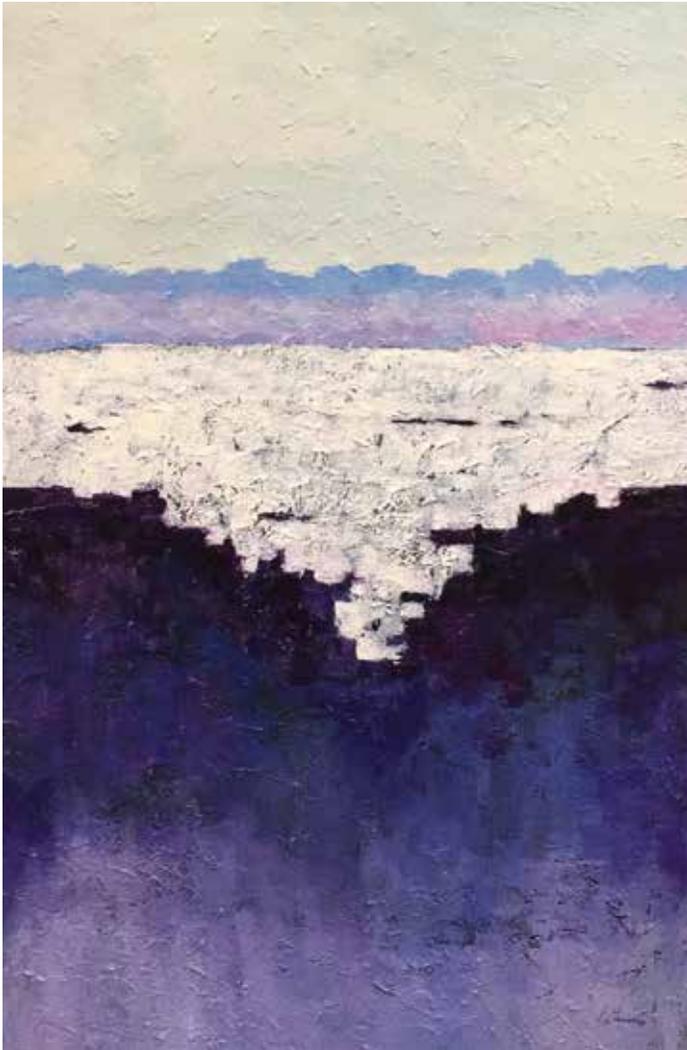
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## *Arts & Entertainment*

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

### **Group Art Exhibit at the Port Ludlow Bay Club**

The Bay Club hosts a new group art exhibit sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League every two months. The theme for the current art exhibit is *Winter Wonderland*.



*Winter, by Gail Larson.*

Submitted photo

With frosty mornings, bright, crisp days, and even the occasional snowfall, wintertime inspires artists to capture the season’s natural beauty and traditions, both outdoors and inside where it’s warm and cozy.

With more than 25 works of art on display, participating artists include Alan Ahtow, Joan Astin, Benda Barcelo, Ann Bernard, Fran Bodman, Larry Davidson, Carol Durbin, Gary Griswold, Gail Larson,

David Layton, Carol Nielsen, Pamela Raine, Donna Thompson, and Diane Walker.

The *Winter Wonderland* art exhibit is available for viewing in person at the Bay Club during December and January. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please contact Alan Ahtow at [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).

### **Port Ludlow Art League Members at Northwind Art Small Expressions Exhibit**

Port Townsend’s Northwind Art held its ‘Small Expression 20’ art exhibit. All entries had to be original artwork and could not exceed 16” in any direction, including frame and mount.



*Canoe, by Mary Lynn Laker.*

Submitted photo

Port Ludlow Art League members Ann Bernard, Mary Lynn Laker, Carol Nielsen, Pamela Raine, and Diane Walker were accepted for this juried exhibit.

The Small Expressions exhibit is particularly compelling because the submitted artwork could consist of any type of material. The Port Ludlow Art League members used encaustics, collage, ceramics, and acrylics as the medium for their submissions.

The exhibit is open to the public Thursday through Monday, noon – 5:00 p.m. from December 2 through January 30 in the Jeanette Best Gallery located at 701 Water Street in Port Townsend.

## Port Ludlow Art League

### Artist of the Month – Share & Explore

Creativity is a like a muscle—it needs exercising. One of the many opportunities the Port Ludlow Art League offers both members and guests is a demo and hands-on, 2-hour session to spark creativity by exploring a new art technique or medium. Instruction and supplies are provided for a nominal fee.

Some of the art techniques and mediums explored in the past two years include encaustic, watercolors, pastels, abstract art, alcohol inks, acrylics, needle felting, Gelli monoprinting, collage, making paper, marbling paper, papier-maché bowls, jewelry, shadow box, Sumi-e, mandalas, jewelry, fabric dyeing, zen rocks, and assemblage.

Share & Explore meets the first Friday of each month. Reservations are required. If you are interested in learning a new art technique or medium, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org) to receive monthly invitations.

Examples of the art techniques and mediums featured at the monthly Share & Explore sessions will be on display at the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

### Jeweler of the Month – Georganne Muse

Georganne Muse fashions eye-catching bracelets, necklaces, and earrings to compliment any ensemble. Working with both gold and silver, Georganne enhances her jewelry designs with semi-precious stones, such as Aquamarine, Carnelian, Citrine, Chalcedony Garnet, Pearls, White Topaz, Tourmaline, and Sleeping Beauty Turquoise.

You can view Georganne's jewelry at the Sound Community Bank, the Port Ludlow Art Gallery, and online at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org). If you'd like to purchase her jewelry, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org) to make a sales appointment or drop by the Port Ludlow Art Gallery Thursdays and Fridays between noon and 4:00 p.m. The Gallery is located next to the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.



Jewelry by Georganne Muse.  
Submitted photo

## Port Ludlow Art League Guest Speaker

The Port Ludlow Art League is delighted to present Ann Breckon as our online guest speaker on **Wednesday, January 19** at 1:00 p.m. Ann will be demonstrating gouache resist, which is an amazing technique to use with watercolors. Gouache, an opaque water media, is used as a temporary resist over which a solid layer of black India ink is painted. The whole piece is submerged in a water bath to remove the gouache and reveal paper with a textured black pattern on which to paint.

Ann began studying watercolor almost 40 years ago. Over the years, art in its many forms has always been an important part of her life. Although Ann enjoys sketching in pencil and ink, watercolors give her the ability to add vibrant color to her artwork. “Watercolors move with a mind of their own sometimes,” says Ann, “providing an endless set of surprises and challenges and a feeling of life as you work with them.”

Ann is a signature member of the National Watercolor Society of America and the Northwest Watercolor Society, and holds membership in the American Watercolor Society, the Transparent Watercolor Society of America, the Eastside Association of Fine Arts, and the Women Painters of Washington.

Port Ludlow Art League members and guests are welcome to attend Ann's presentation using Zoom. If you are interested, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org) before **Tuesday, January 18**.

## LVP Needs Your Help!

by Val Durling, Guest Writer

Happy New Year from Ludlow Village Players (LVP). Yes, we are preparing to bring you the three-act comedy *The Outsider* by Paul Slade Smith. We are offering six performances--Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday matinees at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow **March 11 – 20**. Our talented and dedicated cast has stayed intact and in touch, getting together occasionally to refresh lines despite being shut down when Covid cancelled this play in March of 2020.

However, our usually well-staffed support crew has suffered losses of people moving away and changing plans. The areas of greatest need are: sound, stage lighting, publicity, costumes, and hospitality.

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Experience is certainly welcome but not required. Our new stage manager, Jim Noeldner, would love to mentor an interested high-schooler for sound, lighting or backstage help. These positions vary as to amount of time needed—and the duration of commitment. Some are early in the production phase and others begin closer to performances while still others are performances only. Rehearsals are twice a week at the Bay Club from 5:00 to 7:45 p.m. Please call Val at 360-437-2861 or [rkd@olyphen.com](mailto:rkd@olyphen.com) or more details. Join our team. It's such a lot of fun. You'll be glad you did.

LVP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit all-volunteer organization. Our mission is to entertain and educate in the field of theater arts. We give a scholarship to a graduating high school senior each year. Learn more about us at [ludlowvillageplayers.org](http://ludlowvillageplayers.org) or visit us on Facebook. Covid protocol as required by the Bay Club, the state, and the county will be followed at rehearsals and performances.

## New Season at Port Gamble Theater

*by Bev Rothenborg, A & E Editor*

It has been a long wait for those of us addicted to live theater. Local theaters are now beginning to open. One of my favorites for many years has been the Port Gamble Theater which is across from the General Store in Port Gamble. It is in an historical building which at one time was used as a social/dance hall when Port Gamble was a logging town. It has a lot of charm, and the plays are consistently excellent. There are always one or two plays during each season that are appropriate for the grandkids, and it's a good opportunity to introduce them to live theater.

The new season begins with *Sarah Plain and Tall* which opens in March 2022 and continues with *Steel Magnolias* and Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, and it ends in December with Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella*. The performances are on Friday and Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m., and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. The exact dates for each play are available on their website.

I enjoy the ambiance of Port Gamble. There are a couple of good restaurants—the Butcher & Baker Provisions and Scratch Kitchen. I love to stroll the street with its beautiful old trees and water view,

check out the shops and wander through the historical cemetery (yes, the cemetery). The headstones are an interesting insight into the early pioneers who populated the town. If you go, don't miss the two museums—one is above the General Store.

The website for the theater is [portgambletheater.com](http://portgambletheater.com), and the phone number is 360-977-7135.

## Live Indoor Music Returns to Port Ludlow

*by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer*

When Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA) staged its first live indoor music event in almost two pandemic-stained years, nobody could be sure what to expect. Would people be willing to sit shoulder-to-shoulder again inside the Bay Club auditorium? Would they show their vaccination cards? Would they all be willing to wear facemasks for a couple of hours?

The one thing absolutely *nobody* expected was to see Gil Skinner, president of the South Bay Community Association and a man who claimed to be shy, stand up alone in front of the entire audience and dance the twist.

It happened on the afternoon of December 5, as America's Sweethearts, a New York-based all-girl vocal group singing three-part harmonies of popular music from the 1940's through the 1960's, came to Port Ludlow.

The first newsworthy moment of the event happened several weeks earlier, when every ticket sold out just a few days after they became available. PLPA concerts during the pre-pandemic era had a capacity of 220 seats, but to keep audience members from being jammed too close together, that number was limited to 150 seats, and they were all spoken for even before a prerecorded program promoting the show could be aired on KPTZ radio in Port Townsend.

But more surprising than that was an impromptu moment that happened near the end of the concert. The girl singers asked the audience for a volunteer, someone who wouldn't mind standing up. At first, nobody raised a hand, but a group in the crowd near the front started chanting, "Gil! Gil! Gil! Gil!"

The concert was supported by Gil Skinner as a tribute to his wife, Barb Skinner, who lost her fight with cancer on December 20, 2019. The singers prodded

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Gil, who obviously wasn't interested in becoming part of the show. They finally convinced him to stand up. Then they asked him to come to the foot of the stage. He shook his head. "I'm shy," he pleaded, but they finally got him to stand in front of the stage.

Then the singers burst into an up-tempo song, pointing and smiling at the president of the South Bay Community Association, and before long, Gil was dancing and twisting to the music, all by himself, in front of 150 people.

The pandemic has left a mark on PLPA concerts: to be as safe as possible, the usual service of food and drinks has been eliminated for the current season. But PLPA did have a self-serve table outside for folks to get cups of water, and patrons were pleasantly surprised as they left the auditorium when everyone was given a festive little Santa Claus bag that contained homemade cookies.

When the pandemic is sufficiently beaten back, food and drinks will return to the shows, and maybe PLPA will expand its seating capacity. But for now, given how fast the December show sold out, the takeaway is to buy tickets now if you're interested in attending any of the final four shows scheduled in this 2021-22 season.

The next show, 7:00 p.m. on **February 26**, features Jason Lyle Black, an award-winning pianist, composer and comedian. Tickets can be purchased online at [PortLudlowPerformingArts.com](http://PortLudlowPerformingArts.com).

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## Update From the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

In 2021, the LMC Board of Trustees made the decision to improve air circulation and quality, where feasible, throughout the Beach Club building. The Gallery and Gazebo rooms were identified as areas that were in need of an upgrade because they are not part of the existing heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system that we have in the building. Prior to the improvements, other than opening the doors or windows of the two rooms there was no fresh air being brought in. Air was being recirculated by those using the room. By January, the installation of new Heat Recovery Ventilator (HRV) systems for both rooms should be completed. The HRV exchanges the stale indoor air with fresh, outside air. During the heating season, an HRV also captures the heat from the exhausted air and transfers it to the incoming air, preheating it before it enters the room. During the summer, an HRV can reverse this process by removing some of the heat from the incoming air.

Improvements to the existing HVAC systems in the Bay View room and the locker rooms are being planned to take place in 2022. During this year, the gym will have a new HVAC system installed which will also include an HRV system.

In 2021, we upgraded the indoor pool air handler system by adding an ultraviolet light treatment.

Representatives from LMC and South Bay Community Association have been working on reestablishing what had been referred to as reciprocal agreements with some of the community groups that routinely used both the Beach and Bay Clubs. At this time there are still details to be worked out, but it is encouraging to see both Clubs working on this together.

A reminder to our members that the 2022 annual LMC assessment is due on January 15. If for some reason members need to establish a monthly payment plan, please contact me at the Beach Club.

Happy New Year!

### Important Dates

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All LMC members are welcome. 

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

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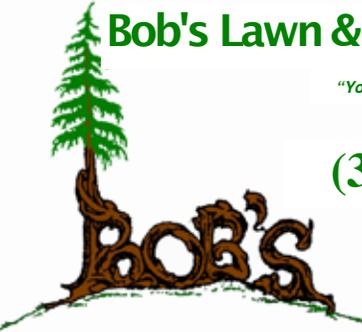
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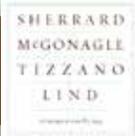
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These is also an increase in the number of Buyers who are still working but are able to telecommute from home. The pandemic has caused many people to look at what matters most in their lives. Home, and its location, has never been more important. With the current changes in the workplace many employees are now able to work from home via telecommuting.

Interest rates are at almost record lows and many experts like Freddie Mac are forecasting low interest rates for the foreseeable future. Our prices still seem affordable to buyers who are moving here from Seattle, California and other urban areas across the country.

Just as with stocks and bonds, it is almost impossible to perfectly time the market. In Port Ludlow, a house purchased at the height of the market in 2007, before the recession, is now worth between 23% more than it was in 2007. So, in other words, over time, property values continue to rise making now the best time to buy.



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# Village Council

## Board Meeting Summary

by Tamra McDearmid, Secretary

At the December 2, 2021, Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting the following reports were given:

### Diana Smeland, President, Port Ludlow Associates

Diana Smeland was unable to attend the board meeting. Jim Moffitt stood in as proxy. Real Estate: Supply chain issues continue. OWSI: Chlorination started in early November and had some early challenges with chlorine feed rates but has stabilized. Inn: Retail items are being stocked for holiday gifts. The holiday tree and decorations are up in the lobby. Fireside Room: Themed dinners continue on Wednesday evenings in the New Year. Menus will be out soon. The January theme is Cooking Low and Slow. Golf Course: The Winter Series, four-player scramble will be held on December 31. Staffing: Hired a First Assistant, Dan Swindler, who will be starting next week. Marina: No news on the Corps of Engineers permit. Boats are being decorated for the holidays. Village Center: The lighted holiday tree is up at the Village Center. Thank you to the volunteers who helped the team decorate! Space is available for lease in the Office Park.

### Community Open House committee – Tamra McDearmid, Liaison

- The board discussed the future of this committee in a workshop on November 16.
- The consensus of the board was that a Community Open House in July 2022 is desired as long as Covid infections don't prohibit large gatherings.
- There is no chair for this committee at present. It is important to find this resource person soon.
- Planning should start in January or February 2022.
- A committee liaison will contact current committee members to inquire about their interest in serving as committee chair.
- It was suggested the committee strongly consider having the event outdoors this year rather than in one of the clubs.
- A recommendation was made to use the three parking lots across from the Yacht Club facility (where Festival by the Bay was held).
- Publicity for the event will be limited to the Port Ludlow community.

## Village Council Meetings

### Board Meeting

Thursday, January 6

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

### Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, January 18

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

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- Members discussed theming it as a “welcome back” event, inviting the entire community to attend.
- The suggestion was made to contact clubs and organizations to inquire about helping with the event by serving as committee members.

### Holiday Lights committee - Dave McDearmid, Chair

- Holiday lights went up on Friday, November 19 and were illuminated Thanksgiving evening.
- Three bucket trucks were provided by Wave to help with the placement of lights on the higher limbs; two traffic support staff were provided by Lakeside Industries; and eight volunteers installed the lights.
- The lights will continue to provide sparkle and shine through March 2022.
- The Donation Campaign is going well having collected \$2,170 with more donations still coming in.
- Terry Umbreit, the campaign coordinator, received an anonymous donation to the Emergency Management committee for antennas and radios.
- Luck held with the weather this year during the install—no wind or rain.
- Replacement signs (thanking Wave, Lakeside and volunteers) will be installed as soon as they are received back from the printers—probably next week.
- As mentioned by the PLA, the Village Center Christmas tree was installed last week and decorated by volunteers from the Community Development committee. Thanks to Chris Dean and Phyllis Waldenberg for coordinating this activity.

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# Bay Club / South Bay News

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## South Bay Community Association Update

by Gil Skinner, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Wow, what a year 2021 turned out to be! My guess is that few would have predicted that the awful angst of Covid would follow us through the entire year and still be a huge impediment to “normality” as we once knew it, as we closed out 2021. No comforting words here. What we can do is continue to get vaccinated, wear our masks, and practice safe social habits. Let’s all work together so we can quit this type of messaging, please.

On to the Bay Club.

December brought our first large gathering to the Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA) Concert on December 5, a sold-out event that was needed (and enjoyed!) by many. There is nothing like some fine singing, a little laughter and strict adherence to Covid-19 protocols to pump up your spirits! Thank you PLPA for bringing this event to us. We are looking forward to more concerts.

I want to give a ‘job well done’ commendation to our Activities Committee for getting the holiday decorations up and the Club looking festive. We have received several nice compliments about the decorations. Thanks to all who helped!

The SBCA Board is continuing the work of defining a long-range plan, and we hope to schedule a member meeting early next year to begin sharing ideas. The data from the SBCA survey that was completed on December 1 will be used to aid the Board in its planning. We had 216 responses and as of this writing the Board is still compiling the information. Be assured that once the Board has had the opportunity to look at and analyze the data, we will be sharing our thoughts with the membership. Thank you all who participated.

One area the Board is considering is increasing our Associate membership. We currently have approximately 20 available memberships and urge all members to see if they know someone who might be interested in joining the Club. Our outstanding

## SBCA Important Dates

### Monthly Board Meeting

**Thursday, January 13, 9:30 a.m.**

Plans are for a hybrid meeting, both in-person at the Bay Club and a virtual meeting for those not attending in person.

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### Committee Meetings

Most committee meetings are now held in person at the Bay Club unless otherwise specified on the website.

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

Meeting minutes are posted at [sbca.club](http://sbca.club), then click on Board Minutes Page



social activities (DG Bistro, interest groups, parties, etc.) combined with our great workout area, pool, woodworking shop and kiln are available to Associate members. Great people, great fun—come join us!

Looking ahead to January, the SBCA Board will be hosting new-member orientations at the Bay Club for members who moved to the area in 2020 and 2021. There will be six 90-minute sessions, two per day on **January 18, 19, and 20**, at 10:00 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Registration is required as we will be limiting each session to 20 attendees. We encourage all new members to sign up for a session. Please call the Bay Club to register.

With all the great equipment we have available, the Health and Fitness Committee is considering an open house early in 2022 to introduce newcomers (and some of us old-timers who haven’t been working out) to how everything works and to provide encouragement to fulfill the annual “I’m getting in shape this year” resolution. The Health and Fitness Committee is also starting a monthly communiqué on fitness issues.

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## Recreation & Sports

### Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Committee



Well, we are in a new year so maybe we should try something new. But how do you do that when Ma Nature keeps giving us the same old stuff—rain, rain, rain? As of this writing (a month ahead of publication), Trails is about ready to issue out snorkels to the usual crew volunteers. What a sloppy season! It makes it extremely difficult to plan any “Fun Day” outings to improve the trails.

We have had some individual efforts by members who look upward on any given day and say to themselves that they can sneak in some effort despite the wet weather, and they have done well. Specifically, Tim Rensema, Doug Huber, John and Sally Nuernberg, and Denny Schuch, have challenged Mother Nature to make trail improvements. And, we have had a few downed trees with the rain/wind combination, but they have thankfully all been small with little time or effort to clear.

So, with the new year, and thoughts about new clearer skies, Trails is also thinking about developing a couple of new trails to add to our gem of a hiking community. One is a natural, and the other has an historical element to it so may include educational signage like the Interpretive Trail. Of the three major assets of the Port Ludlow community—Marina, Golf Course, Trails—our great hiking trail system is the least expensive to build and maintain, and Trails feels we should maximize being able to walk through our many sections of open greenery.

More on this later as the concept moves forward. Fingers are crossed for better weather ahead to improve our trails.

### Port Ludlow Yacht Club Change of Watch

by Judi du Nann, Communications Officer



The Change of Watch (COW) is an annual PLYC event and was held on Thursday, December 2, at the Old Alcohol Plant, where over 100 folks attended. COW is a time-honored nautical tradition where we celebrate the outgoing Board of Directors and welcome the new Officers. This year the event was coordinated by Tish Griffin-Satre and her husband, Tom Satre, outgoing Rear Commodore. We are delighted to announce the New Flag Officers for 2022: Bryan Gilbreath, Commodore; Andi Pistay, Vice Commodore; Rob Hamilton, Rear Commodore; and Lori Longo, Immediate Past Commodore. A highlight was the presentation of special Club awards. Recognized were Rob Hamilton, recipient of the 2020 Distinguished Service Award, Tom Britton, recipient of 2020 Meritorious Award, Tom Satre, recipient of the 2021 Meritorious Service Award, and Kat Boggs, recipient of the 2021 Sailing Award.

Whether you are new to Port Ludlow or simply seeking your next adventure, please consider joining us, and your first meal will be free with one of the flag officers as your host for the evening. To express your interest in visiting, please complete the form on our website at [plyc.us/visit](http://plyc.us/visit).

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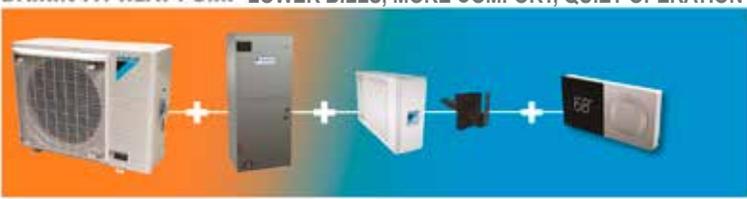
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## Port Ludlow Hiking

by John Nuereberg, Hiking Club

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

Those on the hiking email roster receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. To be added to the email roster, send a note to [plhikingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:plhikingclub@yahoo.com), or go to the club’s website [portludlowhikingclub.com](http://portludlowhikingclub.com) and click on “Contact” to send a message.

### Friday, January 7 – Battle Point and Grand Forest Parks

Battle Point and Grand Forest Parks are on Bainbridge Island. The hike will start at Battle Point Park near the parking lot to the right of the entrance. We will follow the Cross Island Trail inside the park to the Forest-to-Sky Trail that goes to the Grand Forest West Park. Trails will be followed in both Grand Forest West and Grand Forest East. The Hilltop Trail connects the West and East trail systems. Total distance of this easy walk will be about seven miles. Dogs on a leash are welcome. Restrooms are in Battle Point Park but not in Grand Forest Park. No parking passes are needed. Total walking time will be about 2.5 hours. Travel time from Port Ludlow to Battle Point Park is about 45 minutes. Anyone wanting to stay at Battle Point Park can walk the 1.6 mile paved Walking Trail loop and observe the birds and water fowl in the ponds and the kids and dogs playing in the park. Interested hikers can have lunch at the Treehouse Café in nearby Lynwood Center after the walk. Printable maps can be found at [biparks.org/printable-maps](http://biparks.org/printable-maps). Hike Leader: Gary Hicks, 510-566-2401.

### Friday, January 21 – Barnes Creek and Marymere Falls

In the past, this has basically been one hike that ends up being five to six miles in length and primarily 200 feet of climbing to the overlook platform at Marymere Falls. We start at the trailhead at the ranger station, where there are bathrooms, and hike 0.7 miles to the side trail and climb to Marymere Falls. We come back

to the main trail and continue on up Barnes Creek, crossing Barnes Creek and following the trail up to a point where it gets very steep with no meaningful reward. At this point we return on the trail back to where there is a side trail that takes us through park-like woods and along the lower portion of Barnes Creek over to Lake Crescent Lodge. From the Lodge (which most likely won’t be open) we follow along more park-like trails back over to the ranger station. I’m going to say the hike will be between five and six miles and will be level except for the short but steep climb to the overlook platform. Trees are large evergreens, and the area is at the edge of the Olympic Rain Forest and the west end of Lake Crescent. Bring a lunch for enjoying the lake view at the lodge. Hike leader: Jack Riggins, 360-437-0849.

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



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Watch for the e-blasts from the Club.

The SBCA Board is continuing to work cooperatively with the leadership of the LMC to provide more ease of use between the two clubs. Small steps lead to bigger things, and we all are hopeful for a more unified community.

Finally, to circle back to the lead paragraph, this has been a tough year. Short tempers and depression seem to be related pandemics. Let’s all increase our efforts at being kind. Remember the old saying, “We may disagree but do not have to be disagreeable.” And every day be thankful for the wonderful community where we live—Port Ludlow.

*PLVC Board Meeting continued from page 26*

The next Board workshop is Tuesday, December 21 at 2:45 p.m. with a virtual conference call.

The next Board meeting is **Thursday, January 6** at 2:45 p.m. with a virtual conference call.

### Successful Auction at Center Valley Animal Rescue

*by Cody Maxwell, Guest Writer*

The community showed up for Center Valley Animal Rescue’s (CVAR) Gift Basket Silent Auction, helping to raise \$12,124—in part thanks to a \$5,000 match. Originally, CVAR had planned to hold an open house, but decided they weren’t ready to host it just yet and pivoted to an online auction. Thanks to fabulous donations from volunteers, the community, and local businesses including Finnriver Farm & Cidery, Red Dog Coffee in Sequim, and Olympic Sea Salt, it was a big success. There were baskets ranging from a sleigh containing stunning earrings and a felt puppy, to a remarkable handmade Christmas octopus, wine tasting, and so much more.

“We’ve heard nothing but good things about the auction,” Adoption Specialist Elizabeth Gonzalez said when asked about the event. “It’s been fun to see people get excited when they pick up their baskets.”

“We couldn’t have done it without the community,” Marketing and Fundraising Coordinator Cody Maxwell said. “I’ll admit, I was a little nervous about how it would go. This was a first for me, and I am blown away by the support of our community and local businesses. It means so much to me that we can help so many animals in need and our community is behind us.” While commenting, Maxwell has a kitten sleeping on her shoulder who will be going to her forever home in a couple of weeks.

CVAR is a unique place with a mission to help all animals in need. They take on some of the more challenging cases and never turn an animal away—from cruelty cases to wildlife hit by cars, every animal deserves compassion. They are so grateful for your support.

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