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ON THE FRONT COVER

Susan Erickson's Garden of the Rising Sun.

Photo by Jay Syverson

Feature Articles

From the Editor's Desk

by Maggie Blackburn, Managing Editor

This will be my last article as a managing editor of the *Port Ludlow Voice*. It's been a challenging position over the years since I volunteered to be a proofreader in 2016. Bev Browne was the managing editor back then. As all true leaders do, she asked to meet with me before I could join her team. She even sent me a sample article to proof before the meeting, so she could see if I could proof. That meeting went so well that Bev said, "You can be the copy editor!"—I use an exclamation point here because that's how excited she was to give me the job.

Mary Ronen was also present at that meeting. She was, and is, the production manager, putting the *Voice* into magazine format each month. Mary and I have worked very closely together. So closely, that we decided we could be co-managers for the *Voice*. We announced our decision to the *Voice* staff in July 2018 in time for the August issue, with the caveat that we would take on the position for two years. And here we are two years later. It's August, and time for me to say, Goodbye!

Mary will continue to be a managing editor, and Jenise Harper will be her co-managing editor. As with any transition, changes will be made, but *Voice* articles will continue to interest and inspire Port Ludlow residents.

Many changes have taken place at the *Voice* since it was first published in August 1998. We even have a website now, and you can read that first newsletter, and all of the issues, at plvoice.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/11/Port_Ludlow_Voice_1998-08.pdf. As you look through those accomplishments, pay special attention to all of the volunteers who have contributed their time and talents to make a free, monthly magazine possible. Do you recognize the names of any of your friends and neighbors in this month's issue?

Volunteers have made the *Port Ludlow Voice* the important village resource that it is today. There are many opportunities for you, too, to explore—writing, proofreading, and behind-the-scenes. Mary and Jenise would love to meet with you. Join the *Voice* Team!

Bye, Bye, Blackburns

by Mary Ronen, Managing Editor

Back in the summer of 2018, the *Voice* was in need of a managing editor. Maggie Blackburn stepped up, with the understanding that she would do it for two years—if she had a backup. Thus began our two-year shift and also our friendship.

But now, sadly, we must say *adios* to the Blackburns. They have contributed mightily to the *Port Ludlow Voice*; she with her management and editing skills, and Bill running the Classifieds section. We will miss them.

You may have noticed that it will take two people to fill Maggie's shoes. We are fortunate to have Jenise Harper as co-managing editor and Carol Riley as copy editor. Cathy Thomas will temporarily do double duty as finance manager and classifieds manager, until such time as someone steps up for that position. Hint, hint!

It has been my pleasure to have known and worked with Maggie and Bill. I wish them the best in their new home, and say to them, "Please, come back and visit."

Lilacs

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

The word alone brings to mind a color and a lovely, pungent fragrance which is frequently used in perfumes. Originally Lilacs (*Syringa vulgaris*) came from Asia and Europe; and were first recorded in the United States in the mid-1750s. In 1892 horticulturist John Dunbar planted 20 varieties in Highland Park, Rochester, New York, lilac capitol of the world. Today the park has 500 varieties out of 1000 varieties.

Lilacs take three years to share their pyramid clusters of tiny, single, or double blooms in shades of purple through lavender, pink, and white, but only for a couple of weeks in the spring. Less than that if the weather isn't cool and dry when the buds start to open. If you bring the cut flowers indoors, they will last longer in a cool place away from direct sunlight.

Typically, lilacs are medium to large shrubs, but some will grow to 30 feet and live for centuries. Plant them in full sun in well drained, slightly alkaline soil with a pH of 6 to 7. Fertilize them early in the spring, and immediately after flowering, with an all-purpose, low nitrogen fertilizer; too much nitrogen will inhibit blooming.

Our cold winters promote blooming. Removing the spent blossoms encourages the plant to produce blooms instead of seeds. Lilacs bloom on last year's growth, so prune immediately after blooming to give plenty of time for new growth to develop. While you are pruning, it is a good idea to remove some of the older growth from the center to promote better air flow and reduce mildew. If your plant is completely out of control, remove all of the old stock, but you may have to wait three years for the new stock to bloom.

Occasionally you may have an aphid or bore—treat the plant with an insecticidal soap or a mild insecticide like Sevin. The most common problem is powder mildew (*Microsphaera alni*), which can be washed off every day or treated weekly with a fungicide. Less common, but more serious, is bacterial blight caused by *Pseudomonas syringae* *pv.* *syringae*. It first appears as brown, water-soaked areas on leaves. These spots get larger and eventually kill the leaf. It next spreads around twigs, causing them to die and new shoots to turn black and die. It can be controlled by pruning out the infected twigs as soon as it is spotted. This should be done on a dry day, and the pruning shears

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need to be dipped in a 10% bleach solution between cuts to prevent spreading the disease.

Some interesting colored varieties you may want to consider: Krasavitsa Moskvyy (Beauty of Moscow) produces double white blooms from pink buds; Nadezhda (Hope) has double, deep lilac-blue blooms from purple buds; Primrose is a creamy yellow.

“...the lilac bush tall-growing with heart-shaped leaves of rich green.

With many a pointed blossom rising delicate, with the perfume strong I love,

With every leaf a miracle...”

(When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd,
by Walt Whitman, 1865).

Mysteries in History

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer



Picture of bridge-supporting cable on the Interpretive Trail.

Photo by Tim Rensema

Port Ludlow has many historical mysteries if you just look around. I have mentioned many of them in past articles. Mysteries can be discovered through reading or conversations with older residents. I have been captivated by the construction of the McCormick Logging Railroad that was established in the early 1930s, as very little of it exists today. If you look in The Fireside Inn there's a great pictorial history on the wall. You will see pictures of the old engine used by the railroad. The purpose of the railroad was to get men out to the logging operations and logs back to Ludlow Cove for future sawing into lumber. The railroad still required miles of track to be laid as well as the area cleared. So where did this railroad go?

In *In and Around Port Ludlow Yesterday and Today* by Pat Thompson, page 23, reference is made of a railroad commuter train that stopped at the old gas station on its way to Shine. Reference is also made to a railroad along the back of the property going to Sandy Shore. I have walked both sides of Ludlow Creek to Beaver Valley Road and found vestiges of the old rail track. What is interesting is that SR19 was not constructed until well after the railroad was abandoned, and it follows the Shine track route to SR104. The rail lines are depicted on some USGS topographic maps of the 1950s.

You need to look at landforms to see where the tracks were. There is a raised incline near the bridge across an intermittent stream on the Interpretive Trail that would have anchored a rail bridge. There is also a two-inch cable located there on the trail that may have helped to anchor the bridge. Following the line of red alder (one of the first tree species to take over an open area), you come to Ludlow Creek. If you look across to the other side, you can see, again by red alder growth, where the other side of the bridge was. I found two tiers of three cedar posts still in the ground, with iron spikes that would have secured cross ties to the posts just upslope. I also found remnants of rails buried six to eight inches in the ground. I would have expected spikes, but the rail was a real find.

So, while nature does a tremendous job of growing over the pursuits of man, if you know what you're looking for mysteries can be solved. The work put into constructing these rail lines was immense for such short use (the railroad closed in 1935 at the closing of the mill). They may have been used by Pope and Talbot, but once the road networks were constructed the need for the rail no longer existed. Like so many rail lines on the Olympic Peninsula, these were abandoned. When you're walking or biking the old roads of Washington, look around you to see what incline looks out of place or what wood structure seems odd. It is amazing what you will find, whether an old mine, an ore transportation line, or an old bridge. Many times what you imagine may very possibly be true. So enjoy our trails but keep your eyes open as you may see some camouflaged artifact of old Port Ludlow.

Short Stories & Poems

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

Sooney! Sooney! Sooney!

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer

With camping season upon us, let me share a story about my very first camping trip. It was 1968. Jim and I were in our mid-20s, living in Santa Ana, CA. I was in my third year of teaching high school speech/drama and English; Jim was a marketing professional. We had no children (yet) and bought a ski boat—a sleek hull, metal-flake green, sporting an 80-hp Mercury outboard motor. Our tow vehicle was a 1966 Corvette with a 427 cubic-inch V-8 engine. Yuppies.

We planned a three-day trip to Lake Havasu and invited two other couples—friends we knew well, plus acquaintances through Jim's work. Our friends Jim and Nancy owned a canvas dwelling for four; Jim had a pup-tent. We were set!

Because of varied schedules, we agreed to meet at Lake Havasu's marina campground. Jim and I arrived first and located the abysmal camping area ... dusty, trash-laden, with dirty bathroom facilities. When Jim's business associate and his wife (Vince and Carolyn) pulled in a short while later, driving a brand-new Mercedes (also Yuppies), they were not impressed. Like me, this was their first camping experience.

Jim proposed launching the boat and searching sites along the shoreline, but Vince suggested we first look for another campground with nicer facilities. We hopped into his sparkling Mercedes and drove around the lake. Nothing. "That's because boaters camp on the lakeshore," Jim said. Vince suddenly veered down an embankment. Carolyn exclaimed, "Where are you going?"

"See these tracks?" Vince gestured to the treads along the embankment. "Let's see what's down here."

"But our car ..."

"This baby can go anywhere," replied Vince. "It's a tank." Down we went, finding ourselves in a dry riverbed. Vince drove toward the river, and we reached a grove of trees with a Jeep parked in front. There was a visible trail through the thicket; a young couple with two children were emerging from the path.

Jim rolled down his window. "Does this access the lake?"

Startled at the sight of the Mercedes, the man replied hesitantly, "About 50 feet away. It's a small cove ... nice swimming area for the kids."

Vince opened his door. "Any campers?"

"Nope. Not too many folks know about it. Can't believe you drove that down here."

Vince patted the Mercedes, "It's a tank!"

"Let's take a look," said Jim. "Path seems to be well used. More people know about this spot than they think." We walked a short distance before he stopped. "Wow!"

There it was, glistening in the sun. Lake Havasu. The beach was magnificent—a small private cove. "Perfect," breathed Vince. Caroline nodded. Jim asked, "You okay with this, Babe?" I was. "It's wonderful. Pristine. But what if someone takes this spot before we return with the boat?"

"Would you girls be comfortable staying here while Vince and I launch the boat? It's almost 4:00; Jim and Nancy will arrive soon." Jim looked confident. "We'll be back in an hour."

"We don't have jackets or anything," I said.

"We'll return before you know it! Once they arrive, we'll load the boat and head out." Jim was reassuring; we agreed.

After the men left, Carolyn and I strolled along the beach, taking off our shoes and splashing in the warm water. Later, we sat and basked in the sun. Carolyn had her doctorate in pharmacy and was brilliant. She was, however, as ill-prepared as I for a wait that grew longer ... and longer. We watched the sun set behind the horizon. We watched the stars begin to glitter. We searched for the moon, a sliver of light. We listened in vain for a boat engine, for voices. We drew close to keep warm as the night air took on a chill, and we heard the strange sounds of insects and animals. We were not happy. "Fear" was an appropriate term.

Meanwhile, back with the guys, Vince turned the Mercedes around and headed to the embankment. "Watch what this baby can do," he chortled, revving the engine, and driving upward. About half-way, the car stopped. "Need to get a better run at it." He backed down and revved the engine again. "Come on, baby. You can make it." A bit further this time. "Let's try it again." One more attempt, pedal to the metal. The wheels began to spin, digging in deeper and deeper.

"I'll walk back to the campground for help," suggested Jim. "I don't think your 'tank' is gonna make it."

"You guys need a pull? Anyone crazy enough to drive a Mercedes down ..."

"Dang right we need a pull," Jim called back, hailing the four-wheel Jeep atop the embankment. After an hour (or so), the dust-laden Mercedes was on firm ground, thanks to the chortling duo driving the Jeep. "Wonder where there's a car wash," muttered Vince as he drove to the marina.

Our friends Jim and Nancy had not yet arrived. "Let's load the boat," Jim suggested. The sun was setting when he and Vince finished. It was dark when the errant couple drove up—adding a

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tent, coolers, suitcases, and two more bodies to the 17-foot craft. The boat was launched; Jim headed into the lake, spending the next two hours searching every inlet with Vince holding a spotlight. Nothing.

“We obviously missed it.” Jim retraced his route, in and out of every cove. The lights of the campground glowed. “We’re back where we started,” he said. “Where are they?”

Vince spanned the shoreline with the spotlight. “What’s that? Listen. It’s coming from over there.” He focused the light on an area near the marina.

Back on the beach, Carolyn and I were focused on sounds coming from the water. “I hear something,” I said, standing up. “Out there. It’s a boat!” Caroline called, “Here! We’re here!”

“There’s a light going back and forth. It’s them!”

We started screaming and whooping and heard our names. “Jenise! Caroline!” It was 11:45 p.m.

The boat nosed its way onto the sandy shore, and everyone tumbled out. Hugs, kisses, relief. “I thought the cove was further from the marina,” explained Jim, sheepishly. “I went too far. We’re only five minutes away. I’m SO sorry!”

“Let’s pitch the tents,” said Caroline. “I’m tired!” Within an hour, the boat was unloaded and secured, both tents erected, and everyone nestled in sleeping bags.

Crunch. Crunch. I awoke suddenly, hearing the sound of something very large moving toward us. The sound stopped for a moment, and then continued. Crunch. Crunch. Crunch.

“Jim! Jim! Wake up!”

“Wha-a-at?”

“There’s something outside the tent. Listen.” Crunch. Crunch.

Jim slid his torso out of the sleeping bag, pushing open the tent flap. I peeked over his shoulder, peering into the dark night.

“SOOEY! SOOEY! SOOEY!” Jim yelled loudly. The huge range bull hovering beside our tent looked down at us with disdain, his head very close. A moment’s pause. Then he turned and walked away, followed by four cows meandering to their watering hole.

By now everyone was outside, looking at the small herd. “I suggest we move our tents over there,” Jim gestured down the beach.

“Soeey?” Vince chuckled. “How’d you come up with that?”

“Only thing that came to my mind,” replied Jim. “Worked, didn’t it?”

(Soeey: an imperative verb; definition — used as a call to pigs)

This story could go on ... We avoided the range bull and his harem, and I grew to love camping so much that we spent nine of our retirement years as full-time RVers—and have many more tales to tell. Stay tuned.



Community Shred Event



Saturday, September 12th

10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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* Limit 3 boxes or bags per person



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News

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

August Events at the Library

Contactless curbside holds pick-up and virtual information services continue in August at Jefferson County Library (JCL) and via the JCL Bookmobile. All book drops have been reopened awaiting the return of over 20,000 items currently checked out to patrons. For the safety of the community, materials are quarantined for 72 hours after removal from the book drops, prior to processing back into the collection for borrowing.



Claudia Pieper prepares materials for loaning.

to access computers and copiers soon, but they require permission from the state to do so. The library director has committed to offering services only once it is safe for everyone and in the most protective manner available.

Live Online programs for all ages continue in August. Is a tegu more like a wallaby or a tortoise? Find out on **Monday, August 3**, at 2:00 p.m., when experts from Northwest Animal Adventures join you live on Zoom for a program for all ages. Learn about a variety of unique creatures and their conservation.

On **Friday, August 10**, at 6:30 p.m., JCL offers Live Online Friday Night Trivia via Zoom. Join professional information specialists for a fun and friendly game. Questions will feature topics such as pop culture, books, movies, and music. Players will compete individually but may seek help from anyone in their household. Winners get bragging rights and the pride of knowing they are well informed. Invite your friends, prepare some snacks, and meet up for a night of virtual competition.

On **Wednesday, August 26**, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., library staff will host Coffee Painting for Beginners on Zoom. Brew

your coffee, grab a paint brush and paper, and explore your inner artist. Learn how to create monochromatic paintings using instant or brewed coffee, then add a splash of color with tea. No experience necessary.

As state COVID-19 regulations seem to change daily, the library may be providing more services by the time you read this. By August, interlibrary loan services may be available again. Stay up-to-date via the library's Facebook and Twitter sites, and sign up to receive weekly eNews on the website home page.

Library management hopes to open a safe area for patrons



Library Director Tamara Meredith in a socially distanced conversation with Tech Manager Daniel Heaton.

The Bookmobile continues to stop at Port Ludlow Village Store on Wednesdays from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. to deliver contactless holds at its scheduled stop. Look for the number to call on the banner, and staff will deliver holds to your vehicle. To view the full JCL Bookmobile schedule, go to jclibrary.info/use-the-library/location-hours/.



Jim Nyby provides information services to patrons on the phone. Photos by Russ Stamp

The library's digital resources and catalog are available 24/7 on the library's website. Place holds, access e-materials, read magazines on Flipster, stream videos on Kanopy, read the news, and link to Live Online programs and events from jclibrary.info. All are free with your library card.

If you have any questions, phone 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, WA.

Cash for Platinum and Gold Event

by Barbara Berthiaume, Contributing Writer

The Peninsula Support Organization is again sponsoring the Cash for Platinum and Gold event on **Saturday, September 12**, at the Beach Club Gallery Room, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Start sorting out all of your old, broken, or unwanted gold, sterling, and platinum items and bring them to the Beach Club on September 12 for cash. There will be protocols in place to ensure the safety of the public.

The buyer, Stan Morton, had been in the retail and wholesale jewelry business for much of his life and started Cash for Platinum & Gold more than forty years ago to supplement his retirement. His focus is on buying gold, silver, and platinum. All of his business comes from referrals, as satisfied customers have learned that he offers as much as 50 percent more than other buyers of precious metals. Stan states that he offers the best pricing because he can, as he has little overhead and has personal relationships with the local west coast refiners to do the smelt and assaying. According to Stan, even jewelers call him to buy their scrap gold and old inventories, and he gives them the same pricing as he gives to individuals. Stan lives in Newport Beach,

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California, and has been an ambassador with the Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce for over 15 years. He is a volunteer in his community and has worked with charities, churches, and synagogues to put on Cash for Platinum & Gold fundraising events for their memberships.

The process to sell and buy is simple. Stan weighs each item and then tests to determine the content – for instance with gold, whether it is 10, 14, 18, 22, or 24 karats, or something in between. He pays in cash and provides a receipt for each client's records. Stan has been coming to Port Ludlow for eight years and has an avid following. He donates 10 percent of his proceeds to the Peninsula Support Organization, which supports STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and the World Vision Essential Supplies programs on the Peninsula.

If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Berthiaume at barbara.berthiaume@gmail.com or 360-437-0423, or Teresa Forrest at teresa.forrest@gmail.com or 360-437-1191.

Message from Jefferson Healthcare

When our state asked us to stay home to help stop the spread of COVID-19, our community responded. We could not be more grateful for your actions to protect each other and our community, and for your outpouring of support. We must remain vigilant to slow the spread.

During the stay-at-home order, some of your medical care may have been postponed. Maintaining your health now is just as important as ever. Stay connected and reach out to your care team if you have questions about your health. Don't delay in getting the care you need. You can be assured we are operating with the same attention to quality and safety you have grown to trust at Jefferson Healthcare.

We have measures to keep our healthcare system as safe as possible for you and your family, and we are following local, state, and federal guidelines. Some of the actions we are taking to keep everyone safe include:

- Universal masking is in place for all patients, visitors, and employees.
- We screen everyone entering our clinics and hospital, including temperature checks for all staff and visitors.
- We kindly ask that you do not bring family members or friends with you into the clinics and hospital unless you require assistance. Please note: We ask that you bring no more than one support visitor with you.
- We staff our COVID Nursing Hotline, Respiratory Evaluation Station, and Testing Drive-Thru Clinic to allow us to thoughtfully separate possible COVID-19 cases and minimize the risk of exposure in our clinics and hospital.
- We practice social distancing and limit patient volumes within all clinics and care areas.
- We continue to disinfect and sanitize common areas with high frequency, and exam rooms after every patient.

- We have expanded COVID-19 testing for our patients undergoing non-emergent surgery, procedures, and tests.

Your health and safety have always been our top priorities. We will continue to monitor the community prevalence of COVID-19 to understand when we should either “dial-up or dial-down” our services to keep you safe, and provide you with the care you need.

If you would like to make an appointment, or if you are unsure of whether you need one, call us and we can decide together. We will help you get the care you need and share any specific policies or procedures you should know about to keep you safe.

Thank you again for being our partners in reducing the impact of COVID-19 on our community. We look forward to continuing to care for you.

School Reopening in the Fall of 2020

by Rick Thompson, Superintendent, Chimacum School District

Like other districts across the country, we are planning for school to reopen in the fall. We have many planning steps in the works, all driven by new health and safety protocols. Superintendents from across the region have been meeting all spring and summer to determine the best opening plan for their district. We have overall guidance from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, k12.wa.us, as well as guidance from the Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

At the very minimum, schools will closely follow the strict guidelines for social distancing and for wearing masks. At the time of this writing, sports plans are being reviewed with the Washington Interscholastic Activity Association (WIAA). On June 22, WIAA published return-to-activity guidelines.

We have asked families to complete a survey about the reopening plan. Among the plans we are reviewing are remote learning, an alternating or hybrid model where students are grouped into smaller cohorts, and versions of face-to-face instruction. We have several staff working together to form the plan and have divided up the work into operations, learning programs, family support, social/emotional learning, and information technology.

Our response must be comprehensive and integrated and is subject to change based on how well we, and others in our area, work to contain the virus. Social distancing in a place like a school takes some time to work out properly; all aspects of the student's day must be carefully planned for entry, exit, hallways, lunch time, library, bathrooms, recess, nurse visits, large classes, etc. The overall lens is the health precautions our schools must take to educate as many students as possible safely.

At this time, we expect to receive a small amount of additional federal funding to help defray the costs of personal protective equipment (PPE) and other health-related expenditures schools don't normally budget for. We can anticipate some costs that will be associated with managing the pandemic related to thermometers, scanning devices, sanitation supplies, masks, other PPE, possible classroom furniture, and equipment.

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Jefferson County has put on hold the application for Phase 3, so we are in Phase 2 and will restrict the use of public facilities as per the health order. Districts in Jefferson County will make their own decisions about what reopening model works best for them, and we have all had collaborative and helpful conversations about possible models. Outdoor spaces should work well and will be integrated in any plan.

School will not look the same, whether we come back in small groups or in large groups. We will be offering online support for those families who would prefer their student learn from home. We have made some inroads in technology support, and we have allowed families who checked out laptops this year to use them over the summer. We can add more laptop devices as families need them, and more work will need to be done with connectivity.

Students should expect attendance to be taken and grades to be given. We will need to submit enrollment counts for our state apportionment; guidelines are expected in the coming weeks. The credit waivers apply to the class of 2020 only and expire this month. For transportation we are adding another run, which should work well in keeping bus counts very manageable. We can practice new loading procedures, which will work better to minimize the spread of the virus.

I want to remind everyone about the health guidelines we learned last spring. Layers of protection work best: wash hands; wear a mask; practice social distancing; stay home if sick; if contagious, quarantine for 14 days; avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. By consistently practicing these guidelines, our risk of transmitting the disease is greatly reduced.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center

During the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak, the first priority at Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) is the health and well-being of guests, volunteers, employees, and the community. We are following public health officials recommendation for our area and will respond to their direction and guidance. While the museum and aquarium are closed, our staff is working to provide learning activities to families and schools, collect important data for ongoing research projects, care for the animals in our facility, respond to the stranding of marine mammals, and keep our community connected with one another and the environment.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center events and activities through August 2020:

- **Saturday, August 1**, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Summer Puffin Cruise. Meet at Puget Sound Express, Point Hudson Marina. Info: bit.ly/3gRQeMd
- **Saturday, August 8**, 6:00-9:00 p.m., Summer Puffin Cruise. Meet at Puget Sound Express, Point Hudson Marina. Info: bit.ly/3gRyPmK
- Online Activities and Events, including Plastic Free July: PTMSC Edition. Info: ptmsc.org/onlinelearning.
- The Orca ARTiculation Project is now online. Info: bit.ly/2Ogv7qF

For the latest information about the Port Townsend Marine Science Center, visit ptmsc.org and [facebook.com/PortTownsendMarineScienceCenter](https://www.facebook.com/PortTownsendMarineScienceCenter).

Look for #PTMSC or @PTMarineScience on Twitter and Instagram.

Founded in 1982, the Port Townsend Marine Science Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) educational organization whose mission is to inspire conservation of the Salish Sea. The PTMSC provides place-based, people powered, hands-on learning for all ages including exhibits, school classes, youth camps, citizen science programs and a lecture series. PTMSC is located at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend.

Youth Ambassador Program

a message from the Washington Trails Association

The Washington Trails Association's (WTA) Youth Ambassador Program is now accepting applications for the 2020–21 school year. This free program is a wonderful opportunity for any high school student who enjoys nature and wants to connect others to the outdoors. Throughout the program year, youth ambassadors will:

- Earn 30+ service hours
- Design leadership projects
- Attend skill-building workshops
- Practice public speaking
- Connect with WTA and other outdoor agencies and organizations
- Make new friends!

You can learn more about the program and the application process by visiting wta.org/our-work/next-generation/youth-ambassador-program.

This program is open to all high schoolers who are passionate about the outdoors and connecting others to nature. If you are interested in becoming a Youth Ambassador, contact Britt Lê at britt@wta.org. Priority will be given to applications submitted by September 27, 2020.

JeffCoCARES: Business Community Pledge

JeffCoCARES is a business community pledge to help Jefferson County stay safe and healthy, and to educate about best practices for a healthy economic recovery. The Chamber of Jefferson County and community partners, Jefferson County, City of Port Townsend, Jefferson Healthcare, Port Townsend Wearable Art, EDC Team Jefferson, and Port Townsend Main Street are following the pledge to keep businesses, employees, and visitors safe.

As businesses we pledge:

- To demonstrate to our staff and community that we care about them and their families.
- To commit to the most up-to-date training and protocols that ensure safe and healthy best practices for business.

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- To wear masks, maintain social distancing, and provide sanitary facility conditions that meet or exceed those suggested by the state and local health department.
- To treat all customers and clients with respect in each phase of economic recovery.

As customers, clients, shoppers, residents, and visitors we pledge:

- To educate ourselves about best practices for a safe and healthy economic recovery – posted along with this pledge in all participating businesses.
- To respect businesses, workers, and community guidelines for health and wellness.
- To wear masks, maintain social distancing, and wash our hands often.
- To treat each other kindly and without judgment.

JeffCoCARES is an opportunity to demonstrate community pride and commitment to residents and visitors alike. We ask for your participation in our commitment to a long-term continuation of a safe and healthy environment to be shared and enjoyed by all of us—with an eye on preserving and enhancing our quality of life in Jefferson County for future generations. Learn more and sign the pledge at JeffCoCARES.com.

What Hospital Will You Be Transported To?

by Brad Martin, Port Ludlow Fire Chief

You might have wondered, as others have, when you need to be transported to a hospital by ambulance, how is it you end up at one hospital over another? There is more than one answer to that question.

You, the patient, can request transport to a particular hospital where you may have been treated before for your current health issue, or because that is where your family physician is based. Port Ludlow Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) could transport you to Jefferson Healthcare in Port Townsend, Olympic Medical Center in Port Angeles, St. Michael Medical Center (formerly Harrison Hospital) in Silverdale or Bremerton, or any one of a number of hospitals in Seattle.

In some instances, the decision to take you to one hospital over another is related to the patient load at the closest hospital, and/or your particular medical needs—where one hospital is better suited to treat your particular condition. Some area hospitals specialize in treating specific health issues more than other hospitals, such as cardiac-related health problems, which might be the deciding factor in transporting you to a specific hospital.

If you have particular health issues that would require you to be transported to one hospital over another, it is important you get a File of Life packet from us, fill it out, and keep copies in your wallet or purse, and at home. If you are unable to talk to a medic, your completed File of Life form will help us get you to the best hospital.

If you have questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue provides, please don't hesitate to contact me at 360-437-2236, or by email at bmartin@plfr.org.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Update

As Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) members may have already surmised, the August 12 picnic in Jackey Nilssen's garden will be canceled, due once again to COVID-19 restrictions. We are all disappointed, having looked forward to a lovely afternoon in a beautiful setting with a yummy taco bar picnic and, most of all, getting together with all our garden club friends.

Further, the board of directors for the Garden Club recently met and made some decisions about moving forward, based on Jefferson County resources regarding the pandemic. Taking into account the local demographics, club/facility availability, our ability to provide necessary technical support for speakers (had we chosen to hold meetings outside, and if speakers were willing to participate in our current climate), we voted unanimously to suspend Garden Club activities through the balance of 2020.

We will, however, be sending a monthly email out to each member, so be on the lookout for it. If you have not already given us your email address or are unsure if you have, please send it to michelle7913@msn.com.

Finally, for some good news, the board also unanimously voted to extend 2020 memberships through 2021. If you are a fully paid member for 2020, your membership will automatically be extended through 2021.

We hope you are filling this summer with safe and uplifting activities such as nature walks, gardening (of course), and hopefully small get-togethers with friends and family as you feel comfortable. Remember, as Luther Burbank said, "Flowers always make people better, happier, and more helpful; they are sunshine, food, and medicine for the soul." That goes for zucchini, too!

Quilcene Fair and Parade Cancelled

After careful consideration regarding the health and safety of everyone in our community, our vendors, and our fair visitors, the Quilcene Fair and Parade Board has made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Quilcene Fair and Parade.

Following increased and overwhelming concerns about the COVID-19 virus and the advice given from the Jefferson County Health Department, the Quilcene Fair and Parade Board feels it is for the best interest of our community in such an uncertain time. We are extremely disappointed that we are unable to hold this event in our community. However, we look forward to bringing you the 2021 Quilcene Fair and Parade. Stay healthy.

Free On-Line Estate and Life Care Planning Seminar

Join Richard Tizzano and Tony Hinson on **Tuesdays, August 4 and August 18**, at 11:30 a.m. as they explore estate and life-care planning solutions that prepare you to protect your assets and remain independent. They will cover topics such as Medicare and Medicaid, long-term care insurance, housing, estate plans, trusts, and much more. These are live seminars so you can ask questions. This is your opportunity to "Ask the Experts." Register at sherrardlaw.com/seminars or call 360-779-5551.

Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) Update

Although PLDL cannot have in-person meetings at the moment, the PLDL Board is meeting regularly and has set up an online site where members are sharing photographs. We look forward to the day the Bay Club reopens so we can resume our monthly meetings. In the meantime, the board is studying ways to reach members within the COVID-19 social distancing guidelines and to assist members with their photographic and computer equipment.

PLDL will continue to supply computers to new Habitat for Humanity homes and to the residents of Bayside Housing as needed, as well as financially support technology needs for the Chimacum special education students. We welcome your continued financial support of these programs, and your contributions of used computer equipment.

If you are interested in learning more about PLDL or would like to join or renew your membership, please send an email to PLDigitalLife@live.com, or you may contact our current board president, Shirley Sandoz, at sandoz@olympen.com. If you have technical questions about computers, photography, or photo editing, we will connect you to a member who may be able to help you with your question.

Smart Driver Course Cancelled

AARP has announced that they have decided to cancel all sponsored in-person events and activities nationwide through the end of 2020. This includes the Smart Driver courses which are held at the Beach Club. There is a remote possibility that this policy may change, in which case you will be notified through another *Voice* announcement.

Those who wish to take the course this year, especially if you need to renew your automobile insurance discount, may take the AARP Smart Driver online course as an alternative. AARP offers a 25 percent discount for this course through the end of this year. For more information, visit aarpdriversafety.org. When registering, the promo code for the discount is DRIVINGSKILLS. Should you decide to take the online course, please call Russ Henry at 360-437-2250 to give him your feedback.

Stamp and Paper Arts Club

The Port Ludlow Stamp and Paper Arts Club is suspending all monthly meetings until further notice in the interest of health, social distancing, and staying safe. When we begin meeting again, we will submit an announcement via the *Voice*, as well as a notice to our entire email list. If you would like to be added to our list, feel free to contact Chris Spagle at: chspag12@gmail.com. Until then, keep crafting!

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Arts and Entertainment

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

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month — Susan Cavanaugh



Orca, by Susan Cavanaugh.

As an accomplished painter, Susan selects her medium to best suit the subject matter and often combines them to create mixed media paintings. Susan uses oils because they offer great versatility, color, and a slow-drying time. She prefers pastels for their deep, rich colors and velvety texture. Susan uses watercolors because they yield painting effects that no other medium can match. This combination of media adds interest to Susan’s creative process.

Susan’s artwork will be on display online at portludlowart.org and at the Port Ludlow Sound Community Bank in August. The bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, email info@portludlowart.org.

Jeweler of the Month – Beth Olson

In the early 1990s, Beth’s aunt introduced her to a friend in West Seattle who designs and sells gemstone jewelry for a living. Beth became her customer, friend, and student learning the basics of jewelry making. Several years and many courses later, Beth began selling jewelry at craft shows, to friends, and from her Etsy shop, The Rowdy Gypsy.



Dragonfly necklace by Beth Olson.

Submitted photos

Beth specializes in gemstone and sterling silver jewelry, including other metals, beads, and items from nature, such as bone. She also attends international gem shows, where she selects the most beautiful and unusual beads, baubles, and stones to enhance her unique designs. To view Beth’s jewelry designs and for more information, go to portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Awards Scholarships

The Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL) provides scholarships for graduating Olympic Peninsula area high school seniors and continuing or returning students for study in community colleges, universities, vocational, and technical training institutes. The PLAL considers not only students interested in art but also creative areas of study. Qualifying majors include Architecture, Arts Education, Culinary Arts, Fine Arts, Game/Graphic Design, Interior Design, Multimedia Design/Animation, Photojournalism, Theater Set Design, Visual Communication/Production, and Web Design.

This year, the PLAL is delighted to award scholarships to Isabella Harvey and Lucy Miller who graduated from Chimacum High School. Both students submitted their Artist’s Proof (AP) Art Portfolios along with their scholarship applications. The PLAL wishes both students great success in their educational pursuits.

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Beaches - Group Art Show



A Day at the Beach, by Ginny Ford

Submitted photo

Because we're naturally drawn to aquatic hues, gazing at the ocean has a calming effect on our brain, allowing it to go into a meditative state. In addition, listening to waves collapsing on the beach activates the parasympathetic nervous system, which makes us more relaxed.

Members of the Port Ludlow Art League will use a variety of mediums to translate their interpretation of beaches for the August online art show. What better way to weather the current pandemic than to enjoy the calming effect of a beach!

To view the online art show, go to portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Artists Selected for Sequim Juried Art Show



Swimmin' Home, by Randy Radock.

Submitted photo

Congratulations to Port Ludlow Art League members JoAnna Caro, Carol Nielsen, Randy Radock, and Pamela Raine whose artwork was selected for the *Fluidity* exhibit to be currently on digital display at the Sequim City Hall until **Monday, October 26**. This is a juried show hosted by Sequim's City Arts Advisory Commission. There were 104 entries from which only 48 works were selected for the exhibit.

The theme for the exhibit is *Fluidity*. Rainer Rilke, the poet, says "May what I do flow from me like a river, no forcing and no holding back." Without fluidity there would be no paint to push, no molten metals, and no bright colored dyes--without these our art would be monochromatic and static.

This exhibit celebrates all things flowing as well as changing and adapting to unexpected circumstances. While a landscape painting portraying a river or a glass of wine being poured would fit the theme, so too might a flowing cloth sculpture.

To view this online exhibit, go to sequimwa.gov/705/Current-Exhibit.

The Northwind Arts Center Has Reopened

Art is a sensory experience. With visual arts, it is a process of seeing. And when we see, we bring our perceptions, history, knowledge, emotions, and expectations to any artwork—whether sculpture, painting, photography, or installation art.

Sometimes, looking at art—and creating great art—requires us to leave all those perceptions and expectations behind. Thus, the theme for the August show in Northwind Arts Center's Artist Showcase is: "To see, we must forget the name of the thing we are looking at."

Leave your preconceptions behind and look at art with "new eyes." See the spaces within a sculpture and the shadows it leaves behind. See the brushwork and texture of a painting, as well as its pictorial elements. Stand back from an abstract work and envision the emotions that the artist was feeling during its creation.

Northwind Arts Center's Artist Showcase program features 32 artists working in a variety of media—wood, stone, paint, metal, photography, and more. More than 100 new works are on display in Northwind's Jeanette Best Gallery, all striving toward creating a new way of seeing.

Exhibit hours are Friday through Sunday from noon until 5:00 p.m. or by appointment. For more information visit northwindarts.org/exhibits/artist-showcase. Northwind Arts Center is located at 701 Water Street, Port Townsend. The telephone number is 360-379-1086.

Olympic Music Festival

Beginning in August, the Olympic Music Festival will launch a virtual season, including 2019 highlights, new music, and educational content from Artistic Director Julio Elizalde. Check the website, olympicmusicfestival.org for further information.

Reminder to Dog Owners

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



What Does a Performer Do ...When There's No Place to Perform?

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer

This virus ... coronavirus ... COVID-19. Not fun at all. Not for you, not for me ... and especially not fun for the cast of Ludlow Village Players' upcoming production (upcoming sometime in the hopefully foreseeable future), *The Outsider* by Paul Slade Smith. The play is unfortunately "on hold" until such time as the Bay Club re-opens and the show is re-scheduled. Worst-case scenario is that the comedy originally set for April 2020 will become the riotous, fun-filled, hilarious comedy scheduled for March/April 2021.

So ... what DOES a performer do when there's no place to perform? Dave Cunningham found a small venue in his own neighborhood, Fairwood Village. A small group of owners had gathered at the end of the cul-de-sac, sitting in their own drive-ways. BYOB. During the conversation, I asked Dave about the play and how the cast was handling the performance delay. He replied that they were still practicing lines, chatting online, keeping connected, and hoping.

Dave proceeded to give a brief description, avoiding telling too much, but just enough to prompt attendance whenever the play was performed. After a bit more encouragement, Dave sighed and agreed to give a mini-performance of the soliloquy his character (the reluctant governor) speaks in answer to the question, "What is your definition of 'government'?"

Dave/Ned (his character): "Well, government -- in this country anyway, is a democracy -- government is just the word we use to describe the things that all of us, collectively, have made a decision to do together. The kinds of things that none of us can do on our own. The people of this state are, we're very independent, you know ... Generally, Americans take pride in saying, I can take care of myself just fine. And we can. But what we can't do, what none of us individually can do, is make sure there's a road that can get us from Port Ludlow to Burlington, right? Or to make sure that road is paved and properly lit. That's not something any one person can do. But we can decide, collectively, to make that happen. To build the road and hire the pavers and put in the light bulbs. And to pay for all of it. So that ... I can drive out to see my sister in Columbus and ... an ambulance can get somebody to the hospital ... and if a family owns a lumber company in Milford Falls, they can haul that lumber to anywhere in the state ... or anywhere in the country. Doing things together, that we can't do on our own, in order to benefit all of us. That's government. Does that make sense?"

Applause filled the outdoor arena - well, as much applause as a few couples can generate. And the topic of discussion turned to the definition given for "government" ... Ah, best to save that for the dailies. But Dave's performance was appreciated and applauded, answering the query voiced in the headline for this article. The neighborhood community center has been replaced by ... by the neighborhood!

But Ludlow Village Players offers more than just its spring play. Also staying home and staying safe are the monthly readers who

make up the LVP Readers' Theater group. And the "Anything Goes - Comedy Improv" troupe is also on hiatus. Artistic Director Val Durling is quick to assure us that "we'll be back." Let's face it, when a group has been performing for Port Ludlow audiences since March of 2008, not even COVID-19 is going to keep the group from "treading the boards" and bringing plays once again to the Bay Club. We're all eagerly awaiting that moment when we hear, "House lights down. Curtain up!"

Pandemic Activities

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts & Entertainment Editor

Staying indoors has gotten very tedious recently even though we couldn't shelter anywhere more lovely. I did have a great walk on the beach at Fort Worden with grand-kids and dogs recently. They climbed all over the bunkers, which I prudently declined to do. We all joined together to build a driftwood fort and collect beach junk which I use for collages.

Another wonderful afternoon was spent at Bloedel Reserve—that treasure on Bainbridge Island. I recommend this outing as a perfect escape from thinking about the virus! They currently have "Strolls for Well Being" which you can enjoy from the comfort of home. I and some friends actually went to the gardens for a stroll in real time, and this was a perfect day. The 150-acre gardens include a 2-mile long walking trail which includes wildlife habitats, forests, and meadows. Summer hours are 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Tuesdays through Sundays. Timed tickets are available by calling 206-842-7631. The paths are all marked one-way, so you don't meet strollers coming toward you. The gardens are absolutely exquisite, and you will come away refreshed. Go to bloedelreserve.org to see what I mean.

You can stay at home and enjoy vistas all over the world by going to viking.tv. If you have been to these exquisite places, along the Danube and Rhine rivers, the cruise will bring back wonderful memories. If you have not visited in person, you will still enjoy the sights.

I have taken several Virtual Nature Walks with the Jefferson Land Trust, 360-379-9501—an organization dedicated to preserving our natural landscape and supporting local farms. They have had several Nature in Your Neighborhood classes on Zoom which have been fascinating. You can learn everything about our flora and fauna by checking them out. Go to saveland.org/Events. Port Ludlow's Dan Darrow won their contest for finding the largest *erratic* on the Olympic Peninsula. What is that? Ask Dan.

And don't forget Port Townsend's wonderful Rose Theatre, 235 Taylor Street, 360-385-1089. They are currently streaming a varied selection of movies which you can view on your computer or your TV. Purchase your ticket at a very reasonable price by going to rosetheatre.com. I know it's not like sitting in the comfort of a plush chair in the Starlight Room as you sip your drink, but it will have to do for now!

And so, dear readers, stay well and safe until we can all be out and socializing again in real time!

Spotlight

Port Ludlow Garden Club - Growing ... Still Growing!

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer

The Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) has existed since ... forever. Or so it seems. According to Maria Ebel, vice-president, "The garden club was started in 1972," noting that it's nearing its 50th anniversary. Imagine! The venerable PLGC has been hosting meetings and sharing gardening tips for nearly half-a-century. President Nita Edgcombe added, "The first Garden Club meeting was at the Port Ludlow Fire Hall in February 1972. The meetings were held monthly from September - May. Dues were \$1 at that time, and meetings usually included a brown-bag lunch brought by each member from home."

Picture all the members involved during the 50-year span of PLGC. The August 1998 premiere issue of the *Port Ludlow Voice* promoted the Garden Club's local garden tour, where "refreshments would be provided at each of the stops." The two names listed for "make your reservation" purposes were Myrdelle Teaford and Bonnie Curtis. As monthly *Voice* articles evolved, a section called "Myrdelle Teaford's Garden Tips" became a regular feature, September 1999 - May, 2002. Other names mentioned in the *Voice* archives were Francesca Drum, Bonnie Ahlstedt, Pat Ryan, Noreen Millbauer, BJ Johnson, and Eline Lybarger, a fellow *Port Ludlow Voice* writer who offered the following information.

"My husband and I moved to Port Ludlow in 1996. I had always been a gardener and quickly sought out the local garden club," explained Eline. "It consisted of approximately 10 members. There was an annual membership fee of \$2 at the time. When B.J. Johnson became president, I was named program chair. There was no money for programs, so I contacted every state and federal agency for speakers. I also arranged excursion trips, then went around begging anyone in the universe to come so we could fill the bus. The Christmas trip was the most popular and has endured to this day."

Eline followed B.J. as president. "We continued to need money for programs, but I couldn't get the membership to raise the annual dues to more than \$7. To make membership more valuable, we gave members a discount on bus trips. To reduce the number of outings and speakers, we held more in-house events. The potluck spring salad luncheon and plant exchange was an event that is still held every year."



Nothing speaks "garden" better than a beautiful rose.

Submitted photo.

Isn't Christmas always a highlight for Garden Club members? Eline agreed. "Mary Ann Sandor, Dee McConnell (the program chair), and I decided to do a nice Christmas tea. Mary Ann and I created clay bud vases for everyone. The three of us made savories and sweets, decorated, and poured tea; it was a hit. It was originally for members only, except so many people wanted to come that we opened it up and started charging a fee for non-members. When membership grew to over 80 people, we had to stop making our clay gifts. After consecutive two-year terms I stepped down and Dee McConnell became the next president. She managed to get the annual membership fee up to \$10. Amazingly, in her second term, the fee went all the way to \$20."

Any more names from the past that Eline could remember? "I think the following president was Tom Giske. He was a talented photographer. Each year he would put together a calendar, with a percentage of sales going to the Garden Club. It was also about that time that the club began making (and selling) cards out of donated photographs." Eline thought a moment. "Barb Skinner was a driving force for many years, but unfortunately is no longer with us. Frances Rawski is another person who has held several positions and continues to do a lot of creative things for the Garden Club."

When this writer moved to Port Ludlow, the 2019 Garden Club Expo was the first community function my husband and I attended at the Bay Club. Spearheaded by Rachel Boock, the "Expo" was a delightful blend of community and commerce focusing on gardening, gardens, the great outdoors, and the lush landscape of Port Ludlow. We came home loaded with goodies and info willingly shared by those participating in the event.



Stephanie Buehler (left) and Jackey Nilssen in front of a beautiful white-pink rhododendron plant at Lakewold Gardens, Lakewood, WA, during a recent field trip.

Submitted photo

Garden Club continued from previous page



The Garden Club celebrated Evie Gray's 100th birthday in March 2019. From left to right: Dee McConnell, Nita Edgcombe, Rita Clark, Evie Gray and Barb Skinner, president at the time.

Submitted photo

The March 2019 issue of the *Voice* featured a photo of Barb Skinner (then president of PLGC) with Evie (Evelyn) Gray and a yummy looking cake with "100" emblazoned on it. Evie is most likely the eldest of the club's members, continuing her involvement with the organization. According to the article, Evie has no taste for alcohol, enjoys chocolate ice cream every day, and admits to being a "chocoholic" ... *Voice* author Crystal Owen wrote, "The life expectancy for white women born in 1919 was under sixty. Evie Gray beats the odds and sets the bar at a high level." Undoubtedly, being a member of PLGC since 1979 plays a huge role in her longevity.

While PLGC had to cancel activities the past few months due to the COVID-19 pandemic, previous programs have ranged from the traditional holiday tea to a hands-on wreath-making activity at the Bainbridge Garden Nursery. Ciscoe Morris from "Gardening with Ciscoe" (TV/radio/magazine fame) has been a guest speaker,

according to Stephanie Buehler, PLGC/*Voice* liaison, who said she found his presentation on specialty trees, shrubs, and other treasures very interesting and entertaining.

The bus trip to Molbak's continues to be a popular November outing, as are field trips to Sweet-Seed Flower Farm in Port Townsend. A fun plant and book exchange highlighted a salad luncheon, while members were invited to "plant your own" at Petula Plants in Poulsbo, bringing their own pots, gloves, and trowel. Programs have focused on succulents, as well as "gardening with deer." A teenage gardening enthusiast spoke about hardy and drought tolerant plants from China, New Zealand, and Chile. The Garden Club also hosted the Community Wellness Project, learning about its farm-to-table program in local schools, plus insight into hands-on vegetable gardening. The topics are far-ranging; the programs selected with care, bringing experts to the club ... or the club to the experts.

Susan Erickson and Jackey Nilssen are program co-chairs for PLGC. According to Susan, "We began 2020 with an excellent program by Kelly Dodson and Sue Milliken of Far Reaches Farm about plant collecting during their recent trip to China. In the last several years, members have enjoyed annual trips to the Northwest Flower and Garden Show. We also had a wonderful trip to Heronswood Gardens. We hope to reschedule our spring and summer speakers for the fall or later." Those programs include Aven Andersen (Hunting Wild Mushrooms in Port Ludlow); Jerry Tomeo (Bonsai Demonstration); Cathy Tyler/Bloedel Reserve (Creating Summer Arrangements); and a tour of Buggy and Larry Carter's Garden (plus a cooking demo at their Olele Point home).



This "moss garden" is growing on a long table comprised of two large unfinished pieces of wood. It can be viewed at Lakewold Gardens, Lakewood, WA (site of a recent PLGC field trip).

Photo by Stephanie Buehler.



Garden art! Of course! This SUN GOD art decorates Susan Erickson's Garden of the Rising Sun.

Photo by Jay Syverson

Susan's own spectacular "Garden of the Rising Sun" is a popular draw when on the local garden tour and was recently featured in *WestSound Home & Garden Magazine (WH&G)*. Susan explained, "Debbie Teashon of *WH&G* has been a speaker for us in past years, so I contacted her to talk about art in the garden, a new topic. She came to view my art in both shade and sun gardens. In so doing, she decided she wanted to do an article on my sun garden and her editor agreed, so she arranged to take photos and interview me. Debbie will be speaking on Art in the Garden in September for PLGC ... hopefully!" The community undoubtedly shares the hope that the pandemic will cease, and the Garden Club's special programs will begin once more.

The Port Ludlow Garden Club holds 501(c)(4) non-profit status, which allows it to support other non-profits, while donations to the garden club are not tax deductible. According to Susan, contributions are given to garden-related organizations. "In 2019, the donation went to the Community Wellness Project."

Current officers for the Port Ludlow Garden Club are: President Nita Edgcombe; Vice President Maria Ebel; Co-Treasurers Melissa Thomas and Eva Harvey. Program planners are Jackey Nilssen and Susan Erickson. Stephanie Buehler is the liaison with the *Voice*. Dues remain \$20 per year, and new members are always welcome. As Vice President Maria puts it, "You don't have to have gardening experience, or be a gardener to attend; we don't mind if you just come to see what we're all about or enjoy one of our fabulous programs!" Nita, as president, seconded the invitation. "Meetings are usually the second

Wednesday of each month and are held at either the Bay Club or the Beach Club. They're announced in the *Voice*." The group's mailing address is: Port Ludlow Garden Club, P. O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. For more information, contact portludlowgardenclub@gmail.com.

Village Council

Board Meeting Summary

by Sally Franzel, PLVC Board Secretary

At the July 2, 2020, Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board Meeting, the following reports were given:

Diana Smeland, President of Port Ludlow Associates (PLA)

Diana reported the real estate market is beginning to pick up, and PLA has three new contracts pending in Ludlow Cove and Olympic Terrace 2. West Harbor Homes is also experiencing a pickup in custom homes and remodels. The Fireside Restaurant is open for lunch and dinner, and Niblicks will shortly be reopening under a new name, The Dusty Green Café. The Port Ludlow Golf Course management has been working with the Professional Golfers' Association of America and will be hosting a tournament on July 16 for high school seniors with a possibility for scouts to review their play. Three additional tournaments are scheduled which will be open to the general public. Details are posted on the PLA website.

Reporting on the Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. chlorination project, management is still waiting for final approval of the building plan by State Department of Health before they can publish an Invitation to Bid.

Following a program to reduce the bank's footprint, Kitsap Bank has made a decision to close its Port Ludlow branch at the end of September. An ICM machine, "interactive teller," will be available for Port Ludlow customers.

Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner

Greg referred to the "JeffcoCARES" program established by the county's Chamber of Commerce and said that participation by local businesses in the program is increasing. Signage was posted at those businesses, and Greg suggested residents support the businesses that had pledged to do their utmost to keep their customers safe by complying with sector guidelines. An Intergovernmental Coordinating Committee (ICC) with representatives from the Board of County Commissioners, the City Council, the Port, and Public Utility District (PUD) was established June 17 as a way for the multiple agencies to collaborate with community groups on the best COVID-19 recovery and resilience plans. The ICC will be working with community groups from six specific sectors to include culture and events, businesses, children and families, human services, food system resiliency, and broadband.

The county has set up a task force to review and update the Shoreline Master Program. A facilitator has been selected and Greg encouraged District 3 homeowners with shoreline properties to get involved and make their opinions heard.

Phil Otness, Marine Committee Report

Phil reported that, probably due to the closing of the border crossing with Canada, the marina has been experiencing a marked increase in marine traffic and overnight anchorage in the bay. The higher number of visitors has resulted in speeding

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, August 6

2:45 p.m., Video Conference Call

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, August 18

2:45 p.m., Video Conference Call

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tenders from vessels as well as smaller craft touring the bay. This resulted in a possible safety hazard in the bay for kayaks and paddle boarders. Recommendations include posting additional "No wake" and "5 mph speed" signs, and it might be necessary to consider two or more speed buoys in an easterly line from Burner Point to Tala Point. An additional concern was the violation of State Anchorage rules. During the winter and spring seasons, three vessels which had greatly exceeded the thirty-day anchorage limit had been encouraged to leave via the delivery of PLVC letters to the boat owners.

Bill Dean for Merrily Mount, Chair of the Trails Committee

Special thanks to Larry Scott, Tim Rensema, and their cohorts for the superb job they have continued to do in maintaining the Port Ludlow trails despite COVID-19. The scope of the initial project had to be cut back due to county budget constraints. Tim had received a grant to install Historical Interpretive signs along some of the trails. New trails liability signs have been ordered for the South Bay area which will be installed by the trails committee in areas where the public can park and enter trails. The signs will be similar to those already installed in the North Bay.

Director Responsibilities

by Bill Dean, PLVC President

There are seven elected directors of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board of Directors, and they serve for a term of two years. Residents of the Master Planned Resort who would like to run for a seat on the board should apply by **August 5** through the Village Council website at *plvc.org/contact*. In addition to the elected directors, the Presidents of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission and South Bay Community Association, or their designees, serve as directors.

The board formally meets once a month on the first Thursday, while a less formal workshop is held on the third Tuesday of each month. The purpose of the workshop is to discuss the pros and cons of subjects that will be voted upon at the next board meeting. Both board meetings and workshops are held at 3:00 p.m., last about two hours, and are held at locations in Port Ludlow or online. The board manages a budget of more than \$10,000 of which the majority goes for administrative expenses, insurance,

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and elections. The balance is used to support the activities of roughly 100 volunteers who serve on 14 committees to accomplish the mission of the Village Council which is to “Protect, Preserve, Promote, and Unify” the Port Ludlow Community.

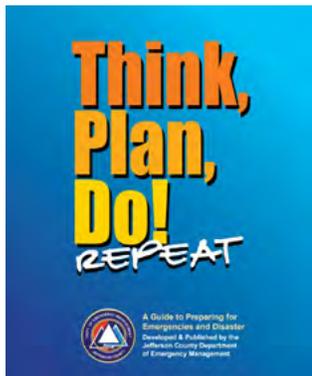
Work on the 20-plus miles of trails and emergency management are the most visible committee activities, while health and wellness, and holiday lights in the median by the Village, receive significant response by residents. In addition, working with county government in areas that pertain to our community, activities in the bay, recycling, and utilities also provide interesting and valuable opportunities for involvement.

Each elected director represents the board on about three committees. Their role is to be a voting member and a liaison between the committee and the board. The time commitment for committees varies greatly, but probably consumes about two hours per committee, per month.

Lastly, some directors become officers of the PLVC. The offices of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer are selected by the board each year. Additional offices may be created by the board.

Are You Prepared?

by Pat Lohrey, Emergency Management Committee



You can view the booklet, *Think, Plan, Do! - Repeat* on the Jefferson County website, co.jefferson.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/3277.
Provided photo

A disaster and an emergency are defined differently, although at the time they may feel like one and the same. If someone is having a medical crisis, if your home has been burglarized, or if your home is on fire, these are emergencies and you call 911. The Fire Department, the EMTs, and the Sheriff’s Department, known as “first responders,” handle emergencies.

Events qualify as a disaster when an entire community, or parts thereof, is affected by a calamity such as a destructive windstorm, an earthquake, or a wildfire that causes substantial property

damage or numerous injuries, or the loss of communications and transportation disruption. Disasters quickly exceed the capacity of first responders to assist everyone in need.

The mission of your Village Council Emergency Management Committee is to educate and encourage our community to prepare to be self-sufficient for 30 days or more in the event of a disaster. Our goal is to be able to assist one another in order to minimize the impact of the disaster. To do this, we have Emergency Management leaders identified and trained in each neighborhood—we call them Block Captains. They are your primary point of contact regarding disasters and disaster preparedness. To find out who the captains are in your area, or if you are interested in working on the committee, visit the Port

Ludlow Village Council website: plvc.org/plvc-committees/emergency-management.

It is a proven fact that the ability to cope with a disaster is directly proportional to the degree of preparedness. This site is a valuable tool which may also help you do that: ready.gov.

The Voice Advantage

by Bill Dean, Village Council President

Port Ludlow is made up of about 1,700 homes, two homeowners associations, multiple villages, and around 3,000 plus mostly retired folks who have come here to enjoy the environment or to be near their kids or grandkids. Commuting is not a factor for most of us, and therefore we don’t have that time to read the morning paper. A multitude of television stations pipe the national news into our homes, and for county information, newspapers from both Port Townsend and Port Angeles share their knowledge. But none of those avenues help us decide what we are going to do today, tell us what is available right out our front doors, or what has happened to our friends and neighbors recently. Never fear! We have an advantage that we don’t have to subscribe to, nor pay a fee for, and it is delivered right to our mailboxes. The *Port Ludlow Voice*, a monthly collection of information and advertisements completes our quest for information.

At the Village Council, it is the *Voice* that covers our organization and lets us know what is going on across all those boundaries and divisions. The publication is not restricted by legal boundaries or policies, just the mission to cover it all. By sharing that information, the PLVC is not tasked with producing a separate publication to help keep the overall community aware of what is going on and when. Volunteers from the *Voice* have graciously attended our board meetings, and not only recorded what was going on, but shared tirelessly ideas and suggestions to help us do a better job of supporting the community. Port Ludlow is lucky to have those unheralded volunteers keeping all the elements of putting a monthly magazine into our mailboxes. We appreciate the advantage you give us. Thank You for all your good efforts to keep us informed!

If you are interested in becoming part of the volunteer staff, contact one of the editors listed on page three of the *Voice*.

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Update From the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

As I'm writing this month's article, it appears that Jefferson County won't be transitioning to Phase 3 of the State's reopening plan until sometime in August at the earliest. LMC is looking at how to open the Beach Club facility in a safe and responsible manner. Although the exact details on how the facility will operate once the building is open are still being formulated, it is fair to say that things are going to be significantly different for the foreseeable future.

I anticipate that only the outdoor pool will be open initially and that members will be asked to make reservations to swim. Managing the flow of people in the building will be one of our biggest challenges. At this point I think the indoor pool and spa will remain closed so our staff can monitor and manage the people in the building more effectively. Limiting the areas that our guests have access to will help our staff keep the facility clean and safe. The use of reservations will help us manage the number of people using the pool and gather basic information for contact tracing purposes in the event one of our Beach Club users contracts the coronavirus. In order to maintain proper social distancing, the number of people on the pool deck and in the pool will be greatly reduced from our normal operating numbers. Locker room use will be limited to restroom use only: the showers, sauna and changing areas will be closed.

Everyone will be required to wear face coverings while in the building and we may be checking temperatures so that no one with a fever enters the building. As much as the Beach Club is a social hub for many of our members, members will be asked not to congregate inside the building. We will want members to swim, workout, or conduct any necessary LMC related business and move on. This will not be the place to grab a cup of coffee and visit with your friends and neighbors.

I expect that throughout the day LMC staff will close portions of the building so that they can properly sanitize the area. When we do open the Beach Club, we will start with shorter operating hours initially until we are confident that we can keep the building sanitary and manage the flow of members using the facility.

As our reopening plan develops, I will update the membership. I know limited access to the facility will be frustrating to our members after such a long shut-down, but we need to do everything we can to keep our members and staff safe. Thank you for your patience.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

Email: portludlowloa@yahoo.com
for information about remote access to meeting.

Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* by
emailing the above address.

LMC Board Meeting

Phone: 360-437-9201

Email: beachclub@olympus.net
for information about remote access to meeting.

Sign up for the *Navigator* by emailing the above address.
Visit lmcbeachclub.com for complete information.

All LMC members are welcome. ☼

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

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SBCA Updates

Things were lively for South Bay Community Association (SBCA) prior to its annual meeting on July 15. Because of the club's continued closure and the \$10 increase in the quarterly assessment voted in by the board of directors several months ago (but announced in June), there were a series of informative blasts to members. The board expressed assurance it was doing everything it could to be fiscally responsible as well as compliant with the State of Washington directives regarding facility openings.

In its June meeting, the SBCA Board discussed issues surrounding a possible re-opening of the Bay Club. The board's consensus at the conclusion of this discussion was that, at least for the time being, the Bay Club should remain closed, given the following concerns:

- The health risks involved
- The high-risk vulnerability of a majority of our members
- The expense and difficulty of complying with governmental requirements and recommendations for operating facilities like the Bay Club
- The difficulty of enforcing members' compliance with those requirements and recommendations
- The liability risks to the SBCA
- Serious concerns about whether SBCA's insurance would cover claims made by persons claiming that they contracted COVID-19 at the Bay Club or as a result of others' use of the Bay Club.

About SBCA's Tennis Courts: The SBCA Board of Directors concluded, at least for now, that the benefits of opening the courts are outweighed by the health risks, legal risks, and insurance coverage risks of opening them at this time. In Phase 2 of the state's mandate, "staffed" outdoor tennis facilities are allowed to open, subject to numerous conditions and required or recommended restrictions. SBCA's tennis courts are not "staffed," so it appears we are not allowed to open them yet. (Although not expressly stated in the Governor's proclamations, we assume the reason why only "staffed" tennis facilities are allowed to open is that onsite staff would be able to assure compliance with applicable restrictions, but there would be no way to assure compliance with those restrictions if no staff were onsite.)

One of the SBCA missives invited questions from its members, requesting they be emailed to the Bay Club manager prior to the July 15 annual meeting, to enable a more organized Question

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, August 14, 9:30 a.m..

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

Committee Meetings

Committee Meetings are held as needed.
For the schedule, please visit plsbca.org.
All SBCA members are welcome: 339-209-6193.

To keep informed of SBCA Activities & Events,
please visit plsbca.org.

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



and Answer (Q & A) session following the official business of the board of directors. In an attempt to be proactive, outgoing President Ray Sheldon sent out a Q & A that covered many of the known concerns/questions. And, on July 8, a second Q & A message went out, giving detailed explanations to additional questions. Are there more queries to come? Perhaps. Since the deadline for this publication occurs prior to the SBCA Annual Meeting, further information will appear in the September issue of the *Port Ludlow Voice*.

South Bay "Gleanings"

by Jenise Harper, South Bay Editor

What a turn of events! We will remember 2020 as the year that wasn't. I joke that I'm not going to count it when giving my age. Instead of talking about everything that has happened, we seem to be talking about what hasn't happened.

As you can tell by the Bay Club information posted in this section, there is no anticipated opening date. Everyone is very aware of the State of Washington directives. The challenge is whether to proceed with opening despite a bit of uncertainty or to err on the side of caution. I'm happy to leave that decision to our board of directors and the committees given the responsibility of setting guidelines regarding how to meet the state's mandates and make sure the Bay Club is a safe place for all of us.

That said, I'm involved with many organizations that call the Bay Club home and feel the pain they are experiencing. Port Ludlow Performing Arts cancelled its March, May, and June concerts, as well as upcoming ones scheduled for September and October. The December Christmas concert is on wobbly ground, I'm sure, as we all wait to see what evolves.

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The Ludlow Village Players had a delightful comedy in rehearsals, anticipating sell-out crowds for performances in April. The group hasn't missed a year since it began offering plays in March 2008 ... until now. The Garden Club had an outstanding lineup of programs set for 2020 and has put all meetings on hold "until further notice." The same holds true for DigitalLife, the Stamp and Paper Arts Club, Woodworkers, Hands on Clay, First Wednesday, Dine and Discover, and many more local clubs and organizations. Life in Port Ludlow has come to a standstill as we communicate virtually, and hugs are XXOO notations on emails. We know we're all still around because we Zoom and FaceTime, but the only person-to-person contact is either safely distanced and outside, or while wearing a mask.

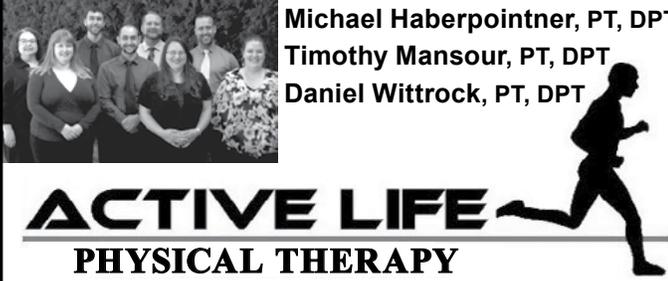
I've obviously written absolutely nothing you didn't already know. We see a great deal of repetition from day to day for all of us. Our homes are cleaned and re-cleaned; yards look wonderful; all the honey-do projects have been accomplished. And the vision for the future is like looking into a mirror of yesterday.

So what can we do? You put together every puzzle you have in the house. You read book after book after book. Husbands and wives can actually talk to each other and enjoy being together. Try out new recipes. Peruse the *Voice* cover to cover. Let the *Bay Club Courier* provide a few smiles or chuckles. You need a good sense of humor to deal with this pandemic.

What we're NOT doing is traveling. When our 55th wedding anniversary cruise (Sydney to Los Angeles) was cancelled, we broke the news to our suitcases ... they wouldn't be traveling. Now we're dealing with emotional baggage! And ... I'm getting my tan from the light in the refrigerator. This month's *Gleanings*? Send me your jokes. I'm running out of COVID-19 humor.

Welcome to South Bay

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



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Sports & Games

New Rules for Boating Around Orcas

a message from Puget Sound Partnership

With summer in full swing and the re-opening of many outdoor activities throughout the Puget Sound region, boaters are heading out on the water to enjoy the nice weather. And soon the Southern Resident orcas should return to Puget Sound too for their summer foraging.

That means it's a good time to review the new rules about operating boats near orcas.

In May 2019, Gov. Jay Inslee signed into law new regulations about operating vessels near Southern Resident orcas:

- Boats to stay 300 yards from Southern Resident orcas or killer whales on either side.
- Boats to stay 400 yards out of Southern Resident orca's path/in front and behind the whales
- Boats to go slow (<7 knots) within ½ mile of Southern Resident orcas
- Disengage engines if whales appear within 300 yards.

To learn more about marine wildlife guidelines and regulations visit the Be Whale Wise website at bewhalewise.org.

“The Puget Sound Partnership is a state agency serving as the backbone organization for Puget Sound recovery. The Partnership coordinates the efforts of citizens, governments, tribes, scientists, businesses and nonprofits to set priorities, implement a regional recovery plan, and ensure accountability for results.” Learn more about the Partnership and their efforts to protect and recover Puget Sound at psp.wa.gov.

Port Ludlow Hiking

At the time this information was being prepared, we do not know the status of the “Stay Home/Stay Healthy” guidelines for COVID-19 as it relates to organized hiking groups, car-pooling, etc.

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

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

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

Friday, August 7 – Mount Townsend

An opportunity to get to the high country and enjoy the wildflower season. Expect a difficult 8.2-mile hike with 2,900 feet of elevation gain. It is a steep climb to incredible views. One of the most hiked summits in the Olympics and worth the effort. Information: Burt Peterson, 360-437-0849.

Friday, August 21 – Dosewallips River Road

This is a moderate hike of approximately nine miles. Walk from the Dosewallips Road washout area on the abandoned road that leads to the ranger station and campground. Total distance will be determined by the energy of the hikers. Enjoy the whitewater beauty of the Dosewallips River and the scenery of the gorge. Information: Gary Hicks, 510-566-2401.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the 4.2 mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. Meet at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive at 9:00 a.m.

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

Men's Golf Association President's Cup Results

by Tim Propeck, Sports Editor



Bob Bertoia.

The Men's Golf Association (MGA) completed the annual President's Cup Tournament in record time in June. As was mentioned in an article last month, a new format was used for the event that enabled a rapid conclusion. We are certain to be using that format from now on.

There were 32 participants this year. The original idea was to have entrants qualify for a spot in the tournament based on their scores in the first four weekly MGA events. The COVID-19 shutdown disrupted the plan this year,

so the entrants were selected first come, first served. We will use the planned qualification process in future events.

The entrants were divided into groups of four based on handicaps. They played all the members of their group in a round robin fashion to determine who would advance to the next level. All the rounds were match play events, where the winner of the most number of holes was the winner of the match. This format guaranteed all entrants at least three events in the tournament.

The winners of the first set of matches then played in a series of elimination rounds to determine the final winner. The overall winner had to be successful in three elimination events.



Gary Baird

Submitted photos

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The winners of the first set of round robin matches were:

Mike Raymond, Bob Bertoia, Terry Umbreit, Gary Baird, Roger Haskin, Ken Avicola, Bob Lloyd, David Parish.

The final match was a close one between Gary Baird and Bob Bertoia. The outcome was not decided until the final hole, when Gary Baird emerged with the victory. Congratulations to Gary for his success in the event. The MGA also thanks Steve McDaniel, the MGA President, for developing the new format that was appreciated by all the participants.

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Leagues Update

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA and Lady Niners Publicity Chairperson

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) Captain Linda Bloemeke announced that the next women's 18s league tournament would be on **Tuesday, September 15**. When information becomes available, Tournament Chairperson Grace Allen will share details. August PLWGA regular play continues on Tuesdays and casual play on Fridays. Invitations to play on Tuesdays are sent out by Golf Genius, the Port Ludlow Golf Course's software program, and members must respond with their interest in playing via the Golf Genius program. Social events related to the league have been curtailed due to the governor's guidelines for limited social interaction.

Tuesday games in August include: Par 4s, Crazy Eights, Better Nine, and Toss a Hole per Nine. Crazy Eights refers to the total scores on the par 3 holes and the par 5 holes. Mike and Elaine Raymond have set up playdates for couples every other Sunday in August. Winners will be announced by e-mail. The Dove House Tournament, scheduled for August 21, has been canceled due to Covid concerns. The Play Day Away event in August is tentatively scheduled for **Monday, August 24**. The PLWGA will be playing the rest of the season under "Summer Rules." However, sand traps will continue to be played as "preferred lies" or "winter rules."

Lady Niners Captain Sharon Russell announced that the Niners will play "winter rules" for the entire season. In addition to playing "preferred lies" in the sand traps, this allows the Lady Niners league members to move their ball six inches in the rough but no closer to the hole, and one club length in the fairway but no closer to the hole. The Lady Niners ranks have expanded in 2020 with some PLWGA members joining the league. New members are always welcome.

Winners of all regular play days are announced by Golf Genius and winnings are accumulated in members' accounts and may be used to purchase Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop items.

PLWGA Captain Linda Bloemeke and Lady Niners Captain Sharon Russell invite prospective PLWGA and Lady Niners members to play with either group on their regular play days. To sign up to play with either women's league or to join one of these leagues, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272. Note: Port Ludlow Golf Club membership is a prerequisite for joining the golf leagues.

Trail Mix

by Merrily Mount, Chair, Port Ludlow Village Council Trails Committee

It is wonderful to awaken each and every morning to the new light of day, and to hear the birds chirping at sunrise. What a magnificent gift to enjoy nature in and around our beautiful community of Port Ludlow.

I have previously related to our thirty miles of pristine trails that meander in and around our community. I want to take this opportunity to send a note of gratitude to another "silent service" that is in our town and involved with the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Trails Committee, the thirty trail stewards under the wing of our resident and committee member Jane Navone. These trail stewards have the duty, honor, and responsibility of being the eyes and ears of their designated adopted trail. As you walk our many trails, you may encounter a trail steward quietly walking the trail you are on. The steward is looking at the quality of the trail and reporting any concerns to the PLVC trails committee.



Port Ludlow resident Connie Fidler forest bathing on the Mount Wilder connector trail.

Submitted photo

If you happen upon one of our stewards, they will not have a special t-shirt or hat ... not a badge or a name tag designating their identity. They are out securing the safety and security of their adopted trail for our enjoyment.

One of the benefits of walking in the woods is "forest bathing." Whether you call it a fitness trend or a mindfulness practice (or a bit of both). What exactly is forest bathing? The term emerged in Japan in the 1980s as a physiological and psychological exercise called Shirin-Yoku, taking in the forest atmosphere. The purpose is twofold: to offer an eco-antidote to tech-boom burn out and to inspire residents to reconnect with and protect the forests.

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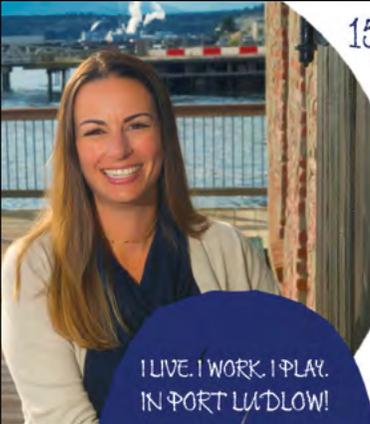
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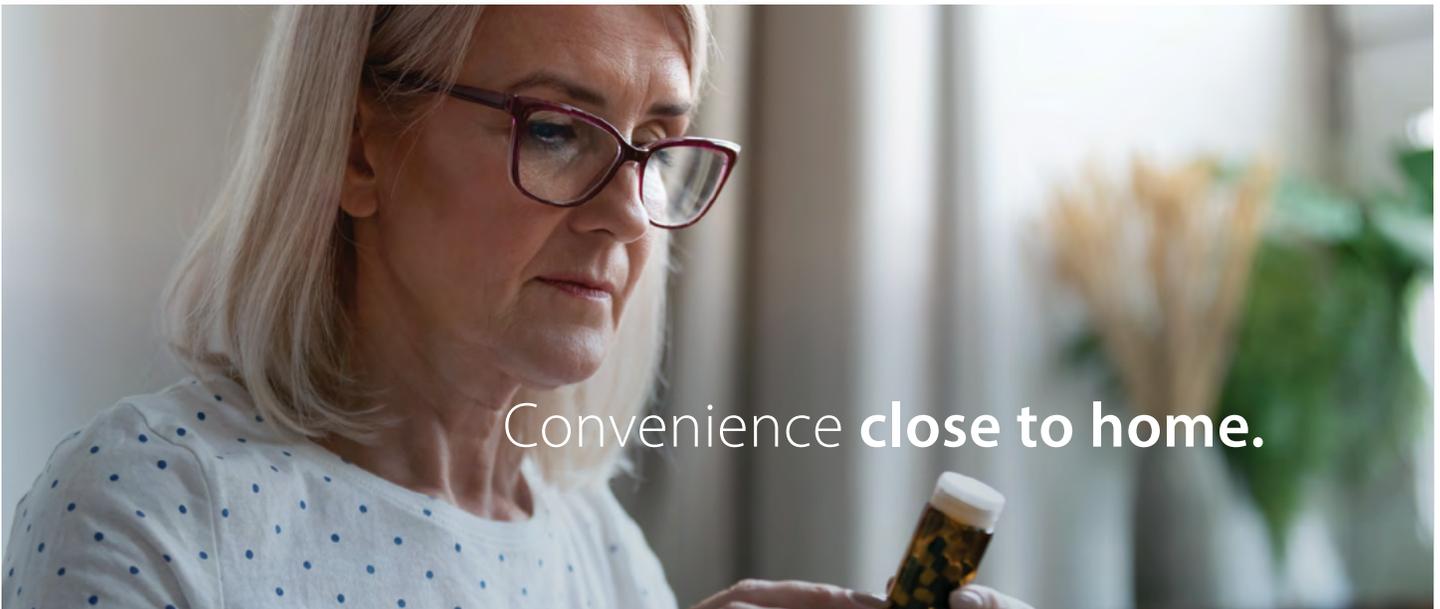


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