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- Volunteer as a tutor. The teachers provide materials and guidance to the tutors on their assignments to work one-on-one or with small groups of children focusing on reading and math.
- Volunteer in the library, help at lunch, chess club, the arts, or in the garden.

Where:

- **Chimacum Creek Primary in Port Hadlock**: one hour/week. Preschool through first grade.
- **Salish Coast Elementary in Port Townsend**: One – two hours/week. Preschool through fifth grade.

When:

- One to two hours per week. Monday through Friday during the school year.

This program is sponsored by AAUW-PT. Membership is not a requirement to participate, although we welcome all who want to join. The only requirements are a love of children, undergoing the background vetting process, and a desire to serve.

For more information call Christine deVries, (201) 290-4761, or email *christine@goldenwing.com.*

Make a Kid's Dream Come True

The Port Ludlow community is partnering with the Olympic Peninsula Chapter of the Bluebills for the annual Christmas gift drive. We are supporting local, low-income families through OlyCap in Port Townsend, and we need your help to make it a success. Your generosity brings immense joy and relief to these families during the holiday season.

We are collecting donations to provide personalized gifts for approximately 30 children, ranging from newborns to 18-year-olds. To ensure every child receives something special, Bluebill members will personally purchase and wrap gifts based on each child's specific interests and sizes. All presents will be delivered to OlyCap on **Thursday, December 17,** for final distribution to the families.

Please help fulfill these kids' dreams by sending a check made out to *PSO Bluebills* and mail it to PSO Bluebills at P.O. Box 65098, Port Ludlow, WA 98365 by **Friday, November 27**. For questions, email Laura Paul at *laura.paul@psobluebills.net*.

First Wednesday Luncheon

by Stephanie Buehler, Guest Writer

We will be having Jeff Swanson from Jefferson Healthcare Foundation speak at our luncheon on **Wednesday, November 4**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Beach Club. Please RSVP at either club or to *firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com* by **Monday, November 2**. This will be BYOL (bring your own lunch), although we will provide coffee, tea, and cookies.

On Wednesday, December 2, 11a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Bay Club, West Sound Chorus (WSC) will provide us with this year's holiday program. WSC has been spreading barbershop harmony around the northwest for nearly 50 years, and for more than half of that time, Mike Menefee has been waving his arms trying to get their attention (also known as directing). Mike is a published arranger and a two-time Evergreen District Quartet champion. He lives in Silverdale with his sweetheart, Carol, and sings in a couple of ensembles with his son, Allan.

Also, Mike invites everyone to attend their big Christmas Show on **Saturday, December 12**. There will be both a matinee and an evening performance. Visit *westsoundchorus.org* for details. On this date we will be serving a holiday lunch, so be sure to RSVP by **Friday, November 27**.

There is no charge to attend our luncheons. Instead, we ask that you bring a donation in the form of cash, check made payable to the Jefferson County Food Bank Association (JCFBA), and/or nonperishable food such as condiments, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, boxed pasta, and hygiene products. Food donations must be unopened, undamaged, and unexpired.

Plan to join us on **January 6, 2027** for games, fun & prizes.

The Scandinavian History of Poulsbo at Dine and Discover

by Allan and Nancy Kiesler

"Velkommen Til Poulsbo" reads the sign as you enter the city of Poulsbo, Washington, which is located just south of the Hood Canal Bridge. Surely, most of us have shopped, taken visiting friends to, or dined in this waterfront community with a lovely, picturesque downtown. Have you wondered about its history? We have and to answer our curiosity, we have invited Linda Pawson, Executive Director of the Poulsbo Historical Society, to share with us Poulsbo's history, heritage, and culture at Dine and Discover on **Monday, December 7**. Linda promises to tell both stories and facts so it should be an interesting presentation.

North and South Bay members and their guests are invited to attend this presentation, which will be held at the Beach Club on **Monday, December 7**. Sign-up sheets will be available at the front desk at both the Beach and the Bay Club by **Monday, November 9.**

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Whatever dish you sign up to bring, please make it large enough to serve 8 – 10 people. If you bring an appetizer, please bring one that can be easily served by our volunteers. Dips do not work well. Some folks have dietary issues, so please put a note on your dish if it contains any of the following allergens: wheat, soy, eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, or shellfish. You will also need to bring your place setting (plates, napkins, eating utensils, glasses), placemats if desired, and a plastic bag to put your dirty dishes in to go home. We provide coffee/tea/water, but if you would prefer something else to drink, you're welcome to bring your beverage of choice. Admission is $5.00 per person payable at the door. This covers the cost of the facility, coffee/tea, banquet permit, and the honorarium we provide to the speaker. If you sign up but are unable to attend, please let us know, as no-shows can significantly affect the food selection. Questions or suggestions – call us at 360-437-8091. We look forward to seeing you there.

Martha's Book Group - *The Correspondent*

Letter writing is a diminishing art form being rapidly supplanted by ubiquitous texting as a means of communicating. Virginia Evans, however, has chosen letter writing to be her instrument to tell a story. It has garnered her success as a debut author. Published in April 2025, *The Correspondent* has slowly drawn the attention of a growing number of readers as well as critics. In 2026 she made the New York Times best seller list and won the Pen/Hemingway Award for Debut Novel as well as the 2026 Women's Prize for Fiction.

Martha's Book Group will be discussing *The Correspondent* at their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, November 10,** 4:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. All are welcome. For further inquiries about the group and the books that will be discussed in 2027 contact Sarah Schuch at *bookclub@plvoice.org.* December's book club selection is *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.

November at the Jefferson County Library District

Happy November from the Jefferson County Library! As the cold weather descends and the evenings get longer, stop by the library for a cozy space and books. Visit *jclibrary.info/events* for the full Jefferson County Library District events calendar.

Looking for a way to stay active? Join us for Yoga and Core Strength class on **Monday, November 2**, 5 – 6 p.m. Build strength, improve balance, and leave feeling refreshed! This 45-minute class combines gentle yoga, core strengthening, and mindful movement to help you feel your best. Can't make it to the November 2 class? We're having it two more times, on **Friday, November 13**, from 1 – 2 p.m., and **Monday, November 16**, 5 – 6 p.m.

Don't miss the Friends of the Library fall book sale! Join us on **Saturday, November 7**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Support the library while you shop for gently used books, audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs. The sale will take place in the Hagen Building next to the library.

Homes for the Holidays: Candy House Creations begins

on **Thursday, November 12**. It's time to get creative (and a little sweet)! Build your own candy house—or any fun food-based scene—and share it with the library for our annual Homes for the Holidays display.

Ready to see one of your favorite heroes take the big screen? Bring your family and friends and join us for a Movie Event at the Library on **Tuesday, November 24**, from 3 – 6 p.m. There will be freshly popped popcorn. Visit our website to learn which movie we're screening!

Visit the Jefferson County Library at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email *information@jclibrary.info*.

Helping Neighbors in Need

St. Vincent de Paul of East Jefferson County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that has been serving local individuals and families in need since 2005. Volunteers assist neighbors during difficult times by providing food, gas, laundry, rent, and other basic necessities.

St. Vincent de Paul operates solely on donations. ninety eight cents of every dollar donated goes directly toward assisting Jefferson County neighbors. You can help by making a donation at *svdpejc.org/donate* or mail a donation to SVDP, PO Box 410, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

Every story begins with a conversation. Neighbors in need meet face-to-face with volunteers who listen without judgment, assess needs, and provide immediate relief. When needs go beyond what the organization can supply directly, volunteers will coordinate with local partners including OlyCAP, Dove House, Bayside Housing, and United Good Neighbors. To learn more about volunteering your time or skills, visit *svdpejc.org* or call Debbi Steele at 805-312-6547.

The need has never been greater. Make a difference in the lives of individuals and families who need your help.

Jefferson County News Briefs

Full Articles at *plvoice.org*

Jefferson County Assessor's Office Notice

State law requires every county to appraise taxable property each year at 100% of fair market value. Jefferson County accomplishes this by a focused re-inspection of one-sixth of the county each year. The other five-sixths are updated through a combination of statistical sales analysis and inspections of areas needing a more detailed approach. The physical re-inspection area this year is Brinnon. The Assessor's Office has completed their 2026 inspections and analysis and is in the process of mailing out change of value (COV) notices for the majority of properties in Jefferson County. These values will be used for calculating 2027 taxes typically using the formula for budget-based levies that the amount- to-collect / assessment base = levy rate, which is then reapplied to each parcel.

South Discovery/Jacob Miller Intersection Improved

Jefferson County Public Works has recently upgraded the intersection of South Discovery Road and South Jacob Miller Road from a 2-way stop-controlled intersection to a 4-way stop-controlled intersection.

Fire Danger Level Lowered

Effective October 9, 2026, the Fire Danger Level has been lowered to a LOW. The decision to lower includes but is not limited to input received from Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA), National Weather Service (NWS), and other state, federal, and local agencies.

While risk to residents, property, and emergency responders has subsided to acceptable levels, this October remains drier than historical averages. It remains critically important to adhere to fire safety best practices and never leave a fire unattended. Additionally, no land clearing fires should be ignited without a burn permit from the appropriate local fire authority.

Quinault South Shore Road Reopens

Jefferson County and partnering agencies announced the re-opening of the Quinault South Shore Road on October 8, 2026, following critical repairs that have kept the road inaccessible for nearly two years. The Quinault South Shore Road washed out in late winter 2024 due to high river flows that scoured the road embankment. Since that time, the road has remained closed while Jefferson County sought funding authorization and permits for this Federal Highway Administration Emergency Relief repair.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Presents: Creating and Sustaining a Rock Garden in the Pacific Northwest

by John Martin, Founder, Arbutus Garden Management



If you are looking for the ideal way to add color, texture, and beauty to your garden, consider a rock garden. While most plant and vegetable gardens are arranged in neat rows or perfect squares on a property, rock gardens have more of a naturalistic, foundational look that complements and enhances the landscape of your property. A rock garden can add dimension to an otherwise dull space. John Martin of Arbutus Gardens will be sharing practical insight on creating and sustaining rock gardens, including plant selection, drainage, placement, and long-term care.

John is the founder of Arbutus Garden Management and has over 22 years of hands-on horticulture experience. He began his career with formal training at Edmonds Community College, and now serves on the Poulsbo Tree Board, while continuing his commitment to thoughtful plant care, urban forestry, and resilient landscapes. He has decades of experience working in established gardens throughout the Kitsap Peninsula and surrounding areas, and has developed a deep appreciation for gardens that are both beautiful and sustainable. Join us for this interesting and informative presentation.

This event will be held at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, November 11**, at 11 a.m. and is open to all local residents. Refreshments are complimentary. Members and guests must RSVP to Phyllis Lovendahl at 503-833-2631 or *portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com*.

Port Ludlow Tangle Club to Meet November 12

The Port Ludlow Tangle Club will meet on **Thursday, November 12,** at the Bay Club from 1 – 3 p.m. and you are invited to join us!



We practice a form of art known as the Zentangle Method. It's an easy-to-learn, fun, and relaxing way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns, called tangles. At the heart of this method is slowing down, focusing on each stroke of your pen, and allowing images to unfold without planning the end result. This month, we'll be tangling on store-bought greeting cards, transforming them into unique, one-of-a-kind greetings that will delight any recipient with your own personal touches! And in the process, we'll learn how to draw some new tangle patterns!

Monthly supply kits will be available for a nominal fee, and five-dollar beginner kits will be available for first timers. To RSVP, contact Alice, Certified Zentangle Teacher, at *foureyes22@outlook.com*.

And a heads up! Mark your calendars now for **Thursday, December 10.** This will be a special holiday meeting! Details to come.

Historic Fort Flagler Theater Open for Rental



Looking for a memorable place to host a play or a concert? Or maybe a party, group meeting, wedding reception, or community event? If so, you're in luck, because the beautifully restored WWII theater at Fort Flagler State Park, which reopened last spring, is now available for rental.

Once a lively gathering place where soldiers relaxed and socialized during World War II, the theater now offers a welcoming interior with state-of-the-art theatrical lighting and sound systems, yet the restoration has preserved its timeless character. It seats up to 275 people with up to 2,500 square feet of auditorium space.

It's easy to rent.

Restored in collaboration with Washington State Parks and the Friends of Fort Flagler, who refurbished the interior, the theater is easy to reserve. You can make a reservation up to nine months in advance. Discover Passes are required for all attendees.

Cost: $400 per day, plus tax, for Monday – Friday.

$475 per day, plus tax, for Saturday and Sunday.

Learn more at *parks.wa.gov/find-parks/fort-flagler-theater* or call 1-888-226-7688.

Informational and Educational Programs for the Port Ludlow Community

by Gil Skinner, SBCA

The following programs are open to all Port Ludlow community residents. Programs are held at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place, and begin at 1 p.m.. Programs are free of charge. Topics and speakers from a multitude of backgrounds are offered for our residents. As important as it is to continue to strengthen the body, it is just as important to continue to strengthen the mind.

Wow, last month was crazy with six presentations containing lots of information. This month we are taking a little breather (It's election time so don't forget to vote.) with just four presentations. Jefferson Healthcare will start us out discussing their new Ear, Nose and Throat specialty; this will be followed by a genealogy discussion for those of us who have questions about "I'm related to whom?"; then David Brownell will be doing a brand new presentation on the history of Port Ludlow; and we finish the month with a talk on the Washington State Ferry System. Here are the particulars:

Tuesday, November 10 - Jefferson Healthcare has expanded access to specialized foot and ankle care with the launch of a new podiatry service line. Edee Brocklesby, DPM, a Foot and Ankle Surgeon, is joining Jefferson Healthcare to provide comprehensive care for patients with a wide range of foot and ankle conditions. For many people, foot and ankle problems can make it difficult to do the things they enjoy, from hiking and gardening to playing sports, working, or simply getting through the day without pain. Until now, patients in our community often had to travel significant distances to see a foot and ankle specialist or wait months for an appointment. The new podiatry service at Jefferson Healthcare is designed to help change that.

Tuesday, November 17 - Ever wonder about those relatives mom and dad seemed to not want to discuss? Well, Cathy Beatty-O'Shea from the Jefferson County Genealogical Society, will talk about how you might go about filling in your family gaps. She will talk about genealogy in general, ethics and philosophies, and discuss different sources that can be used. However, beware some things you learn may surprise you!

Wednesday, November 18 - David Brownell joins us once again, and this time with his first-ever presentation of the specific history of Port Ludlow. This should be a fun and illuminating look at the place we call home.

Tuesday, November 24 - Ferry Tales – Washington State Ferries' Dana Warr shares a behind-the-scenes look at the largest ferry system in North America. Learn more about the history of Washington State Ferries and how the system works. Dana will provide information on the many ways WSF serves its communities, updates on new vessel construction, and take questions on all things ferries.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer

Meet Aaron Minker. Aaron is a firefighter and paramedic with East Jefferson Fire Rescue. He has been with EJFR for twenty-three years, but has a history of thirty-three years in fire service. He fell in love with the work when he was an intern firefighter in Silverdale, Washington.



He was born in Texas and moved to Sequim when he was two. His father was a police officer in Sequim. Aaron is recently married. He likes fly fishing year-round, gardening, and building Legos.

The things that he likes best about his job are helping others and having a schedule which allows him to pursue his interests. The toughest part, especially in his role as a paramedic, is seeing innocent people hurt. A memorable event was having a patient he had helped come to the department after recovering and thanking him for his assistance.

He plans on retiring in five years, then doing extensive travelling with his wife. He says he is a “cat guy." He has three cats, one Siamese and two Maine Coons. His wife calls Aaron a “big teddy bear.”

Aaron provides skill and service to our East Jefferson community, especially in his role as a paramedic.

2026 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Communities served include: Port Townsend, Cape George, Kala Point, Marrowstone Is., Port Hadlock, Chimacum, Irondale, Port Ludlow (North and South Bay), Paradise Bay, Beaver Valley, Bridgehaven, Mats Mats, Shine, South Point and other areas located within our boundaries.

September Alarms

Fires	5
Rescue/Emergency Medical	397
Non-Emergency	47
Hazardous Condition	19
Service Call	73
Other	2
Total Alarms	**535**

September Ambulance Transports

911 Transports	225
Non Transports	149
CARES Contacts	87

Time to Prepare for Winter

East Jefferson Fire Rescue

With the onset of cooler temperatures, many residents have begun to use their propane stoves or fireplaces to ward off the morning chill. This is a good time to check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors.

Smoke alarms have a life expectancy of about 10 years. If you have ever had a smoke alarm sound for no apparent reason, it could be because there is dust on the sensor or it has reached the end of its life. If you know the alarm is less than 10 years old, you could spray it with pressurized air to remove the dust. If you don’t know when the alarm was installed, it is best to replace it.

When you get a new smoke alarm, consider writing the date of purchase on the alarm with a marker.

In your home, heating and cooking equipment that burns fuel can be sources of carbon monoxide (CO). CO is an invisible, odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. Carbon monoxide alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of your home. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. That way, when one sounds, they all sound. When you get a new alarm, fire crews may be able to install it for you. To make arrangements for a crew to come to your home, call EJFR at 360-385-2626.

If you use portable electric heaters, be sure to keep them at least three feet from combustible items and avoid using extension cords. As you get ready for winter, remember to check your supply of food and household items in case windstorms cause power outages or weather makes it unsafe to drive to the store. Create an emergency kit for your car. Include jumper cables, a flashlight, a blanket, some bottled water, and non-perishable snacks.

If you have any questions about the services provided by East Jefferson Fire Rescue, call 360-385-2626, see the website at *ejfr.org,* or email Fire Chief Bret Black at *bblack@ejfr.org.*

Shooting the Aurora

by Milt Lum, staff writer



Aurora on Display
Photos by Milt Lum

Throughout history the northern lights have been a topic of fascination, intrigue, and legends. In modern times the origins and displays of the aurora borealis have been discovered to have their origins in ionized elements, solar winds, and coronal mass ejections. Videos and photographs taken from earth and from satellites show spectacular images; and are available to many who otherwise may not have had a chance to view auroras. However, viewing the aurora in the cold night sky remains an experience that is still mysterious and magical.



Aurora on Display
Photos by Milt Lum

Living in Alaska for many years afforded me a number of notable sightings of the aurora, each with its own uniqueness and majesty. One special sighting occurred quite by accident during a major solar storm when a red aurora appeared at dusk blanketing the entire sky. Another appeared as an undulating green wave, which I saw as I drove home from an emergency call at the hospital. Turning off the car's headlights as I drove into the subdivision, I let the car coast in neutral as I watched the dancing waves.

Seeing recent photos of the aurora shot with an iPhone and posted by my daughter who is living in Alaska, motivated me to see what I could do with my Canon camera. When that opportunity presented itself in a photo tour organized by Capture the Atlas, a travel and photo company specializing in astro and night sky photography, I seized the moment.



The six-day tour in Fairbanks, Alaska, featured five midnight aurora photography sessions and four indoor post-processing classroom times. The flashy brochure provided spectacular photos of auroral displays that caused me to salivate. Going out with 11 others in the wee hours of the morning in subzero weather was better than me attempting

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it alone. I discovered that shooting the aurora in March in Alaska is not for the faint-at-heart, especially one who is a senior citizen.

As with any outdoor adventure in Alaska, a successful trip depended on the weather. Fortunately, the forecast for that week called for clear skies. Clear skies in early spring meant sub-zero temperatures at night. That week there was a warming trend with the average nighttime temperature hovering in the vicinity of -12º F which was 20 degrees warmer than the previous weeks.

Preparing to go out for the evening's photo session began an hour before meeting the group at 10 p.m. in the hotel lobby. Before getting dressed in layers, one had to be sure that all of the essential equipment was checked out: batteries for socks and camera fully charged, extra hand and foot warming packets, headlamps fully charged, and water and snacks packed. Layered dressing entailed two layers on the top and two below before putting on outside clothes. The head and face gear go in the pack before sliding into the snow pants and finally the boots. Puffy down coat in hand, I took one last look and noted the room key which I slipped into an inside pocket.

It took about an hour to get to the outskirts of the city and find a suitable place to shoot the aurora. With 12 in the group, we needed enough space to spread out so we wouldn't get in each other's way. Setting up camera and tripod on frozen ground using a headlamp and gloved hands was a big learning curve. Exposed fingers become stiff and painful in less than a minute in sub-zero weather, so I quickly learned to work with gloves on and do most of the prep work inside of the warm bus. Second lesson, one which the leaders demonstrated, emphasized, and assisted with, was to use the manual focus dial to get a clear image of a distant star. Failing to do so would mean having fuzzy aurora photos. I learned that lesson well in the first hour making many adjustments going in and out of the bus.

Night one was rough, but by night two I had a routine developed so I could be outdoors longer. Viewing the night sky filled with stars in the cold, crisp air leaves one feeling amazed and humbled at the magnificence of the universe. The northern lights began and ended abruptly from any direction. It meant waiting outside with camera ready to begin shooting as soon it appeared. Rising from the distant horizon, over snow-covered fields, or above the tree line, it traveled at various speeds spreading overhead to all points of the compass.

Once it appeared, there was little time to hesitate. Position your camera and tripod and press the shutter. As the shutter was on a two-second delay to prevent shaky exposures, my photos showed snippets of the aurora's activity. Others recording the aurora with video showed the magical dance of the lights weaving, undulating, and streaking across the night sky. Atmospheric conditions dictate whether the full spectrum of lights is seen by the human eye. Only when the photos are examined through the computerized processing does the entire spectrum of colors become visible.

I had the fortitude to go out on only three of the five nights. Each night was a different experience. At the end there were almost 300 shots to process and about 100 to keep. Some have been been shared on-line with friends, some printed and displayed at home, and most reside in the hard drives to be summoned for viewing. They provide me with vivid memories of those nights in the frozen north where enduring the pain was well worth the gain.

Facing Cancer: Getting Help In Tough Times

Here's a tough subject, a malady that affects virtually all of us in one way or another. It may seem an odd topic for your friendly local magazine to cover. However, it's a reality, and thanks to Port Ludlow resident Lisa Coutu, there is now a host of information available to help deal with the dreaded big "C" for yourself or for whomever might need a helping hand.

Coutu's recently released book, *Communicating Cancer–Strategies for You, Family and Friends*, offers an intriguing mix of advice, encouragement, empowerment tactics, and more to help deal with the subject.

As a cancer survivor herself, with a PhD in the Ethnography of Communication, and a position as a Teaching Professor Emeritus in Communication at the University of Washington in Seattle, Coutu is uniquely qualified to write

this book. And she does so with clarity, understanding, and a strong focus on specific strategies designed to help cancer patients, their families, and their friends cope with the disease and all its ramifications.

The book tackles everything from first diagnosis, to learning to communicate about it with family and friends, the ins and outs of navigating an increasingly complex health care system, and what it feels like to come out on the other side of the cancer maze. And yes, it really does take more than a heartfelt, "Hurrah!"

The book also includes selections from a notebook written by Coutu as she went through the process from start to finish. It has notes on what, whom, and how to tell about a diagnosis; communication strategies for working with health care providers; plus extensive areas for a reader to jot down their own notes on things they want to remember, or tell, or just plain process.

For those interested, the self-published book can be ordered in print from the *Communicating Cancer* website (*communicatingcancer.com*) and is also available, either online or in print, from a host of retailers including Apple, Amazon, and Barnes and Noble.

PLA: Behind the Curtain

by Evie Maxwell

As almost anyone who lives in Port Ludlow can tell you, the **Port Ludlow Associates** are a big, BIG deal in these parts. They own and control key parts of our infrastructure, many of our amenities, and large chunks of our land. The list is long, as shown in the accompanying table.

Naturally, many residents in Port Ludlow wonder about the origin of the PLA, how they came to control so much of the resort, and, given that the PLA is set up as a private company, who the ultimate owners are.

But first … a trip to the beginnings: The once-pristine area now known as The Resort at Port Ludlow has been for generations the land of the S'Klallam people. In the 1880s, it became a major logging and sawmill community. Old-growth Douglas fir and cedar were cut to feed building booms in San Francisco, Hawaii, and South America, and the business itself boomed. As the building spree slowed and the number of cuttable trees dwindled, the area began its transition into a mixed-use resort under the control of the timber company owner, Pope Resources.

PLA Holdings	
Essential Infrastructure	Olympic Water and Sewer
Amenities	The Inn at Port Ludlow
	The Fireside Restaurant
	Port Ludlow Marina
	Port Ludlow Golf Club
	Conference Center
	Commercial Center
	RV Park*
Land	≈300 residential lots (The Associates started with 450 lots in August 2001)
*According to several sources, residents of the RV Park recently received eviction notices, presumably due to planned housing at the waterfalls area.	

In 2001, Pope sold the community to the newly formed **Port Ludlow Associates LLC.** This privately held company was included in the ownership of another company created at the same time: **HCV Pacific Partners**. The backers of Pacific Partners were – and are – a team formed by San Francisco real estate developer Randall Verrue, plus Hong Kong-based **Hsin Chong International Holdings Ltd**, which brought financial resources.

Through a string of ups and downs, bankruptcies, and boom years, this ownership structure has remained essentially unchanged. Which is good. But we do have some questions.

Given that the HCV Pacific Partners group owns the PLA, we wanted to learn more about that organization. So we went to their web site (*hcv-vytc.com)**. At that address, we found three pages of information: A 'Portfolio' landing page showing pretty pictures of eight properties owned by the group (Port Ludlow included), a brief 'About' page, and a 'Contact Us' page showing a street address, an email address, and a telephone number.

We called that number several times. In each case, our call

reached only a voice mailbox which, as of this writing, said, "Please leave your message for (415) 240-0800" followed by a brief pause and a beep. In any case, we left messages explaining our mission and asking to speak to whoever would be appropriate about the PLA. Our calls and email messages were not returned.

Instead, we got a call from Diana Smeland, president of the PLA. In subsequent conversation, she made the point that the Pacific Partners are investors, and investors only. And, as investors, Smeland says, they do not answer questions about their properties.

Smeland says, "Like many private investors, they have investments in a portfolio of businesses. The day-to-day operations and management of PLA are handled locally."

In short, don't hold your breath for a return call.

From the viewpoint of this writer, that response raises more questions than it answers. As residents of a community where critical infrastructure is run by a small private company, it seems logical for a local publication to reach out to the people who own that company. And a tinge of concern is added to that issue when the website for the owners proves to be more facade than information, and said owners refuse to return calls.

So, at the bottom line, our mission to learn more about who owns huge parts of our infrastructure, and how they see the future of this community ran into a brick wall. (At least for now … we will keep trying.)

In any case, we'll leave you with Smeland's take on the status of the PLA, our community and how we can keep it strong.

We are a small company," Smeland notes, "and one that needs money to continue. Real estate development and sales are an important part of our business model."

To that end, Smeland estimates that the PLA still has roughly 300 lots (depending on county rules and regulations) to sell.

In terms of keeping our Resort strong, she says, "We need the community to support the amenities that we have. That's what makes Port Ludlow special."

On that, we can agree.

*The VYTC part of this web address refers to VYTC Investors LLC, which was created in 2011 as a new asset management platform for future opportunities. A separate website for that arm of the venture is found at *vytcinvestors.localsearch.com*. This website is equally minimal compared with the HCV Pacific Partners site, but they do answer their phones.

Web Specials!

Blame it on too much copy! Over the past few months, we have had several general (and wonderful) articles submitted that are not time constrained. Due to an onslaught of news and events, these articles have been held over for when we have space available. But the articles ('Shooting Auroras' from staff member Milt Lum and 'Windigo Roots' from our Master Gardener contributor, Carolyn Ann Smith) are really too good to hold. So … we've got Milt's article (held over from August!) in this issue and will run the Windigos in our new Web Specials on our website *plvoice.org*. When space is available, we will also run the Windigos in print, just to make sure that no one misses out.

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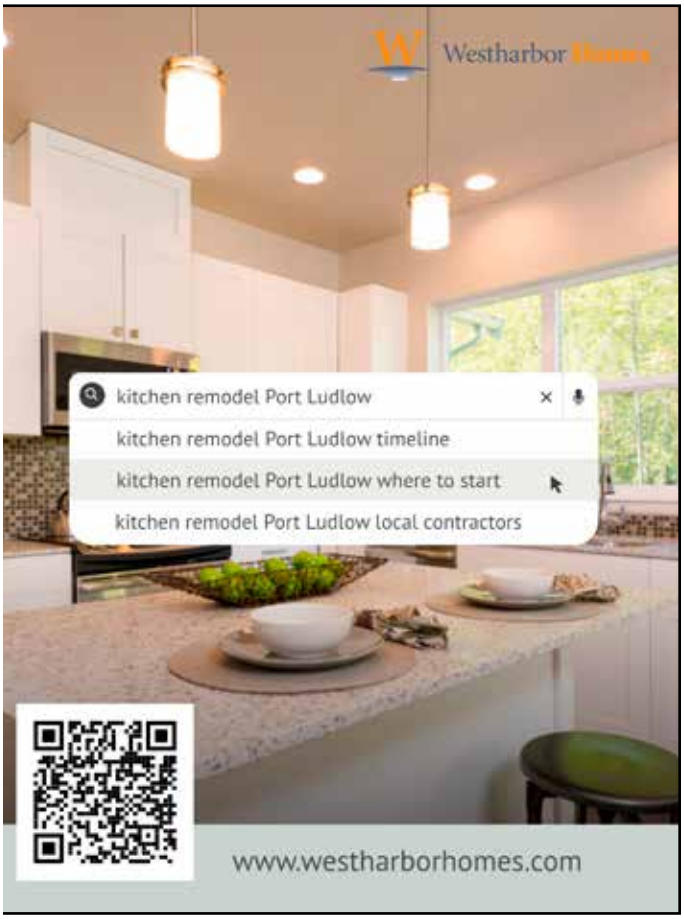


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Arts & Entertainment

Port Ludlow Art League – Featured Jeweler



Necklace
by Mara Mauch

Mara Mauch works with fused glass to create one-of-a-kind cabochons that become stunning necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. Her lifelong love of science makes working with fused glass constantly exciting because it combines the scientific properties of glass with imagination. She is able to create unique, colorful, and wearable art. When Mara combines different colors of glass with dichroic metal on glass and applies heat over time, the results can be either beautifully predictable or delightfully unexpected.

Mara states, "I love creating jewelry at the intersection of science and art. "

For me the biggest joy is learning, experimenting, and getting lost in the process of creation. The final result always captures my imagination and sparks new ideas. I hope people get as much happiness from my pieces as I get making them."

During November and December, Mara's jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, Sound Community Bank, and online at *portludlowart.org*.

The public is invited to attend a reception for Mara on **Wednesday, November 11**, 4 – 6 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, email *info@portludlowart.org* or visit *portludlowart.org*.

Port Ludlow Art League – What's Happening

Group Art Exhibit at Sound Community Bank

The Port Ludlow Art League invites you to take a step back in time this November and December with their *Holiday Memories* art exhibit at Sound Community Bank. Members' artwork captures the warm, comforting magic of seasons past and helps you remember your own cherished holiday memories.



Ready, Set, Go! by Pamela Raine

Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments at the Artists Reception, **Wednesday, November 11**, 4 – 6 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The gallery is located at the corner of Osprey Ridge Drive and Oak Bay Road.

Save the Date

Mark your calendar to attend our annual Holiday Open House **Wednesday, December 9**, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery.

Port Ludlow's Holiday Art Fair

Get ready to kick off your seasonal shopping at the Port Ludlow Holiday Art Fair. Head over to the Port Ludlow Inn on **Saturday, November 21**, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. for an incredible day of art, community, and festive fun!

This annual celebration brings together local artists and crafters. It is your ultimate destination for one-of-a-kind holiday gifts. Whether you are looking for jewelry, ceramics, woodwork, textiles, cards, or fine art, you will find something perfect for everyone on your list—and maybe a little something for yourself, too. Come support local creators and find truly unique treasures.

The Port Ludlow Inn is located at 1 Heron Road in Port Ludlow. For more information, visit *portludlowart.org*.

Bay Club Art Exhibit – Gatherings

With the holiday season just around the corner, our local artists are bringing to life the spirit of gathering—whether it's coming together in celebration or something surprising. Throughout **November** and **December**, the Bay Club

will display this art collection, showcasing the amazing talent of our Port Ludlow Art League members.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Lane in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please email Sheryl Goldsberry at *info@portludlowart.org*.

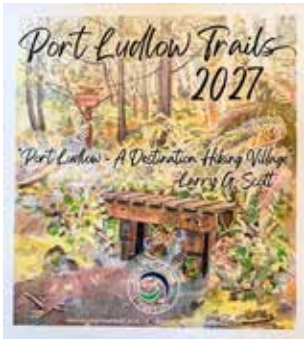


Goose Showers
by Sheryl Goldsberry

Capturing Port Ludlow Trails

Watercolor artist Denice Craig Tweedy fell in love with the lush forests and natural beauty of Port Ludlow. Wanting to capture the magic of the landscape, she began walking the trails, photographing scenes that inspired her, and using them as references for her paintings.

Over time, Denice created a collection of 12 original watercolors celebrating the beauty of Port Ludlow's trails. When she displayed the paintings at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, members of the Port Ludlow Trails Committee and local residents fell in love with the artwork and suggested turning the paintings into a calendar. That idea became a reality.



2027 Port Ludlow Trails Calendar

Denice's Port Ludlow Trails 2027 Calendar celebrates these special places throughout the seasons, showcasing the beauty of the Port Ludlow trails. The calendar is available at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery located next to Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive.

Port Ludlow has more than 30 miles of trails, many maintained primarily through the dedication of volunteers working with the Port Ludlow Trails Committee. With every calendar purchased, Denice will make a donation to the Port Ludlow Village Council Trails Committee to support their continued efforts to maintain the trails we all enjoy.

What began as an artist's love of the forest has become a celebration of the trails and a way to give back to the community.

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts



Michael Carroll

Trinity United Methodist's Candlelight Concerts will feature Michael Carroll, a classical pianist from Port Ludlow, on **Thursday, November 19**, at 7 p.m. Trinity United Methodist Church is located at 609 Taylor Street across from the Community Center in Uptown Port Townsend. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The performance will be livestreamed at *trinityumcpt.org/concerts* where you can also make an online donation to Candlelight Concerts. The concert will be simulcast on KPTZ FM 91.9 Port Townsend.

Admission is free, with a suggested donation of $15 per person. Half of the proceeds will be donated to Mr. Carroll's chosen charity, Bayside Housing, whose mission is to strengthen community through housing advocacy and human services supporting social and economic independence.

Carroll's concert program begins with classical piano works by Bach, Mozart, Brahms, Chopin, and Schubert and ends with American music by Aaron Copland and Scott Joplin.

Carroll began studying piano at age eight and studied with Robert Van Meter at Clarion State College in Pennsylvania. Since moving to Seattle in 1990, Carroll has performed in numerous recitals and soloed in concertos by Haydn, Mozart, Poulenc, Bartók and Grieg. An experienced choral and vocal accompanist, he has performed with Seattle area ensembles and soloists and was the staff pianist and program annotator for Seattle's Thalia Symphony Orchestra. He is currently co-director of the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Series.

Third Annual Functional Arts Quimper Event

The Third Annual Functional Arts Quimper event in Port Townsend showcases the world-class craft of local artisans John McCormack, Gunter Reimnitz, and Steve Leggett. New local woodworker, Will Hiegel, will be joining the group. The exhibit runs **Saturday, November 7**, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. and **Sunday, November 8**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Musicians Tex, Abe and Friends, will be performing **Saturday, November 7**, at 6 p.m.

These Quimper artists share formal training from acclaimed American art and design schools, including Rhode Island School of Design, North Bennet Street School in Boston, and San Francisco Art Institute. Moreover, the artists bring the richness of their lives to their work.

John McCormack often brings a sense of humor and whimsy into pieces he designs and builds. His serious sense of high functional design shines throughout his body of work. John states, "I am an artist/craftsman, and a teacher of furniture design and construction. I endeavor in my work to design and create beautiful functional objects. I make things using methods that honor the material; the life of my furniture is limited by the longevity of the wood itself." He also teaches out of his own shop at Bainbridge BARN, and met and mentored Will Hiegel through Owl 360's Leveling Up Internship program.



Steve Leggett ran the mill and joinery shop at Timbercraft Homes, and is a sculptor, machinist, luthier, and is skilled in electronics, designing, and building his own amplifiers and guitar electronics. Steve specializes in creating one-of-a-kind electric guitars and amplifiers. He takes inspiration from the natural environment, found materials, and outright whimsy.



Born and raised in Alaska, Gunter Reimnitz, fashions images of marine life along with his signature Abraxas Crow clutching a red berry in his sculptures. Gunter states, "My way of making metal sculpture relies upon setting the stage, with knowledge and experience, for useful accidents to occur. These accidents often bring the spark of life to a piece that I could not have created intentionally, but have been seeking all along. This coalescence of intention and accident is the experience that I love and the reason I make art."

The exhibit can be seen in the Cotton Building at 607 Water Street, Port Townsend, WA. For more information, contact John McCormack at *mccormack.johnp@gmail.com* or 415-310-1770.

November Art Classes

Watercolor Class - Friday, November 6, 10 a.m. – noon, Bridge Deck, Port Ludlow



Through the Past

Join us for a class with artist Pamela Raine to complete *Through the Past,* a watercolor painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. Space is limited. To register, email *youcreateart@outlook.com*.

Acrylic Class – Saturday, November 14, 9:30 – noon at the Bridge Deck



The Wonky Christmas Tree

We're going to try something different before we break for the winter holidays. The acrylic painting will be *The Wonky Christmas Tree*. Attendees will paint the same background but create their own wonky tree. Artists Shirley Bomgaars and Misty Pilgrim will supply examples and guide attendees through the process. The fee covers the cost of supplies and breakfast-y nibbles and sips. To register, email *shirleybomgaars@gmail.com*.

Share & Explore: Sumi-e Ink Painting – Friday, November 20, 10 am – noon, Port Ludlow Brokers, 40 Teal Lake Road, Port Ludlow.

Sumi-e, a traditional Japanese form of black ink brush

painting, attempts to capture the spirit and essence of a subject instead of creating a representational copy. Join artist Pamela Raine for a demo and a hands-on session. Instruction and all supplies are provided for a fee. Space is limited. To register, email *youcreateart@outlook.com*.



Sumi-e

Bayside Art Gallery Hosts Major Rita Kepner Retrospective

Bayside Art Gallery is set to honor six decades of extraordinary creative achievement with its upcoming landmark exhibition, *Through Fire & Water: Rita Kepner Sculptures, Paintings, Drawings from 1966 to 2026*. Running **November 8** – **February 28, 2027**, the retrospective is a comprehensive look at the life's work of acclaimed American sculptor Rita Kepner.



End of the Day by Rita Kepner

Featuring more than 50 artworks, the exhibit traces Kepner's artistic evolution across diverse mediums and spans figurative and abstract forms. Her works explore universal themes of human resilience and emotional vulnerability.

Born in New York in 1944, Kepner relocated to the Pacific Northwest in 1967, where she became an integral part of the regional arts community. Beyond her creative output, she founded the Bainbridge Island Arts and Humanities Council and earned a master's degree in management from City University of Seattle in 1998 and a Ph.D. in communication from Washington State University in 2010. Recognized in *Who's Who in American Art* and *Women Artists in America II*, her works are held in private and public collections internationally.

Located on the second floor of the historic Old Alcohol Plant Inn in Port Hadlock, Bayside Art Gallery's mission is to donate proceeds from art sales to support Bayside Housing & Services, providing critical shelter, meals, and healthcare to individuals and families facing poverty in Jefferson County.

Bayside Art Gallery is located at 310 Hadlock Bay Road, Port Hadlock, WA.

Northwind Art

Exhibits

The *Conservation Conversations* exhibit, featuring oil and gouache paintings by Michael Brophy of Portland, Oregon, and Karen Hackenberg of Port Townsend, continues through **Monday, November 16**.

November brings one of Northwind Art's most popular annual exhibits, *Small Expressions*, a juried show that runs **November 19** – **January 4, 2027.** The exhibit will fill Jeanette Best Gallery with a diverse mix of work from artists across the Northwest. Each piece is no bigger than 16 inches in any direction, and everything is available for immediate purchase. *Small Expressions* is designed for the gift-giving season with art that is relatively easy to ship and affordable for a range of budgets.



Bowl by Kate Dwyer

The third and final round of the *Showcase 2026* exhibit presents printmaking, photography, paintings, fabric sculpture, and mixed media art by 12 local makers. The exhibit continues through **January 4, 2027.**

Jeanette Best Gallery at 701 Water St. in Port Townsend is open Thursdays – Mondays, 12 – 5 p.m., and until 8 p.m. on **Saturday, November 7**, during the Port Townsend's first Saturday Art Walk**.** For *i*nformation about gallery shows, events, and artists, visit *northwindart.org*.

Call for Artists

Artists may apply to the year-long *Showcase 2027* exhibit. Visit n*orthwindart.org* for a link to application information.

The deadline for submissions is **November 12.** Applications are juried by Northwind's exhibits team, including Executive Director Martha Worthley and Exhibits Designer Suzanne Lamon.



Basket by Radha Newsom

Classes

The following art and craft classes are offered in November and December:

- The Essentials of Oil Painting, six **Tuesdays**, **November 3 – December 8**
- Marks, Materials and Practice, **Saturday, November 7**
- Big Beautiful Beach Stone Rings, **Saturday, November 14** and **Sunday, November 15**
- Pressed Flower Sun Catchers, **Tuesday, November 17**
- Introduction to Stained Glass Assembly, **Wednesday, November 18**
- Watercolor Painting Level 2, five **Mondays**, **November 16 – December 14**
- Weave a Little Rush Basket, **Sunday, November 29**

For more information about classes, visit *northwindart.org*. Northwind Art School is on the Fort Worden campus in buildings 306, 308, and 324 at 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend.

Port Angeles' Field Art and Events Hall – November Calendar

Visit *fieldhallevents.org* for information and tickets.

November 5 – 7 | The Story People of Clallam County Present: Annual Forest Storytelling Festival. The Story People of Clallam County are back with the annual Forest Storytelling Festival. Tickets $30 for individual performances or $70 for a full Forest Storytelling Festival Pass.

- **Thursday, November 5**, 7 p.m. – The Story People tell haunting tales from Ingrid Nixon, Megan Wells, Gene Tagaban, and Andy Offut Irwin.
- **Friday, November 6**, 9 a.m. – Start the festival with Andy Offutt Irwin, and Megan Wells, followed by a performance from Pacific Northwest Guild Tellers, and capped with a Story Slam Light Open Mic.
- **Friday, November 6**, 1:45 p.m. – Solo performances from storytellers Andy Offutt Irwin, Megan Wells, and Gene Tagaban, hosted by Ingrid Nixon.
- **Friday, November 6**, 7 p.m. – Captivating performance from special guests Andy Offutt Irwin, Megan Wells, and Gene Tagaban, hosted by Ingrid Nixon.
- **Saturday, November 7,** 9 a.m. – Join the Story People of Clallam County for a free open house with friends from storytelling guilds across the region. Connect with other storytellers and learn more about membership. Free open house event.
- **Saturday, November 7**, 10:30 a.m. – Dive further into the art of storytelling with workshops from Ingrid Nixon and Gene Tagaban, followed by an Open Mic.
- **Saturday, November 7**, 1:45 p.m. – Stories from Megan Wells, Gene Tagaban, and Andy Offutt Irwin.

Saturday, November 7, 7 p.m. **| Benjamin Hunter Band** Classically trained, internationally raised, and folk and roots studied, Benjamin Hunter's music explores sounds old and new from a wide spectrum of human experience and place. Tickets $29.50 – $39.50 for adults, $19.50 for youth (up to 18).

Sunday, November 8, noon | Free Jazz Sunday with L Dowdell Chamber Jazz Dowdell Chamber Jazz! features Linda Dowdell (piano), Daniel Barry (cornet & flugelhorn), Rachael Contorer (bass), and Angie Tabor (drums). Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of live music, ocean views, and our specialty mimosa and Bloody Mary bar. General admission seating is first-come, first-served and not guaranteed. Free event.

Monday, November 9, 6 p.m. **| Open Mic Monday with Port Angeles Community Players**. Open Mic Monday continues with guest hosts The Port Angeles Community Players. Doors open at 5 p.m. with Open Mic starting at 6 p.m. All ages and talents are welcome so content should be appropriate for all ages. Free event.

Saturday, November 14, 7 p.m. | **Battle of the Bands** Four bands will battle it out onstage. The champion band will be invited back to perform a full concert on the Field Hall stage. Tickets $24.50, $5 for 40 Under 40 Members.

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 p.m. | Films @ Field Hall: The Little Mermaid (Sing-Along). Dress up in your underwater-inspired look and sing along to this Disney animated classic. Join us for a special story hour with North Olympic Library System before the show. Pay-what-makes-you-happy. $10 – $15 is a suggested donation.

Friday, November 20, 7 p.m. | **Bob Marley, How Reggae Changed the World** From Off Broadway to a sell-out Edinburgh Fringe, award-winning artist Duane Forrest takes audiences on an uplifting, deeply human journey through the music and legacy of global phenomenon Bob Marley. Tickets $39.50 – $54.50.

Friday, November 27, 7:30 p.m. | **Annual Seattle Comedy Competition**. The Finals of the Seattle International Comedy Competition (the real Last Comic Standing) comes to Field Arts & Events Hall. Tickets $44.50 – $54.50.

Ultimi 3 Tenors Light Up the Bay Club for the Holidays

by Jason Wright

On **Sunday, December 20**, the Bay Club stage will host Ultimi 3 Tenors for an enchanting performance of *Carols by Candlelight***.** The venue will be illuminated by hundreds of glowing electric candles, creating an intimate and magical atmosphere for this unforgettable holiday concert.

When they formed their group, they named themselves Ultimi, Italian for "latest", so they became "The Latest 3 Tenors." Isaac Hurtado, Tyler Nelson, and Brian Stucki model their concerts on the Three Tenors tradition that Pavarotti, Domingo, and Carreras made famous, then give it a fresh voice of their own. Between them, they have performed well over 100 operatic roles and sung concerts across the country and abroad.

Their program includes holiday favorites, with piano accompaniment and Stucki on cello. If you're expecting holiday guests, bring them along! It's a wonderful, relaxing afternoon for the whole family, and a perfect first taste of opera for kids.



Ultimi 3 Tenors

Tickets are $40 for adults, $20 for teens 13 – 18, and $10 for children 12 and under, at *portludlowperformingarts.com*. Every ticket also supports music education for Jefferson County students. To hear the music of the trio, visit *ultimitenors.bandcamp.com*.

Doors open at 1 p.m. Come early for a glass of wine and a stroll through the Bay Club Gallery that showcases the artwork of the Port Ludlow Art League.

Our thanks to underwriters Peggy Kulm in memory of Gale, Gil Skinner in memory of Barb, Chris Spagle, Debra Richtmeyer, and Steve Rummel in memory of Gary, the Dream Weaver Foundation, and Jefferson Healthcare Foundation, our 2026–2027 Corporate Season Sponsor. This project is supported in part by Creative West, which receives support in part from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Open Studio Invitation

The Port Ludlow Art League invites you to gather with fellow makers at The Inn at Port Ludlow on **Wednesday, November 18,** 1 — 5 p.m. Bring your current project and whatever supplies you need to create. This is a 'come as you are' opportunity for makers of every level — from those just beginning their creative journey to seasoned professionals. Port Ludlow Art League members will be on hand offering conversation, encouragement, and suggestions.

When it's time for a break, The Fireside Restaurant will have its full lunch menu, happy hour specials, and drinks available for purchase.

The Port Ludlow Art League is dedicated to nurturing a vibrant, inclusive arts community on the Olympic Peninsula. To learn more about workshops, events, speakers, and exhibits, visit *portludlowart.org.*

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Village News
Bay Club / South Bay

SBCA Happenings

by Carolyn O'Keeffe, President;
SBCA Board of Directors

Here we are in November! The sun is setting earlier and rising later, and the holiday season is fast approaching!

We were busy completing our reserve projects in October. We completed the resurfacing and striping of our parking lot and the roads coming into the Bay Club and Inner Harbor Village. We battled the rain and finally had enough sunny days to complete the work. We also received and installed the new lockers for both the women's and men's locker rooms. They look super! Our pool and spa drainage system were replaced. Once we began the project, we found more issues and problems than we had expected, from supply lines in incorrect locations to previously unknown leaks. The new drainage system was much needed and one we are pleased to have in place. During the Club closure, the electricians came in and replaced the electric panel in the pool room. The plumbers also worked to improve the hot water supply during this time. Many thanks to all who did the work! Thanks also, to all our water-loving exercisers for being so patient while the pool area was closed!

Our SBCA Activities Committee has been hard at work. We have great upcoming events this month: Cathy Beatty will be here to discuss genealogy; David Brownell, local historian, will be presenting the history of Port Ludlow; and our final presentation in November is with Dana Warr from WSDOT who will share with us a behind-the-scenes look at the ferry systems. Please come and join us at the Bay Club for these events.

Our Health/Fitness Committee is committed to ensuring there are multiple ways we can keep healthy and fit during the holiday season from water aerobics, virtual water aerobics, aqua walk, lap swim, and individual water exercises to the cardio room with multiple exercise machines to get our hearts pumping and, of course, to the weights room to either begin or continue your resistance journey. Please be sure to read (or sign up if you haven't already) for this month's health/fitness *Communiqué.*

On **Wednesday, November 11**, we pause to remember and honor all our veterans who served in the military to protect our country. November 11 is a federal holiday that originated from Armistice Day, which marked the end of World War I on November 11, 1918. Wearing a red poppy, adding flags to the gravesites of veterans, attending ceremonies held by local veterans' associations, and reaching out to veterans we know to thank them for their service are ways we can take time to honor our vets. This year PLVC, SBCA, and LMC will host a Veterans Day event at the Bay Club to honor our local vets. Please join us at 10:30 a.m.

Of course, November ends with Thanksgiving holiday activities, food, and family. Wishing you all the best!

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November and December SBCA Important Dates

Friday, November 6, 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.: Pancake Breakfast benefiting Tri Area Food Bank**

Tuesday, November 10, 1 – 2 p.m.: Dr. Scott Nadenik, Ear, Nose, and Throat (ENT) specialty care, Jefferson Healthcare***

Wednesday, November 11, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.: Veterans Day Celebration***

Thursday, November 12, 9:30 – 11 a.m.: SBCA Board Monthly Meeting **

Tuesday, November 17, 1 – 2 p.m.: Genealogy and conducting searches with Cathy Beatty***

Wednesday, November18, 1 – 2 p.m.: History of Port Ludlow with local historian, David Brownell***

Tuesday, November 24, 1 – 2 p.m.: Ferry Tales, behind the scenes look at the largest ferry organization in North America with Dana Warr, WSDOT***

Thursday, December 10, 9:30 – 11a.m.: SBCA Board Monthly Meeting **

Friday, December 11, 5 – 7 p.m.: SBCA Holiday Gala**

To keep informed of all dates and times, please visit *sbca.club*.

** All SBCA members and their guests are welcome.

*** All Port Ludlow residents are welcome.

Beach Club / North Bay

Beach Club Update from the Manager

by Mike Wilson, General Manager

As summer draws to a close, the rain and gray skies have returned. I hope you had an enjoyable summer and found time to experience all that the Olympic Peninsula has to offer.

As we look ahead to the new year, I hope you are making plans for a meaningful and enjoyable holiday season. This time of year offers a special opportunity to gather with loved ones, and I hope everyone is able to enjoy time with family and friends.

The holiday season also brings our annual budget ratification meeting, scheduled for **Thursday, December 17**, at 1 p.m. in the Bayview Room.

I would like to thank all Beach Club members for making my first pool season as general manager such a success. We introduced several new ideas this year and had hoped to extend the pool season. Unfortunately, a failed pump on the boiler made it too difficult to maintain suitable pool temperatures.

Thank you, as well, for your patience during the emergency stairs project. By the time this update is published the project should be complete, with only the fencing remaining to be installed.

I wish you all a meaningful Veterans Day and a happy Thanksgiving.

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

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Village Council

Community is a Participation Sport.

by Geoff Lang, Port Ludlow Village Council President

Thank you to all who participated in our October events! Both our Annual Meeting and reception and the Canine Costume Parade and Scarecrow Walk were well attended. At our Annual Meeting, we drew the final two prizes of our Summer Raffle: Frances Coletti took home the Sound Bank gift basket and Jannese Hunt the beautiful quilt from Port Ludlow Quilters by the Bay. Congratulations Frances and Jannese. Thank you for supporting PLVC!

We also began a new tradition of recognizing one of our volunteer participants for their tireless work on behalf of PLVC and the community. The First Annual Volunteer of the Year was presented to Barry Luke. We welcomed newly-elected board members Nancy Bamberg-Jones, Karen Brattain, Michael Gubala, Christie Lang, Dan Martin, and Caroline Miner. We look forward to their participation! With the growth of our Board, we will be launching a few new committees. We will stand up a Welcome Committee to reach out to and welcome new residents to Port Ludlow. We will also start a Strategic Planning Committee to work on board retention and recruitment, the future of the council and long-range consideration of issues facing the community. We are also going to separate the event-planning piece out of Communications into its own committee - Community Involvement. There is plenty of room for everyone who wants to participate in these new or existing committees. Please Join Us!

This month we will be co-hosting a Veterans Day Celebration on **Wednesday, November 11,** and as of this writing, the agenda is not final, but it will be a time to share stories and recognize the veterans of our community. PLVC will also host the annual OWSI Townhall on **Thursday, November 19**, at the Beach Club. Bring your questions, concerns, and comments. In early December, we will co-host with PLA, our traditional Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration, featuring a festive atmosphere with cookies, cocoa, music, Santa, and most importantly, your neighbors! Participation is as easy as showing up and enjoying the evening.

We have had a lot of inquiries this year from our neighbors about a variety of issues. Strong, resilient, connected communities rely on participation. We need volunteers to participate in every meeting and event that we host, and without you, we can't exist. We need our neighbors to participate by attending our board meetings and informational meetings, subscribing to our emails, and reading the *Port Ludow Voice*. For every Board Meeting, we invite representatives from the County, PUD, the Sheriff's Office, Fire Rescue and PLA. These organizations provide updates about the things they feel are important to Port Ludlow and take questions from the floor. There is no easier way to participate than interacting with those who have a direct impact on our community. Please come out and connect! If you are unable to come, we publish our board meeting minutes and recordings each month.

Finally, donations to PLVC this year are quite a bit lower compared to last year, with less than 3% of our residents offering financial support. We need you to participate with a donation to our General Fund. We greatly appreciate that our neighbors have historically been generous with pass-through funds for a single issue they support, such as Trails or Emergency or to a specific event, like PLConnects. However, such funds go directly to the donor-chosen designation, and don't help us to 'keep the lights on' for the council as a whole. Our fixed costs for items such as liability insurance for the board and Trails volunteers using dangerous equipment, web support, *PL Voice* support, facility rental costs at the Bay and Beach Clubs, printing and storage, totals approximately $12,000 per year. We welcome any donation, whether it be an hour of your time or $10 to our General Fund! Come participate and do your part in building our community.


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Trail Mix

by Tim Rensema,
Natural Resources Trails Committee PLVC

The Around the Bay Trail (ABT) is 2.9 miles long and encompasses many "sub-trails" like Montgomery, Camber, Picnic Point and others. It travels roads such as Olympic Place, Waterhouse, and Ebb Tide. If you are new to hiking the ABT, it is best to have a map, though we have great directional signs along the route.

Parts of the trail are maintained by different people: Montgomery sub-trail, Mike McLeron; ABT sections 1 to 12, Mark Makarowski; Gerry Allen, Picnic Point. The Camber sub-trail (ABT sections 12-20) is maintained by June deMers, who also maintains Wells Walk near the Bay Club. ABT sections 20 to 25 are maintained by our long-time committee officers Dan and Soosie Darrow, who also maintain the Gazebo Trail behind the Bay Club. Dwight Hauptman maintains ABT sections 25 to 28, down to the retention ponds along Ludlow Bay Road. One of our earlier trails, ABT was originally constructed without signage or the bridge at Waterhouse Lane, though signs were later installed in subsequent years.

This level trail provides good views of Ludlow Bay. We've done some major maintenance (new steps, clearing of brush, etc.) in places. There are four bridges on the trail. One connects Montgomery to Olympic Place, and two major bridges, and one minor, connect Waterhouse to Ebb Tide. At this point, cross over the drainage stream from the Osprey area as it enters Ludlow Bay. You can either continue on the ABT, or go around the shore to Picnic Point at low tide, and reconnect with the ABT. If you do this, be sure to duck the overhanging cedars. You may wake a sleeping otter or get a glimpse of sea birds. You also will have great views and interpretive signs of the log storage and the end of the McCormick railroad.

All along the ABT, you will find interpretive signs and benches. Take some of the side trails, like the Gazebo Trail, which is bounded by native rhododendrons and views of the "Twins" (two islands) located behind the Bay Club. Be careful when walking along Paradise Bay as vehicles are usually exceeding the 25-mph speed limit. Then you enter on Keel Way. This is where you enter Gazebo by walking down to the Bay Club. If you wish to access Timberton, there is a crossing off of Keel that takes you up Timberton Lane to the trail head. If you wish to travel the ABT, stay on Keel. Follow it to Camber between a stream and Paradise Bay Road. With benches installed, it is a tranquil walk.

Walk on Camber Road to the end and take a right on South Bay Lane back to Paradise. Across Paradise, you will see the entrance to Dunsmuir Cut (maintained by Chris Vogt) for access into that neighborhood. If you stay on the ABT, you will see a side road (no name) on the left that accesses the Estuary Trail (maintained by Jennifer Levcun). If you have time, this is a wonderful trail to see seabirds and mudflats. Major erosion is occurring on this trail, so be careful. Still, the views are worth it, and there are lots of benches to sit on and observe the bird life.

Back to the ABT, access Mariner until you get to the end. The trail cuts between major blackberry hedges parallel to Ludlow Bay Road and ends at retention ponds supporting this area of South Bay. During winter it may get a bit muddy, so be prepared.

Our maintenance program has been in full swing this month, and our Fun Day crew has been busy. The major work of the Fun Day crew has been clearing brush on the Larry Gordon Scott Memorial Trail, spreading chips on the Picnic Point trail, removing Scotch broom on the Teal Lake trail, and weed whacking Talbot and Osprey. More maintenance to follow.

Playing Golf in Wet Conditions

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional,
Port Ludlow GC

It's November, and for us in the Northwest, that means damp weather and sometimes wet conditions on the golf course. As we head into the off-season, there are some changes we need to make in our games, especially around the greens. We need to use a different strategy.

By shifting your focus from trying to play your normal dry-weather game to engaging in smart course management and solid contact adjustments, you can effortlessly unlock

clean ball-striking that can bring back control to your rainy rounds.



Wet weather Golf

Hitting poor shots in wet conditions can usually be caused by both poor form (technical flaws) and a lack of proper preparation (equipment limitations). However, for most golfers, it is a result of poor form – specifically, trying to scoop the ball off the soft turf without adjusting your setup or stance to ensure clean impact. We all want to avoid that "fat shot" at all costs!

Understanding the direct difference between the two helps identify the true root cause.

When it's Poor Form (Technique)

If you have good grips that are not worn and slippery, but still chunk your shots or lose control of your ball flight in the rain, your issue is most likely technical. The most common form errors include:

- **The "Scooping" Motion:** Many golfers think they need to help the ball out of the soggy ground. When you lean back and try to flip your wrists to lift the ball, you hit behind it and dig a massive, muddy divot, losing our bottom to the swing.
- **Slipping the Feet:** Your stable base reflects your lower body control. By swinging with maximum effort on wet grass, your feet slip out from under you, causing a total collapse of your swing plane. Swing within yourself and always take one more club.
- **Gripping Too Tight:** With worn grips, the tendency is to grip the club way too tight, leading to a fast out-of-control swing that completely destroys your natural tempo.

When it's a Lack of Preparation (Equipment)

If your gear prevents you from staying dry and comfortable, your execution will suffer. This is usually due to:

- **Saturated or Worn Grips:** Wet grips prevent a solid connection to the club, forcing your hands to slip and slide during the swing.
- **Frozen Outerwear:** If your rain jacket is too stiff or bulky, it will limit your turn. Your swing shortens and stiffens to compensate for the restrictive clothing.

The Quick Fix

Start with wearing something that is comfortable and suitable to keep you either dry or warm or both. Take one extra club, choke down a little, and make a smoother, three-quarter swing to help make clean contact. Prioritize keeping your hands and grips dry between every shot, if possible. Don't overthink the bad weather. Focus on a clean strike and don't just SCOOP the ball. Be positive, have fun and "*we'll see you on the green*!"

PLWGA News

by Kathleen Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson

The PLWGA October 22 Awards Banquet was chaired by members Karen Herlihy and Cherie Wight. A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by all. At the Awards Banquet, the 2026 award winners were honored.

Awards and Trophies Chairperson Linda DeForest presented the awards. The Most Improved Player was Sue Fechner. Shayna Worley was honored for breaking a score of 100 for 18 holes. Lucinda Thompson and Sue Fechner tied, with three birdies each, for having the Most Birdies for the Season. Five other members had two birdies each, and ten members had one birdie each. The PLWGA 2026 Club Champion, Lucinda Thompson, and Low Net of the Field Winner, Linda Aho, were also honored.

The 2026 Eclectic/Spring winners were Teri Gangi, Low Gross Winner; Cindy Kelly, Low Net Flight 1 Winner;

and Linda Aho, Low Net Flight 2 Winner. The 2026 Eclectic/Summer winners were Mandy Whipple, Low Gross Winner; Sue Fechner, Low Net Flight 1 Winner; and Sharon Russell, Low Net Flight 2 Winner.

A Captain's gift was presented to Captain Linda Aho for her excellent leadership. The slate of new PLWGA officers was presented by the nominating committee of Sharon Russell, Diane Kobz, and Turney Oswald. The following slate of officers, approved by the membership, are Beth Weaver, captain; Mandy Whipple, co-captain; Debi Bozanich, secretary; and Linda Haskin, treasurer.

Debi Bozanich updated the membership regarding members' recovery from surgery and illnesses. Rules Chairperson Bonnie Vahcic had no rule updates to share. Handicap Chairperson Diane Germain has kept the membership apprised of their scores and handicap changes periodically throughout the season and she encouraged members to continue posting scores through **Saturday, November 14**.

The September 2026 All-Star Cup Tournament was won by the Shooting Stars. This tournament is meant to imitate the LPGA's Solheim Cup with three sets of nine-hole team match play competition. The Battle of Port Ludlow, a tournament that pits the women and men of Port Ludlow against one another, was played in October.



Shooting Stars All-Star Team (L to R): Turney Oswald, Linda DeForest, Debi Bozanich, Shayna Worley, Sharon Russell, Kathy Traci, Sue Fechner, Peggy Selby



Sue Fechner, Debi Bozanich

Chairperson Elaine Girard scheduled the last Play Away Day for October 19. A good time was had by all. The fall Gals Getaway to Suncadia was a smashing success and plans are being made to return to this destination again in 2027. The Closing Day Luncheon was held on October 27.

Off-season Casual Play opportunities will be emailed to interested league members via Golf Genius. If members wish to receive these golf invitations, they need to contact Linda Haskin. Non-members who wish to play with the Port Ludlow Women's League in the off-season, need to contact the PLGC pro-shop. PL Golf Course membership is not a requirement for membership in the PLWGA.

E-Bikes: Freedom, Fun… or Trouble on Two Wheels?

by Phil Herzog, Chief Trail Guide for The TrailMasters

If you've spent much time driving, walking or cycling around Port Ludlow lately, you've probably noticed them. Electric bikes — or e-bikes — are everywhere.



Two riders on e-bikes

I've had a front-row seat to the e-bike revolution for more than 15 years as an advocate, industry thought leader, and business partner with two e-bike brands, eJoe Electric Bikes and Hebb's ElectroGlide 500. I'm also an avid rider and take my e-bike out almost daily on the mountain bike trails of Port Gamble Forest Heritage Park.

So, I've seen both sides of the debate. For many people, particularly older adults, e-bikes are giving riders something they thought they might have left behind: the freedom and sheer fun of riding a bicycle. But not everyone is cheering.

E-bikes have generated controversy over speed, safety, trail access, and conflicts with walkers, conventional cyclists, and motorists. As their popularity grows, understanding what e-bikes are — and how to share our roads and trails with them — is becoming increasingly important.

What's Different About an E-Bike? An e-bike operates much like a conventional bicycle, but adds an electric motor and rechargeable battery to assist the rider. Most offer several levels of assistance. You still pedal, but the motor can make climbing one of Port Ludlow's hills considerably less intimidating.

That's especially appealing to older riders. An e-bike can help you ride farther, tackle hills, keep pace with friends or a spouse, and continue cycling when strength and stamina aren't quite what they once were. An e-bike doesn't necessarily eliminate exercise. For many people, it makes exercise accessible again.

So, why the Controversy? Speed is one reason. E-bikes can travel faster than many conventional bicycles, creating potential conflicts when riders mix with pedestrians, dogs, cyclists, and automobiles. They're also heavier, affecting braking and handling. And rules governing where different classes of e-bikes may be ridden aren't always well understood. The real issue, however, often isn't the technology. It's how responsibly we use it.

Riders need to control their speed, announce themselves when passing, and yield appropriately. Motorists should recognize that an e-bike may accelerate and travel faster than expected.

Thinking About Buying One? Don't simply buy the fastest, most powerful, or cheapest bike you find online. Consider fit, comfort, weight, battery range, brakes, service availability and, most importantly, how confidently you can control it. And always take a test ride. The best e-bike isn't necessarily the one with the biggest motor. It's the one that feels comfortable, predictable and safe — and makes you want to ride.

Watch the *Port Ludlow Voice* for information regarding a future First Wednesday Lunch presentation. I'll share what I've learned from 15 years in the e-bike industry and thousands of miles in the saddle. We'll discuss the pros and cons, the controversy, safety, trail etiquette, and what you should know before purchasing an e-bike. Best of all, anyone interested will have an opportunity to take an e-bike for a short demonstration test ride to experience the technology firsthand.

Phil Herzog is the Chief Trail Guide for *The TrailMasters*, a social network for the complete modern man. Reach him at *phil.herzog@smoothstonepartners.com.*

Niners' News

by Kathleen Traci, Niners' Publicity Chairperson

Niners' members at the October Niners' Awards Banquet honored Niners' Captain John Bockoven with a gift certificate for his term as Captain. John thanked Diane Germain and Turney Oswald for their service as Social Event Chairpersons. He also thanked Carol and Doug Fett for their excellent stewardship of the Niners' Couples monthly events.

The nominating committee presented the new slate of Niners' officers: Elaine Girard, captain; Doug Fett, treasurer; and Max Painter and Collene Funk, social chairs. Niners' Couples' chairpersons are Pat and Kathy Traci. The membership enthusiastically approved these nominations.

Captain Cup winners were announced at the October Awards Banquet. Linda Aho and Dave Aho were the Captain Cup winners. For this season-long tournament, the scores on three specific days were accumulated, and the winners were those who turned in the lowest total net scores.

Most Improved Niners were Mandy Whipple and Doug Fett. The 2026 Men's Eclectic Award winner was Jim Gormly. Max Painter and Linda Aho tied for the Women's 2026 Eclectic Award. These three eclectic winners improved the most on individual holes during the 2026 season.

Off-season casual play opportunities will be emailed to interested league members via golf genius. Members need to contact Linda Haskin to receive these weekly golf invitations. Non-members who wish to play with the Port Ludlow Women's leagues in the off-season need to contact the PLGC pro shop. PL Golf Course membership is not a requirement for casual play.

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Fillers, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

The Port Ludlow Hiking Club offers a leader-led hike every other even-numbered month, such as February, April, and June. Details for each upcoming hike appear in the *Voice* and on the club website, *portludlowhikingclub.com*. Each announcement includes the date and time, meeting place, trail location, hike description, what to bring, and other important details.

In addition to the club's leader-led hikes every other month, Port Ludlow offers many local hiking options, with more than 30 miles of nearby trails. Join the Timberton Loop or Old Cart Path Loop groups or explore the trails on your own.

The Next Hike

Port Townsend Čičməhán Trail – Thursday, December 10

Čičməhán Trail, also known as the Chetzemoka Trail, is a scenic and historical urban walk along Port Townsend's streets and sidewalks. It tells the story of the relationship between 19th-century European settlers and the S'Klallam leader they called Chetzemoka.

We will offer two walks through the city: a roughly 6-mile route led by Sally Nuerenberg and a roughly 3-mile route led by John Nuerenberg. Each leader will provide details for their walk.

We will meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. on **Thursday, December 10**, depart at 8:30 a.m., and park at Chetzemoka Park. Both groups will start together and separate along the route. Please carpool with hikers taking the same walk. We expect to finish in time for anyone who would like to stay in Port Townsend for lunch.

Restrooms are available at the trailhead and at several points along the route. Wear comfortable shoes suitable for pavement; walking sticks are recommended for anyone who needs balance support. Bring a snack and plenty of water. Because the route follows city streets and sidewalks, dogs are welcome.

Please RSVP at *portludlowhikingclub@gmail.com* if you plan to hike, so the organizer can anticipate the group size and adjust plans as needed.

Local Hikes

Timberton Loop: Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop Trail and enjoy views of the forest and the Olympic Mountains. This no-leader hike meets Wednesdays at 9 a.m. at the Timberton trailhead parking lot on Timberton Drive.

Old Cart Path Loop: Walk the 2.8-mile Old Cart Path Loop and enjoy views of the forest and the abandoned fairways. This no-leader hike meets Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 8 a.m. at the golf club parking lot.

For more hiking information, go to *portludlowhikingclub.com*. The website offers descriptions and pictures of previous hikes, a trail map of all the Port Ludlow Trails, a description of the next scheduled hike, and a contact page so you can get additional information.

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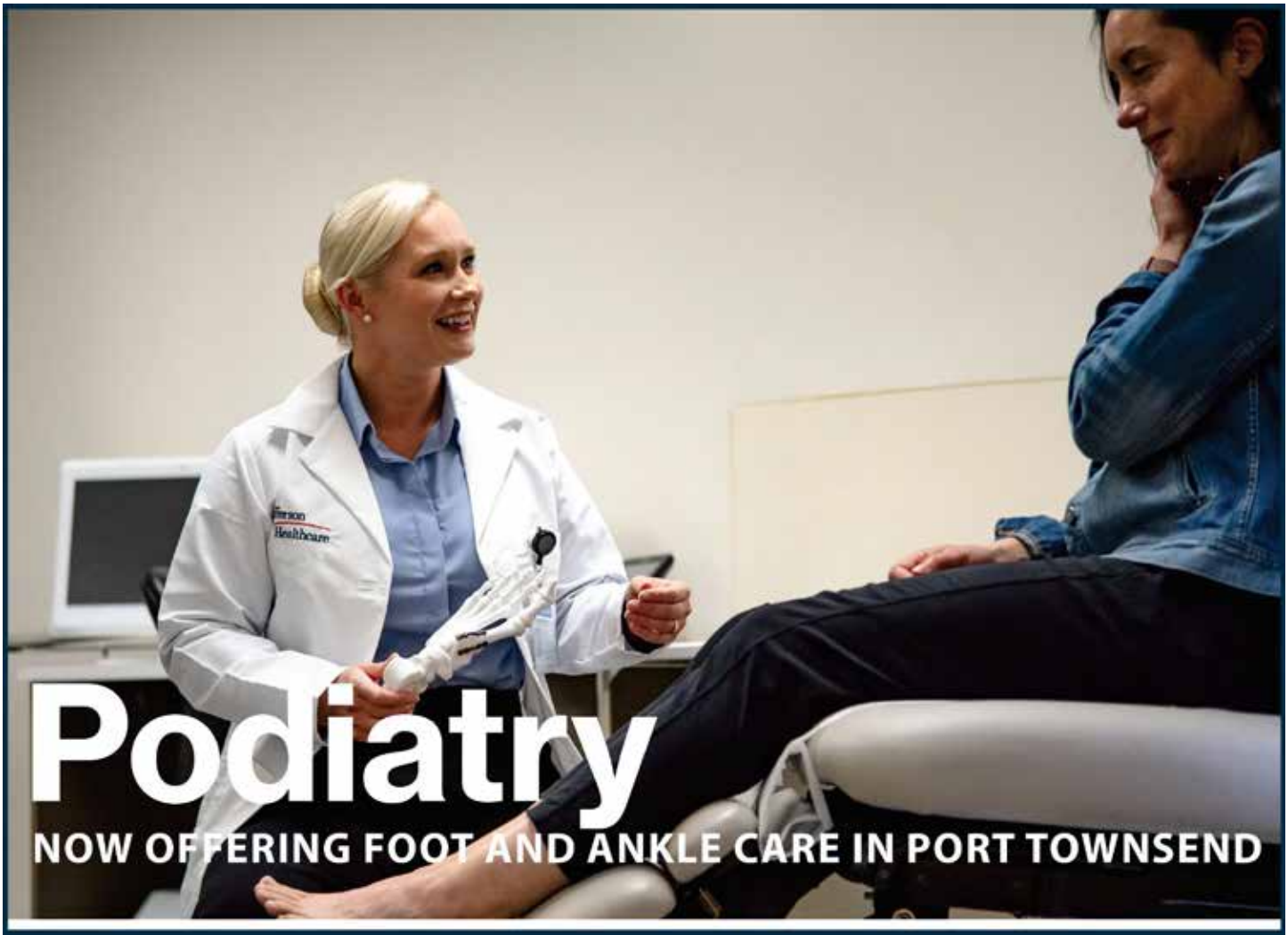
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