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Port Ludlow trail.
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Feature Articles

Volunteering = Great Rewards

by Jenise Harper, Managing Editor

After years of working full-time in a variety of education and media-related fields, I found retirement “teased” me with the lure of writing. Prior to moving to Port Ludlow 18 months ago, my husband Jim and I spent nine years traveling full time in a motor home, and I wrote four books, the *Bird Trek Mystery Series* by J. A. Harper, available on Amazon for electronic readers. When we settled into our home in Fairwood Village, I contemplated a “whodunit” centered around the Old Alcohol Plant ... but decided to volunteer for the *Port Ludlow Voice* instead.

I studied media/journalism in college, worked in a television station, taught high school English and journalism, edited a weekly newspaper in Colorado, and later a monthly in Portland, Oregon. Thus, the switch from novelist back to journalist was natural—except my features often take on a “story-like” tone. Mary Ronen and Maggie Blackburn have been generous with praise and gentle with edits and corrections as I fell into the routine of writing articles and editing the South Bay section.

When Maggie asked me to assume her role as “Co-Managing Editor,” I resisted. I’m too new. I’m bossy. I’m even downright crotchety at times! And yet, here I am, sharing the “managing editor” mantle with Mary Ronen. You DO know, don’t you, that Mary is an icon with this magazine? She was there at the beginning—that first issue in August, 1998—and remains the backbone of our publication, as well as the designer who puts words onto pages, inserts ads and photos, and produces a beautiful magazine every month.

Also of note is Carol Riley who is taking on Maggie’s other role, that of Copy Editor. You’ll learn more about Carol and her proofing team in a future issue, but realize that two people are taking over for Maggie, and Mary continues as that steady force holding us all together.

Am I happy I volunteered to be on the *Voice* staff? Absolutely. I’m working with wonderful people, dedicated people, talented people. We can always use more writers and proofreaders ... and we also have a very specific need: Classified Advertising Manager. When Maggie left, she took her husband Bill with her. Imagine!

If you’re a “detail” person who could contribute five hours a month to the *Voice*, please join our staff. Cathy Thomas is covering “classifieds” for now and will assist whomever volunteers for the role. You don’t have to write or edit, yet

you’ll be in charge of three to four pages of our publication. Now, is that prestige or what?

Truly, the words “I volunteer” promise great rewards. Send an email to: editor@plvoice.org. Welcome aboard.

Help! It’s an Iffy Medical Situation—Should I Call 911?

by Marie Bogan, Contributing Writer

If you’re like most people, you have rarely—if ever—made a 911 call. We all know that help is just a phone call away in medical and other emergencies, and yet we might hesitate to ask for skilled assistance. Why? Uncertainty, confusion, or even embarrassment might stall our decision to take action.

Here in Port Ludlow, we have a professional resource that can help you navigate health situations, from the iffy to the obvious. In addition to fighting fires, Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue provides emergency medical services. Their unequivocal advice is: If you are second-guessing yourself about making the call, *do not delay*—dial 911 immediately.

What happens next?

The operator will ask for the following information:

- Your location, including street, house number, room or apartment number.
- The phone number you are calling from.
- The nature of the emergency.
- Description of your own or the other person’s injuries or symptoms.

The above info will help in getting the right kind of assistance to you as quickly as possible. Be prepared to follow any instructions the operator gives. Many 911 centers can tell you exactly what to do until help arrives. For example, they can calmly walk you through the steps to aid someone who is choking or needs CPR or other first aid. Do not hang up until the call-taker tells you to.

Some people don’t realize that you can also text to 911. That ability could be useful if you cannot speak for whatever reason. Be sure to check with your phone company to see if you have a wireless data plan. Do not assume that all cell phones support texting options.

Once the EMTs come to your aid, they might determine that you need services at a medical facility. But where will they take you? For information on that decision-making process, see related article “What Hospital Will You Be

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Transported To?" by Port Ludlow Fire Chief Brad Martin on Page 11 of the August *Voice*.

The life you save may be your own

Time is critical in a rescue call, and you can take steps to speed life-saving measures before an emergency even occurs. Perhaps the best tool at your disposal is a File of Life form, which you fill out to provide a quick snapshot of your health information. Once you post this handy reference in your home, EMTs will be able to see—at a glance—any allergies, health alerts, prescription drugs, or chronic medical conditions for you and each member of your family.

If medics respond to a call at your home, the File of Life form is one of the first things they will look for. It's the best way to help EMTs help you. Just request a free File of Life packet (which contains the form and instructions) from the fire station at 7650 Oak Bay Road.

What if I need quicker or more extensive medical help?

Living here in paradise can have its drawbacks. Almost every Port Ludlow resident has a story about a missed ferry, canceled social plan, or other scheduling delay when the Hood Canal Bridge closes to vehicle traffic. But a medical emergency is more than an annoying inconvenience, and you might have to rely on air evacuation services.

Problem is, a helicopter trip to the hospital can be expensive. According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the average cost for a medical flight can run from \$12,000 to \$25,000. Other sources cite even higher expenses. Will you have to pay those charges out of pocket? What about insurance?

You can get peace of mind now—in advance of a potential emergency—by asking your health insurance provider whether they cover air evacuation. If the answer is no, you might opt for supplemental coverage. You can check these two air medical organizations that serve Jefferson County:

Airlift Northwest

Annual membership \$60 per household
<https://www.uwmedicine.org/airliftnw>

Life Flight Network

Annual membership \$69 per household
<https://www.lifeflight.org/>

Applications for the air-ambulance services are available at each organization's web site above or at the fire station.

Better safe than sorry

"Port Ludlow residents should never hesitate to make a 911 call," said Fire Chief Brad Martin. "That's what we're here for." He added that residents can call him at 360-437-2236 or email him at bmartin@plfr.org with any questions at any time.

Earth Sighs and Takes a Breather

by Jim Gormly, Contributing Writer

Those of us living in this lovely area of the Earth go about our lives enjoying the mountains and water, light traffic, forest-clean air, and hearing the birds sing. So spoiled are we that some of us grumble when tourist traffic increases, and we're forced to wait a couple seconds longer before turning onto Highway 104. However, most people live in more densely populated areas of the world and have limited exposure to such a pleasant environment. Instead, they daily deal with polluted air and heavy traffic with its accompanying noise that drowns out any birdsong, if it even exists.

Like an unstoppable tsunami, however, COVID-19 has forced shelter-in-place restrictions on non-essential movement worldwide. Events have been canceled or postponed. 2020 has become the year that isn't happening—with the exception of the virus and the upcoming election. Untold numbers of planes, trains, vehicles, and heavy equipment have been sitting idle, silent and not releasing exhaust into the atmosphere. Air quality has improved significantly, and Earth is breathing easier. 2020 is on track to see the largest global decline ever in emissions. "Before" and "after" images of worldwide cities reveal drastic differences between 2019 and 2020. Furthermore, because of less marine traffic, the oceans are also quieter, and with the reduction of background noise, marine mammals can communicate more easily and feed more effectively.

It has been reported that Earth's crust is also quieter as a result of the reduced human activity, though one should be careful not to misinterpret that statement. Movement of Earth's crustal plates has not slowed down because of the pandemic; the Juan de Fuca Plate is still trying to slide beneath the North American Plate, which one day will produce the "Big One." What has become muted is the low-level seismic noise created by humans, including activities such as hydraulic fracturing (fracking) for shale oil and gas, sporting events, and even heavy foot falls. All contribute to a constant background hum of high-frequency seismic noise. Seismic sensors that pick up earthquakes also pick up human-derived noise, and these human-made "earthquakes" have decreased. This reduction has been as much as 50% for months, providing seismologists the ability to assess better those signals from the planet itself—particularly those related to seismic hazards.

The pandemic has improved the atmosphere and quieted life on Earth. We stay at home, we wear masks, wash our hands while singing *Happy Birthday*, keep six feet apart, and lament not hugging family and friends. The virus has caused devastation through lives lost and a damaged economy, but one day the virus will be controlled and

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“normal” life will return to the world. Noise and air pollution will increase again, though maybe at a slower rate of increase because of the trend to work at home and a continued switch to renewable energy. Perhaps the impact of COVID-19 on the world won’t be all bad.

(Jim Gormly is a former Oceanographer/Petroleum Geoscientist, a playwright, and a thespian with the Ludlow Village Players.)

Irondale Hospital

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer



Irondale's hospital, built in 1910. Courtesy of the Special Collections Division, University of Washington Libraries, Negative No. UW 13089.

Photo provided by Diane Britton, “The Iron and Steel Industry in the Far West: Irondale, Washington,” Univ Press Colorado, 1991, page 52.

Articles have been written in the past about the town of Irondale. At one time it was the site of the first steel mill west of the Mississippi. This mill was founded on the site of one of the first iron foundries of the Northwest. Bog iron had been discovered on William Bishop’s land and considered a high enough grade to be used in the making of pig iron. The iron mill produced iron for about twenty years before it folded—the economy, the transportation challenges, and the lack of available resources proved too much to handle. Then came James A. Moore into the area. He energized investors in the Northwest (and elsewhere) to invest in a steel mill, supplied with iron from the iron mill. Moore thought big. He realized the need for a community with amenities other than saloons (which Irondale had) and invested in the construction of support facilities. Probably one of the most interesting was the construction of a hospital “up on the hill” of Irondale.

Western Steel (Moore’s company) contracted with the Northwestern Hospital Company to build the hospital, paid for and sustained by mandatory deductions in the workers’ wages. It was constructed by William F. Sehrs of Seattle and consisted of four stories on a concrete foundation and

a brick basement. It was located southwest of the mill. The building had 24 private apartments, large wards, an electric elevator, operating room and dispensary. Dr. R.C. Hill was the first physician and surgeon for the company and was joined by Dr. A.L. Maclennan and nurses Amelia Cunningham, Mary Medull, and Martha Rogers. The first patients were accepted on July 23, 1910. Eventually a dentist and veterinarian joined the hospital staff.

The hospital grew with the community of Irondale as the fortunes of the Western Steel mill grew. Through efforts by U.S. Steel to coerce eastern banking interests to avoid supporting western heavy industry (especially in steel), little investment income existed to support the growth and steel production of Western Steel. Other aspects of management also tended to contribute to the failure of Western Steel in 1911. Once the mill closed, the population of Irondale decreased significantly to the point that the hospital was no longer necessary. At this time, medical facilities existed in Port Townsend and a small clinic operated in Port Ludlow. Many of the workers of Western Steel migrated to the operating lumber mills of the Olympic Peninsula and on the mainland. In 1914, two different fires devastated the downtown area—first in October on the south side of Moore Street, then in December on the north side of Moore.

In the early 1960s, a well-known moonshiner named Mel Kivley operated a large still in Port Hadlock and another in Irondale. He was known as the largest producer of illegal liquor in the county. In his book, *The Still and I*, Kivley recounts the fateful day when the revenuers arrived at his Port Hadlock residence, but he escaped ... at least temporarily. They eventually caught him in Seattle.

Kivley wrote that they never did find his still in Irondale. It was located in a building that was constructed on the old hospital foundation. If the building covered the entire foundation, it would be a rather large house, given how large the hospital was. So, the mystery is “where is the hospital site?” Knowing that Kivley owned the property in the 1960s will help track down the building. However, in speaking with many folks who remember Mel Kivley, they recall he could tell a good yarn, so who knows.

The hospital constructed in 1910 with so much expectation and hope probably lasted through the fires, but not deterioration over time. Much like Port Hadlock’s Washington Mill and Alcohol Plant, Port Ludlow’s Puget Mill, Quilcene’s Green Mill, and Port Discovery’s Lumber Mill, Irondale’s Steel Mill remains as a ghost of the dreams early entrepreneurs had for the production of steel in Irondale, Washington ... a hope unfulfilled.

(References for this article are Irondale Washington by Diane F. Britton, The Still and I by Melvin Kivley, and Ghost Camps and Boom Towns by JoAnn Roe.)

Edibles - The Dusty Green Café

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer



View from Dusty Green Café.
Photo by Carol Riley

Looking for a reason to smile? Can't face another home-cooked meal? Well, happy days are here again—we have another dining option in Port Ludlow—and it's a good one. The Dusty Green Café has opened at the Port Ludlow Golf Course in the space formerly known as Niblick's Cafe. This is the second location of the Dusty Green Café as they also operate a restaurant at the Port Townsend Golf Club.

Under the able direction of Kass Swindler, the former executive chef of Reveille at Fort Worden, the Café is open seven days a week with lots of great menu options. Beverage and “to go” service starts at 7:00 a.m. Golfers wanting to stock up with food and drinks for their round can avail themselves of a cooler that fits snugly into the golf carts and keeps the food and drinks cold and fresh. Breakfast is served each day starting at 9 a.m. with 12 tempting choices as well as lots of side dishes. I recently tried the breakfast Burrito, a warm tortilla filled with scrambled eggs, salsa, cheddar cheese, crema, and potatoes. You can choose the addition of bacon or sausage—all for \$10. The burrito was generous and delicious, the coffee was hot and never-ending, the service was attentive, and the view from the patio tables is outstanding! Diners have a great look at the 9th green, which on my recent visit was lush and beautiful.

Kass has been polling the club members to find out what they would like in a restaurant. So far, comments have been supportive of a pub-like atmosphere, warm and inviting, as there are so few options that fill that role now in Port Ludlow. Another great feature is special dining options on Saturday evenings. The first offering was August 1 with a delicious prime rib dinner. Diners were treated to warm homemade rolls, prime rib, the best baked potato I have eaten in a long time, green beans, and dessert. Awesome! Wine is available by the bottle or glass from Harbinger Winery in Port Angeles. Future Saturday night specials

will include a pasta night, meatloaf special, and a wine pairing and small plates offering.

The Dusty Green Café is open to the public—you don't have to belong to the golf course to take advantage of the great food, friendly service (behind the masks), amazing views, socially distanced tables, and an overall fun outing. The Dusty Green Café can be reached at 360-437-8276. What are you waiting for?

75th Anniversary of V-J Day

by Bev Rothenborg, Contributing Writer

During World War II, on August 6 and 9, 1945, the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan, respectively. The Japanese government on August 10 communicated its desire to surrender. The bombings hastened Japan's surrender and prevented the need for a U.S. invasion of Japan.

Hiroshima was a major Japanese military hub with factories, military bases, and ammunition facilities. It was picked as a suitable target because of its size and landscape.

The official signing of the surrender documents occurred on the *USS Missouri* (Mighty Mo) which was moored in Tokyo Bay. At the signing, opening and closing statements were made by General Douglas MacArthur before the representatives of nine Allied nations. The Japanese representatives including Emperor Hirohito were dressed in formal attire with top hats and white gloves. It was later revealed the U.S. planes had been ready with bombs to halt any treacherous acts on the part of the Japanese.

President Harry Truman declared September 2 as official V-J Day. Mass celebrations were held around the world. Allied soldiers in London danced in a conga line down Regent Street. Americans and Frenchmen paraded in Paris down the *Champs-Elysees*. Rhode Island has made the date a public holiday when schools and most businesses are closed.

Origami paper cranes, a symbol of peace, can be seen throughout Hiroshima. Former President Barack Obama brought four paper cranes that he folded himself when he visited in May 2016, becoming the first serving American leader to visit. They are now on display at the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum.

The *Mighty Mo* is permanently moored at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. It is a fitting location since that is the place of the bombing which began WWII. It is now a museum which is currently closed due to the pandemic.

Bloedel Reserve— an Escape into Tranquility

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer



The stately Bloedel Mansion offers a magnificent waterfront view from the back lawn.

After I read Bev Rothenborg’s recommendation to visit the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island in the August *Port Ludlow Voice*, I checked the website (bloedelreserve.org) to learn the protocol of visiting the 150-acre local treasure. It was very easy to register on the site, choose a day and time, and purchase tickets.

Fortunately, I picked a gorgeous afternoon for our outing, and my husband and I headed to the Hood Canal Bridge a bit ahead of time, a wise choice because the bridge closed right after we entered Kitsap County. One thing we’ve learned since moving to Port Ludlow is to be aware of bridge closures, and we’ve registered with WSDOT to obtain notifications—a “must do” decision for anyone making appointments in Poulsbo or Silverdale.

Bev had written that the gardens included a two-mile long walking trail through wildlife habitats, forests, and meadows. While the meadows were a tad warm with the sun shining brightly, the forested areas (90 percent of the trail) were comfortable and extremely beautiful. Because of restricted entry numbers and one-way paths, we felt in no way threatened by the closeness of humanity. Most of the time I could walk with my mask in my hand (breathing issues due to asthma), ready to don if I heard voices. The trails were extremely well-maintained and the route we were to follow was clearly defined.

The terrain was varied, with many flat areas but also segments where you climbed a few stairs, or trudged up

an incline. The beauty of the situation was that when you went up, you also came down, and you were surrounded by something special everywhere you meandered. The numerous ponds featured benches and offered views of wildlife, including a baby duckling and its mother. (I made an assumption there might have been more at one time, with the ranks severely diminished by the bald eagle flying high overhead.) I’m always fascinated by “nurse trees” where old growth nourishes new growth, and entire trees, now massive, have sprouted from the stump or remnants of another giant of the forest. Equally intriguing to me (hailing from Colorado) is the moss so prevalent in Washington’s wooded sanctuaries. Sometimes it literally “drips” off branches, or forms a woolly coat on the bark.



The Reflecting Pond is serene and soothing, with wonderful reflections.

The “Moss Garden” at Bloedel was a fairyland of moss covering everything, including the soil as well as standing and downed trees.

Filled with tension and angst due to the pandemic? Spend significant time at the Reflecting Pool, sitting on the bench at the end of the vast water feature, surrounded by greenery. Gaze into the still water where the forest is mirrored, tall trees reaching upward and the reflection stretching toward you. For a brief moment, you’ll be transported and your cares will evaporate.



Old growth nurturing new growth: moss-laden trunks and branches.

Photos by Jenise Harper

The French Provincial mansion is majestic, and the tranquil Japanese Teahouse is lovely, but the structures pale (in my mind) next to the beauty of Mother Nature. We can all be grateful Prentice Bloedel followed his love of nature (he was described as being “a naturalist at heart”), even though he was heir to his father’s timber business. Somehow, he managed to sculpt

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the landscape, while maintaining its wild magnificence, and left a legacy for generations to enjoy. As stated on the “Welcome” flyer, “Mr. Bloedel was deeply interested in the relationship between people and the natural world. Prentice believed in the power of landscape to evoke emotions ranging from tranquility to exhilaration. He was far ahead of his time in his understanding of the therapeutic power of nature and funded early research into the psychological effects of time spent outdoors.”

September Tidbits

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer

Sunday, September 13, celebrates grandparents and grandparenthood. In 1956, a West Virginia mother, Marian McQuade, was organizing a fete for folks over 80 and grew aware of nursing home residents neglected by their families. She began to work effortlessly for a holiday to honor those individuals, as well as all grandparents. Finally, in 1973, West Virginia became the first state to officially celebrate “Grandparents’ Day.” McQuade then shifted her efforts to the national level, achieving success in 1978. A national observance celebrated the first Sunday after Labor Day, the holiday is designed to honor grandparents, to give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children’s children, and to help children become aware of the strength, information, and guidance older people can offer. (Don’t miss writer John Griffith’s “grandparenting” feature in this issue.)

Tuesday, September 22, marks the Autumnal Equinox—the start of the fall season in the Northern Hemisphere and the spring season in the Southern Hemisphere. The word “equinox” comes from Latin *aequus*, meaning “equal,” and *nox*, “night.” On the equinox, day and night are roughly equal in terms of length, as the sun crosses what we call the “celestial equator” - an imaginary extension into space of Earth’s equator line. The equinox occurs precisely when the sun’s center passes through this line. When the sun crosses the equator from north to south, this marks the autumnal equinox; when it crosses from south to north, this marks the vernal equinox. After the autumnal equinox, the sun is rising later and nightfall comes sooner. From here on out, the temperatures begin to drop. Brrr ...

Saturday, September 26, is Johnny Appleseed Day. Many are surprised to discover Johnny Appleseed was a living, breathing, historical person. Instead of simply arising from folk tales, Appleseed (real name, John Chapman) was an American nurseryman who introduced apple trees to the Midwest in the earliest days of this country. He became a living legend; Johnny Appleseed Day is an annual celebration in his honor.

Plants as Sheer Curtains in the Garden

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

These “see through” or “scrim” plants can add enigma, movement, mystery and enticement to your garden. Put them in the middle of the garden with something interesting behind; they will add interest and make your garden seem larger. Plant them on the inside curve of a path, so there is just a glimpse of the path beyond and people will be enticed down your path.

One of my favorites is *Dierama pulcherrimum*, commonly called wandflower or angel’s fishing rod. I like it because it is a perennial, has grass-like foliage, small sturdy stems, that can reach six feet, won’t fall over in the rain, but move in a breeze. At the end of each drooping stem is a series of cascading pink, mauve, burgundy or white bell-shaped flowers.

In 1866 this plant first came from Africa to Britain’s cool gardens, which is similar to our climate. In spring or fall you can start with corms or seeds, but seeds take one to six months to germinate and five to seven years to bloom. Plant in loamy soil in full sun; keep moist but well drained, and mulch in winter. To keep the plant compact and tidy cut back the leaves in the spring. Pests and diseases are not a problem.

Some additional “scrim” plants to consider:

- Giant kale (*Crambe cordifolia*) has coarse basal leaves, airy stems with tiny, white flowers.
- Baby’s Breath (*Gypsophila paniculata*) is not tall, loves lime and has white summer flowers. It also dries nicely for year-round arrangements.
- Spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*) about three feet tall, with smooth stems, bright green leaves and lace-cap style white flowers.

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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.

Grandpa's Advice to His Grandchildren

by John Griffith, Guest Writer



John Griffith.

Submitted photo

First of all, a caveat. No matter what I say, no matter what I write, my grandkids may or may not follow my advice. But September 13 is Grandparents' Day, so I figure if there was ever a day that gave me the right to offer tidbits of hard-earned wisdom, this is it. That, and the fact that I have 20 grandchildren! My suggestions are in no particular order,

just written as they occurred to me.

1. Stay in school – Put a big effort into your schooling, or whatever learning path you have chosen. So many things in life can be better if you have a good start—other things come from that. With education and experience you will be better equipped to make your own choices, instead of others making them for you, or you following the crowd. All of this will put you on the path to happiness later in life.

2. Follow your heart – Listen to your heart and do what makes you happy. If you're a young woman who wants to drive a fire truck, go for it. If you are a young man who wants to design clothes, why not? Cherish your doubts, do your research, and follow your heart, for "doubt" is the attendant of "truth." Doubt is the key to the door of knowledge, because it reveals truth. If you never doubt, you will never have a reason to learn something new, which will either cause you to change your mind, or to hold fast to your original belief. A belief which may not be questioned binds us to errors.

3. Respect – Show respect to yourself, others, and to other peoples' property. Treat other people as you would like to be treated. Do everything in your power to not be judgmental. Rarely will you be correct.

4. Put family first – Family is everything. Don't ever turn your back on your family. They love you, even if you make it difficult for them to do so. Don't enter into alliances with other families above yours; the others will drop you like a hot rock, but your family will always stand with you.

5. Be an adventurer; be brave – Don't be afraid to try new things. It is okay to fail so long as you keep trying

to succeed. Never stop researching and studying, and never accept something as true before you search for the truth yourself.

6. Learn from your mistakes – We all make bad decisions; forgive yourself and learn and grow from them. Try hard to not make the same mistake twice. If someone says, "No, thank you," accept that and move on. Arguing or forcing the situation will only make it worse. Walk away when you can.

7. Choose your friends wisely – Surround yourself with positive people. Better to have one good friend who has your back than a bunch who are only out for what they can use you for. Don't follow the "herd" because it is the easy thing to do. True friends are not the ones who make your problems disappear, but they are the ones who won't disappear when you face problems.

8. Be careful what you say – Choose your words carefully and think before you speak. Once they are out, they cannot be taken back. Words won't break bones, but they can break hearts. Try not to force your beliefs on people, and if you feel like you must, don't judge them for not accepting. Both of your opinions are rooted in your experiences and both are true. It's just that you've had different experiences. You will be disappointed if you expect everyone to agree with you every time.

9. Show compassion for the unfortunate – Life's path has a lot of puddles to jump. Always be kind to those stuck in the puddles, but don't judge them for being there. We all need more kindness, more compassion, more joy, and more laughter. Serve whenever you can.

10. Live life in the moment – Don't stress about the small stuff. Enjoy every day on Earth; time goes fast. Take walks with your sweetheart, perhaps on a mountain trail or on a beach. Look around you. Gather in all that life offers, don't be satisfied living in a box. Grow, ask, experience, love.

I write this not because I am an expert in making good choices in life ... but because I've learned a great deal from trial and error, making many bad decisions as well as good ones. So, there is a great deal of firsthand knowledge accompanying these 10 pieces of advice, and who better to pass it all on to ... than my grandchildren. Some of my greatest blessings in life come from those who call me "Grandpa John."

News

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Cash for Gold Event

The Olympic Peninsula Bluebills and the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) are bringing back “Cash for Gold” by popular demand on **Saturday, September 12**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Harbormaster, Port Ludlow Yacht Club, 55 Heron Road, Port Ludlow.

Be paid top dollar for your broken or unused gold, sterling, silver, pre-1964 coins, or sterling silver flatware, etc. You can use a magnet to test whether your goods are precious metals. If it does not magnetize, it is a precious metal. Admission is \$25 and refunded if you sell your items. “Cash for Gold” donates ten percent of all sales to PSO, a 501(c)(3) whose mission is to support STEM education in local schools, and other community causes.

If you have any questions, contact Barbara Berthiaume at 360-437-0423, or Teresa Forrest at 360-437-1191.

Chimacum School District Names Interim Superintendent

David Engle was recently named interim superintendent of the Chimacum School District. David retired as Port Townsend’s Superintendent of Schools in 2016. Prior to that leadership position he held numerous positions including public school classroom teacher, Fulbright Exchange teacher, principal, superintendent, and educational consultant. He has worked with school systems around the world, including the United Kingdom, Russia, China, and Japan. In addition, he has worked in the private sector as well as with Educational Testing Service in Princeton, New Jersey.

In addition to holding roles in Port Townsend Rotary and the Port Townsend School of the Arts Board, David is a serious bicyclist and was a co-founder of the Port Townsend Cycle School, which held classes for several years in Port Townsend for area bicycle mechanics and enthusiasts.

He has been married to his wife Margaret for 50 years and has two children and two grandchildren. He continues to work as a consultant for his Treehouse Education consulting firm, most recently with the Mount Baker School District. In addition, he is currently writing a book in collaboration with Marc Prensky, education theorist, on educational systems for the future.

He looks forward to working with the Chimacum community as they ‘reopen’ the schools for the new school year.

Dungeness River Audubon Center Groundbreaking



Tribal blessing given by Loni Grinnell-Greninger, Tribal Council Vice-Chair, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe.

Photo by Silas Crews, Story Crane Productions

A virtual groundbreaking ceremony on July 13, 2020 celebrated the start of construction for an expanded Dungeness River Audubon Center. The celebration marks the success of a three-year campaign that raised funds through a combination of grants, fundraising events, and contributions from individuals, foundations, and businesses.

The ceremony was held via Zoom and featured various speakers, including W. Ron Allen, Tribal Council Chair, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; Mike Chapman, Washington State Representative, 24th District; Steve Tharinger, Washington State Representative, 24th District, Chair, House Capital Budget Committee; Annette Hanson, Chair, Inspire Wonder Capital Campaign, Dungeness River Audubon Center; and Ken Wiersema, Education Chair, Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society.

Videos were shared of the tribal blessing by Loni Grinnell-Greninger, Tribal Council Vice-Chair of the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, as well as a video of breaking the ground by Kirk Nelson, Facilities and Construction Manager, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe.

A grant of \$1.5 million from the taxpayers of Washington State contributed significantly to the total amount raised. The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Council purchased 4.5 acres of land east of the Center in 2016, and has made major commitments to the project. Tribe leaders agreed to take on the role of general contractor of the project recently, providing many savings and allowing the project to proceed as planned.

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Located in the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s Railroad Bridge Park on the Dungeness River, the expansion will include addition of a new wing, as well as a new access road and parking lot. The current building will be expanded to add a classroom, 150-seat community multipurpose room, commercial kitchen, restrooms, office space, gift shop, a new entry, and concession stand.

Completion of the building expansion is expected to be by summer of 2021. Depending on fund raising, the remodel of the existing building is planned to begin shortly after the expansion’s grand opening. Exhibits and interpretive displays are in the planning and grant-writing stages.

Incorporated in 1994, the Center has become a unique resource for educational activities that connect people with nature. It is run by four partner organizations: Dungeness River Audubon Center, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe, the Olympic Peninsula Audubon Society, and National Audubon. For more information and to contribute to ongoing campaign funding, visit dungenessrivercenter.org.

Chamber Community Leadership Awards Rescheduled

The Chamber of Jefferson County will host the Jefferson County Community Leadership awards on **Saturday, October 3**, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Rescheduled from April, the program is an annual recognition of the dedication and engagement of Jefferson County’s residents and employees. The virtual awards show will highlight community leaders in the following categories:

Business Leader of the Year Award – presented to the individual who demonstrates a history of vision, service, and leadership for the betterment of the Jefferson County community.

Citizen of the Year Award – presented to the individual whose extraordinary public service has made a positive impact on the community.

Rising Entrepreneur Award – presented to the individual who demonstrates a commitment to business and economic development, and embodies the entrepreneurial spirit and innovative thinking that will lead Jefferson County to sustained economic prosperity.

Young Professional of the Year Award – presented to the young professional who demonstrates excellence, creativity, and valuable service in their business to improve the quality of life for others in the community.

Future Business Leader Award (youth) -- presented to the high school senior who displays leadership qualities

every day, succeeds in academics as well as community service, and serves as a role model to their peers.

With leadership at all levels the hot topic of conversation these days, honoring our local leaders takes on an even higher level of responsibility, and together with the *Port Townsend Leader*, we will be honoring those who serve. The *Leader* will produce a pullout section devoted entirely to the awards.

Further announcements will be made closer to the event. Please save the date!

Jefferson County Library—Quarantine Version!

Jefferson County Library was awarded a \$1,500 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic (CARES) grant from The Washington State Library, and will receive a second CARES grant of an additional \$4,000 by mid-August. These grants were provided to advance digital inclusion, workforce development, and broadband availability.

\$1,500 of the \$5,500 has been used to purchase protective equipment for staff, such as masks, gowns, gloves, and thermometers. An additional ten Wi-Fi hotspots with ten months of paid service provider fees were purchased with the balance. The Wi-Fi hotspots will be made available for patrons to borrow via the CLEO collection.

This was good news for library staff who have been brainstorming ways to make available more tools for patrons to connect to the internet. The new Wi-Fi hotspots will allow patrons with no internet service at home to connect, making available the free online services provided by the library, like Kanopy to stream movies, Flipster to read magazines, and library programs delivered via Zoom.

Laptops, formerly used by staff, are being readied to loan out to patrons. “Many of our patrons rely on the use of our public computers,” said Brwyn Griffin, Administrative Manager for the library. “It’s so frustrating to have all our public desktops unavailable inside a locked building! We boosted the broadband signal in the parking lot and turned it on 24/7, but there are many patrons who do not have a device. Soon, patrons can borrow a laptop for short-term use to connect to the internet outside on our property.”

Library Director, Tamara Meredith, recently wrote in an inspirational note to staff on week 20 of the COVID closure, “Remember when we had a week to learn how to use Zoom, and SharePoint, and an online phone system, and build an entire infrastructure to communicate and function—in a week? And then, we had to scramble to completely redesign a summer reading program while simultaneously learning how to present programs online

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and develop ways to thwart Zoom-bombers—with only a few weeks of remote service experience under our belts?”

The library staff have been nimble in quickly seeking ways to continue to provide excellent service, programs, and resources by learning new ways to work, and by getting creative about ways to deliver services with less person-to-person direct contact.

The library’s Bookmobile is on the road five days per week for contactless holds pick-up, which are also available curbside in Port Hadlock, Tuesday through Friday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Live, online programs for all ages are offered every week. For adults, “First Fridays and Third Tuesdays Trivia Nights” continue in September, and Savitri Bess will be offering her very popular “Journal Writing About Your Pandemic Experiences” program on Thursdays in October. Live Storytimes are offered three days per week.

Library staff are available to answer your questions and provide information services Tuesday through Saturday; you can reach them by or emailing information@jclibrary.info or calling 360-385-6544,

Check the library website for details and sign up for the library’s weekly news bulletin. Follow the library on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Jefferson County Library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock.

Looking Ahead to Winter Days

By Brad Martin, Port Ludlow Fire Chief

Now that we are nearly eight months into this pandemic year, take a moment to look back at March 23 when Governor Jay Inslee issued Washington State’s Stay Home-Stay Healthy order, and recall how difficult it was to get needed items from area stores when everyone else was trying to do the same thing. It’s not too early to look ahead to winter days with unknown weather conditions and make plans to get prepared for those days.

It would be a good time to start preparing your home for falling leaves, fir needles, and branches that could end up on roofs and filling up gutters. Start clearing around your house in preparation for the rain and windy days.

As you do your regular grocery shopping in the coming weeks, pick up some food items you could cook on a camp stove in case the power goes out. Never use a camp stove inside your house or garage.

Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. The risk of carbon monoxide poisoning increases during winter storms as people turn to alternate heat sources. If you need help to install either smoke alarms or carbon monoxide alarms, contact the fire department at 360-437-2236.

If you are new to Port Ludlow and Jefferson County, consider signing up for Nixle, Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management’s Alert service, that provides residents with public safety information like blocked roads, traffic accidents, and weather-related information that could affect the area. To sign up to get the alerts, text JEFFCODEM to 888777, or log on to jeffcoec.org and click on the cell phone to sign up.

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

Free Online Estate Planning Seminars

Join Richard Tizzano and Tony Hinson for their “Legal + Estate Life Planning” seminar where they will explore estate and life care planning solutions that prepare you properly to protect your assets and remain independent. Topics include: health care, housing, long-term care insurance, estate plans, preserving wealth, and aging in place. Sessions will be held on the following **Tuesdays**— **September 1, September 15, and September 29** at 11:30 a.m.

The “Estate Planning After the SECURE Act” virtual seminar will be held on **Tuesday, September 8, and Tuesday, September 22**, at 11:30 a.m. Join Tony Hinson as he explains how to prepare your estate plan with the new IRA rules that became effective in 2020. It’s a whole new ballgame. On January 1, 2020, the SECURE Act radically changed estate planning with IRAs. The ‘stretch IRA’ is gone, with significant income tax ramifications for non-spouse IRA beneficiaries. We will discuss the new landscape, and ways to lessen the impact of this new law. Anyone with combined retirement accounts over \$100,000 should attend.

These are live seminars conducted virtually so you can ‘ask the experts.’ For more information, or to register, visit sherrardlaw.com/seminars, or call 360-779-5551.



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During the last week of September, **Monday, September 28** through **Friday, October 2**, a variety of information, resources, and tools will be shared so you can access them online. They will be presented via live Zoom seminars, “Ask the Experts” videos on the Compass & Clock website, Facebook live events, as well as YouTube videos. Each session is approximately one hour in length, and up to 100 people can register. The sessions will be recorded and can be viewed on the Compass & Clock website and the YouTube channel at your leisure.

Tuesday, September 29, 11:30 a.m. – *Legal + Estate Life Care Planning Seminar*, with Richard C. Tizzano, Elder Law & Estate Planning Attorney

Tuesday, September 29, 2:30 p.m. – *Telemedicine, House Calls & COVID-19 Update*, with Dr. Garrett Soames of HousecallMD.org

Wednesday, September 30, at 11:30 a.m. – *Vascular Wellness: Heart Attacks & Strokes Prevention, Detection, & Recovery*, with Dr. Paul Cunningham, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Jamestown Family Health Clinic

Wednesday, September 30, 2:30 p.m. – *Life Flight Network Air Ambulance Services in the West Sound*, with Amber Hanes Miller, Community Outreach Coordinator

Thursday, October 1, 11:30 a.m. – *SECURE Act & the New IRA Rules*, with Tony Hinson, Elder Law & Estate Planning Attorney

Thursday, October 1, 2:30 p.m. – *Senior Housing: Know Your Options for Support* with Daphne Davis, Owner, Pinnacle Senior Placements; Beth Pratt, Community Relations Director, Park View Villas; and Denise O’Donnell, Director of Nursing Services, Bainbridge Senior Living

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First Wednesday Luncheons

We had all hoped for life to be back to some state of normalcy by the beginning of the First Wednesday Luncheon season on **September 2**. We are disappointed to announce that with continued concerns over the COVID-19 pandemic, the luncheons will be suspended until further notice. We’ve had to cancel/postpone several excellent programs, but most presenters have agreed to reschedule when circumstances permit.

Due to the ongoing generosity of our regular attendees, we are grateful to be able to report that since our luncheon in March, we’ve donated \$6,000 to the food bank from regular monthly donations. In addition, we were able to send an extra \$1,850 recently to help with the summer months.

If you’re able, please continue to send your monthly donations in the form of a check made payable to Tri-Area Food Bank. Checks are delivered on a weekly basis. Mail your payment to:

Janette Hammond, Treasurer
First Wednesday Luncheon
670 Rainier Lane, Port Ludlow, WA 98365

Per Mike Boock, Tri-Area Food Bank Manager, they’ve been able to meet the needs of our local community in large part due to the continued support of First Wednesday and individual residents of Port Ludlow. While the overall number of families who use the food bank has remained constant since March, there has been a significant increase in the number of individuals in the 19-54 age group.

The food bank has been the recipient of a number of federal, state, and local programs that have increased the amount of fresh produce available and has benefited from increased production from the local Food Bank Gardeners and area farms. In order to better preserve and utilize this influx of fresh produce throughout the County, the Jefferson County Food Bank Association is in the process of installing additional refrigeration capacity at the Tri-Area Food Bank. This project has been paid for mostly by two grants that the Association recently received.

Finally, the Association has obtained property in Quilcene for a new food bank location thanks to the generosity of a local resident and is now in the planning and fundraising stages of construction. Stay tuned.

Reminder to Dog Owners

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



Hospice Foundation Celebrates 10 years

The nonprofit Hospice Foundation for Jefferson Healthcare was created ten years ago as a means of providing additional support to the Jefferson Healthcare hospice program. The all-volunteer board raises funds and promotes the benefits of hospice care in the community.

Medicare and private insurers often do not fund basic services like comfort care, or provide essential personal hygiene items. Medicare mandates that hospice providers offer bereavement programs although they do not fund these services. The Hospice Foundation provides funding for bereavement counseling to individuals and their families and programs for the entire community. Additional funding has helped train the volunteers that visit the homes where many hospice patients reside. These volunteers offer support and respite for the families and loved ones who find themselves in the circumstance of being full-time caregivers.

The Hospice Foundation for Jefferson Healthcare is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, and operates by way of donations ranging from estate gifts to donations from appreciative family members who have experienced the care that hospice can provide. The foundation encourages friends and interested parties to join with them in support of our local hospice service program. You can learn more by visiting hospicefoundationjhc.org.

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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.

My Summer of Virtual Entertainment

by Bev Rothenborg, A & E Editor

As someone who has spent many years enjoying live entertainment, this has been a summer like no other! Oh, how I have longed for a return to the excitement of attending events in real time. And I know that I should just be grateful for good health and a beautiful place to live. And I am!

My first virtual experience was watching a Seattle Symphony concert on my computer (seattlesymphony.org). The musicians are donating their time to make this possible. As I watched, I longed to be seated in my favorite section and to be able to enjoy the amazing Chihuly chandeliers at intermission. Since I attended matinees and often stayed for dinner, did I want Asian food at Wild Ginger or a more sophisticated atmosphere at Metropolitan Grill?

As I watched and listened to Concerts in the Barn (concertsinthebarnquilcene.org) on my computer and saw the *Carpé Diem* quartet in that familiar setting, I could smell the musty hay bales (my favorite place to sit) and hear the birds outside. When the musicians weren't performing, you could talk to friends, stroll the gardens while sipping a glass of cider, or just sit and enjoy that heavenly spot!

A trip to Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend brought many bittersweet memories.... over there is McCurdy Pavilion where I have attended countless events for years including last summer's Bluegrass Festival. That was a concert that went on for five hours, and still you didn't want to go home! So, we strolled across the grass for a drink at Taps at the Guardhouse to talk about the music and the performers.

And also, over there is Fort Worden's Chapel where you could listen to the Olympic Music Festival (before they moved) for intimate classical music concerts. Before or after the music, a walk through the rhododendron garden or down to the beach was a pleasant interlude. Their virtual concerts continue on **Wednesday, September 2**, at 7:00 p.m. and **Sunday, September 6**, at 5:00 p.m. To check out the programs go to olympicmusicfestival.org.

The Jefferson Land Trust Gala which is annually held at Finnriver Farm and Cidery (another favorite spot of mine) this year was on Zoom. Even with party hats and wine, the event just did not create the same ambiance! I am happy to say, however, that the charity did raise a lot of money for a good cause.

And so, dear readers, as Vera Ellen sang during WW2 (and Queen Elizabeth recently repeated): "Don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again some sunny day." I do hope that it is in 2021!

Live Theater in Port Ludlow—Start to Finish

by Val Durling, Artistic Director, Ludlow Village Players (LVP)

Hello to Ludlow Village Players fans, friends, and family. We miss you all. LVP will be back, but we certainly do not know when. We are delighted to be invited to write a series of articles about how a live theater play evolves from inception to stage performances. We hope you will be entertained, informed, and maybe even inspired to come aboard our LVP family in the near future.

The very first thing that happens in this process is selecting the right play for our audiences. Most theater groups have "a season" of four to six or more plays. LVP performs only one full length play a year. However, this season we were excited to be adding a fall entertainment offering as well as the spring play. That is now looking unlikely due to the pandemic.

Theater groups which have a multi-play season have several ways of selecting a play. (A) The Artistic Director (who is responsible for all entertainment performances) may do the choosing. (B) One or more guest directors may submit a favored play to a committee to review and approve. (C) A selection committee may be formed by the Artistic Director to choose a play. Or, (D) some variation of these methods.

LVP currently has a Selection Committee of six, and this year we were joined by a very talented guest director, Randy Powell, whom we are hoping you will see more of in the future. We worked from June to September 2019,

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meeting once a month for discussion but also reading plays on various publisher’s websites online at home. LVP orders the complete script for review if several of the committee are interested. We normally read as many as 35 plays, or parts of plays, eliminate down to the top five, submit them to production chairs of set build, set décor, costumes, props, and the Director to make sure the script makes no unattainable demands. The committee then votes for the winner.

This year’s play was our easiest selection. We decided quickly on *The Outsider* by Paul Slade Smith. Everybody was “Yay!” Then came COVID-19! We are still hopeful that we will bring this outstanding comedy to our audiences sometime in the future. Following the selection of the play, LVP begins preparing for the next big event. *Auditions!* See you next month—same time, same station!

Port Ludlow Art League Artists of the Month

Artist of the Month — Georganne Muse



Beckoning, by Georganne Muse.

Best known for her beautiful jewelry designs and pastels, Georganne has recently fallen under the spell of abstract art and the value of open interpretation.

Georganne appreciates that abstract art doesn’t attempt to represent an accurate depiction of reality, but instead uses shapes, colors, and forms to achieve its effect. Georganne stated, “When I decided to try abstract painting, I realized just how hard it is. It’s not simply a matter of putting paint on a canvas. When starting with an empty canvas and creating an abstract painting, you’re definitely on your own.”

Georganne’s abstract artwork focuses on color and the intermingling of disparate movement, lines, and shapes, among other aspects. Georganne believes that this intensely personal

process enriches a viewer’s experience because it invites them to form their own interpretations of her paintings.

Georganne’s artwork will be on display online at portludlowart.org and at the Port Ludlow Sound Community Bank in September. 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 – Janice Gruber

Although Janice spends most of her time creating stunning acrylic and oil paintings, she also creates beautiful jewelry. Janice’s jewelry designs feature sterling silver, beads, and freshwater pearls. Best known for their asymmetric shapes in a variety of sizes and colors, the character of a freshwater pearl is in its distinctive surface texture and the warmth of its luster.



Birds Nest Pearl Necklace by Janice Gruber.

Submitted photos

To view Janice’s jewelry designs, visit portludlowart.org. For more information, email info@portludlowart.org.

Clouds - Port Ludlow Art League Group Show



Sunset from Living Room, by Randy Radock.

Submitted photo

In meteorology, a cloud is simply an aerosol consisting of a visible mass of liquid droplets, frozen crystals, or other particles suspended in the atmosphere. To the naked eye, however, clouds are a magic show in the sky.

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Spotlight

Who Built Port Ludlow's Trails?

by Marge Carter, Guest Writer

How our trail system came to be is the story of literally thousands of volunteer hours from hundreds of people. It's the story of cooperation between homeowners and the developer, first Olympic Resource Management (ORM), then Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), who provided encouragement, manpower, and funding. It's the story of cooperation between the two sides of Port Ludlow (North and South), which agreed to share spaces within their jurisdictions and give additional funding. The story can be divided into three phases:

Phase 1: Getting Started. Shortly after moving to Port Ludlow in 1998, I was asked by the first president of the new Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC), Sally Smith Derrig, to look into how the trail system in Port Ludlow could be expanded. I agreed. Assisting me were my husband Tom; Jon Rose, vice-president of ORM; and PLVC Board member, Dick Ullmann. The four of us started meeting to brainstorm ideas in October of 1998. We put out a call for volunteers and were rewarded by a stream of Port Ludlow residents who were interested in what we were doing. Some people attended our monthly meetings; others were more interested in getting out and getting dirty.

Our first project was to clear the wild sections of the Timberton Loop to make it a continuous trail, and to place 20 "marker rocks" along the trail, numbered sequentially with white paint, to guide walkers. Although they are no longer needed, many can still be seen under their cover of moss or hiding in blackberry bushes.



Lower Rainier Work Crew, including three of our top workers from the start: Jack Manning, Stan Gustin and Dick Ullmann.

Photo by Larry Scott

Next, we did a complete survey of the trails that already existed in Port Ludlow. The most obvious one was the asphalt trail that runs along Oak Bay Road across from the North Bay Condos. We found a similar trail in South Bay that runs from Inner Harbor Village through the woods to South Bay Village. Both were approximately a half-mile in length. In between were many short sections that had simply turned into paths by people walking between neighborhoods and a few that had obviously been cleared for that purpose, like Ward's Walk. After our survey, we thought all these short sections could be turned into a continuous, mostly off-road trail, so we added signage and numbered markers to make it easier for walkers to follow this multi-segmented trail. We named it the Around-The-Bay (ABT) trail.

Next, we turned our attention to the short Cunningham Memorial/Ludlow Falls Trail and cleared a new section through the forest to make it into a closed loop. Later, we added 12 signs identifying noteworthy things or places along the trail, under the guidance of Dr. Grant Sharpe, nationally

known expert on nature interpretation, who had joined the committee in 2003. When the trail was complete, it was given its "official" name: The Interpretive Trail. It became not only a memorial and a place to enjoy Ludlow Falls, but also a good learning opportunity.

The committee's first trail built from scratch was the Rainier Loop. It consisted of two parts running through North Bay greenbelts. Upper Rainier begins across from Rainier Court and runs through the greenbelt parallel to Rainier Lane. Across the road from where it ends is the start of Lower Rainier, which winds through the greenbelt down to Oak Bay Road. Lower Rainier brought us our first of many maintenance challenges because it runs downhill, and (surprise!) water does, too. So, we learned how to re-channel water and build small bridges. We were assisted by our local EMTs and firefighters, who used the work as training for recruits.

The trail ends at the corner of Oak Bay and Swansonville Roads. This is a decision point of the kind we had hoped to avoid, but there was no obvious remedy. In order to continue on, walkers had two choices: use the narrow shoulder of Oak Bay Road to get to the north end of the asphalt of the ABT, or cross Oak Bay Road and wind their way along the neighborhood roads from the Conference Center toward the Marina, then taking a right onto Heron Road, crossing Oak Bay Road again to reach the ABT.

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In either case, once reaching the north end of the ABT, they could then follow the asphalt and eventually turn right and ascend the hill to Wells Ridge Court and return to “go” at Rainier Court. The need for maps became clear! We made our first trail maps by personal computer, duplicated them by Xerox, and distributed them at both clubs. ORM offered to repurpose their real estate kiosk in the village center for distribution of maps and other trail information, which we readily accepted. It was moved to the entrance of the recycling area where the latest maps can still be found. As the trail system expanded, we contracted with professional printers for full-color maps, which eventually grew into the large detailed maps we have today.



Larry Scott on his trusty John Deere.

Photo by Dick Ullmann



Dean (The Sign Guy) and two helpers.

Photo by Larry Scott

In 2004 we began a “stewardship” program, in which residents volunteer to monitor a specific trail or portion of a trail to find and bring any problems to the attention of the stewards chairperson. Over the years, over 50 people have signed up to be Trail Stewards, reporting back first to Soozie Darrow, then Beth Ely, and now Jane Navone.

In 2006, it was time for me to step back and allow someone else to take over the leadership of the committee. Mike Porter raised his hand and took over that summer. He brought skills he had honed by volunteering for the Washington Trails Association. Mike’s primary contribution was to develop safety procedures for volunteer trail workers, as larger and potentially more dangerous tools were needed to keep up with building and maintaining the trails — like chainsaws for clearing downed trees.

Phase 2: Trail Building on Steroids! In the fall of 2006, Larry Scott agreed to take over from Mike, adding his prodigious training as a USN Seabee to the committee’s bag of resources. He also brought an amazing array of tools, up to and including his own John Deere 2305 utility tractor with its many attachments. Larry had big ideas for expanding the trail system that none of us had even envisioned. When he took over the committee, a whirlwind of trail expansion activity began that lasted the next 11 years.

Larry initiated “Fun Days,” giving work parties a more palatable name. They were limited in scope and number of people needed, each with a definite objective. Having determined what he wanted to accomplish, he would put out a call for the specific number of workers needed for a two-to-three hour task. After the day’s work, the Fun Day crew would often enjoy refreshments together at the Village Center. Larry’s method built a camaraderie that became his hallmark.

His first project was adding a secondary loop off the Timberton Loop, called Niblicks Loop, which began at the Pro Shop, connected to a section of the Timberton, then meandered away around the “Timber 9” golf course, returning to the Pro Shop. That trail had many twists and turns, so our Sign Guy, Dean Morgan, got to work.

The beaver pond viewing area was next, after deep mud was discovered on the Timberton Loop, near Rock 9. Investigation showed the muddy area was the result of a break in a previously unknown beaver dam slightly off the trail higher up. Larry turned this complication into an opportunity not only to address the drainage problem, but also to add an interesting short spur off the main trail for watching the beavers in action.

Over the next 11 years Larry held a total of 122 Fun Days, opening up least 10 new trails and making improvements on many of the older ones.

Ever frugal, Larry chose wood chips for the trail footbeds because they could easily be replaced or amended, and he worked a deal to get them free from the County if he would haul them away. The final and arguably the biggest project

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Larry and some of his Fun Day stars: Dean Morgan, Stan Gustin, Larry, Jack Riggan and Don Folsom.

Photo by Dick Ullmann

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Larry’s Fun Day crews tackled was the steep Osprey Ridge Trail, which begins at the intersection of Oak Bay and Paradise Bay Roads and snakes up the sides of a deep ravine to emerge on Upper Walker Way — 230 hand-built log steps later! Many strong arms and backs were needed for those steps. Denny Schuch was nicknamed “The Stairmaster” for his work on this trail.



Dedication of Osprey Trail. John Fillers, Merrily Mount, Dave Pendergast, Tim Rensema (hidden), Denny Schuch, Larry Scott, Doug Huber, Dean Morgan, Richard Meyer, Sharlene Shiroma, Jim Mueller and Dewey the dog.

Photo by John Fillers

In the summer of 2017, Larry retired from the chairmanship of the committee, having pioneered routes that brought the total distance of trails to over 30 miles — an amazing asset for a small village like ours. The PLVC thanked Larry by naming him recipient of the “Big John” award, named after the late John VanZonneveld, for outstanding service to Port Ludlow. Well deserved, Larry!

Phase 3: Maintenance,

Maintenance. John Fillers took the hand-off from Larry as the new committee chair. The committee felt that 30 miles of trails was enough, so further trail building was brought to a close. John led a few final Fun Days to shore up the sides of the Osprey Ridge ravine. John then turned his attention to some improvements,

like adding new steps on the Interpretive Trail on the hill to the Ludlow Falls overlook and building a “corduroy road” to stabilize a section of deep mud on the Picnic Point trail.

Fast growing grass on the Niblicks Trail and the decommissioned “Trail 9” golf course, which PLA had opened to walkers, added grass mowing to the maintenance requirements of the trail system. John Mueller donated a riding mower, quickly named “Felix,” to the committee to help with that work.

John Fillers resigned in August 2018, and Tim Rensema stepped up. That year saw big changes. The committee’s mission and goals were re-evaluated, and new safety and liability procedures and documents were produced with the assistance of PLVC Board Members. Under Tim’s leadership, the 15-year-old Picnic Point gazebo was power-washed and re-stained and new steps and benches were built, resulting in the complete rescue of the structure.

Tim also pioneered a monthly column called “Trail Mix” for the *Voice*, keeping us all informed about committee activities. In 2020, Merrily Mount was appointed Committee Chair while Tim moved into the newly created position of Maintenance Manager. The committee will now pivot toward keeping up with maintenance needs.

Finally, kudos to our Twenty-Year Club: Dan & Soozie Darrow, Dean Morgan, and Jack Riggen, who have been working for the Trails Committee from the very beginning.



The Picnic Point Gazebo is saved! Mark Kakarowski, Jim Mueller (in red cap), two unidentified facing away from the camera, Glen Bell, Maureen Makarowski, Dave Schumuhi (in red sweatshirt) and John Fillers (working on bench.)

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Because clouds are ephemeral and always changing, they provide viewers with an opportunity to use their imagination. Clouds can be fluffy one minute and dark and ominous the next. These infinite billowy shapes can project wispy, swirling trails or glowing crimson canopies at sunset. Let us not forget the clouds swirling over the planet Jupiter, around the Crab Nebula, or driven by the smoke and ash from an erupting volcano.

Members of the Port Ludlow Art League will use a variety of media to translate their interpretation of clouds for the September online art show. Members may send photos of their art to Pamela Raine at pamela_raine@hotmail.com. For more information, email info@portludlowart.org.

Northwind Arts Center Showcase



Circle Slab, by Jim Kraft.
Submitted photo

Northwind's Artist Showcase Program is back, with new shows for Fall 2020. In September-October, the Artist Showcase will feature works reflecting the theme "Fall for the Peninsula," with new works from all 32 Showcase artists.

Please visit our new website and stop by the Northwind Arts Center to view the exhibit of all these artists' work.

Northwind is open Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from noon to 5:00 p.m. The Showcase Program features a variety of media—wood, stone, paint, metal, photography, and more. New works are on display during September and October in Northwind's Jeanette Best Gallery.

The gallery is located at 701 Water Street, Port Townsend. For more information visit northwindarts.org/exhibits/artist-showcase.

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Village Council

Board Meeting Summary

by Sally Franzel, PLVC Board Secretary

At the August 7, 2020 Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting, the following reports were given:

Diana Smeland, President, Port Ludlow Associates

PLA is continuing to adjust protocols at its facilities to comply with changing State regulations. The Inn's management has increased outside dining and takeout eating areas at the Fireside and is offering its takeout menu in individual portions rather than family sized options. A Memorial Tournament for Mitch Black has been scheduled for the end of August at the golf course. Mitch was the golf coach for Chimacum High School and proceeds will be used for the high school golf team and the Mitch Black Memorial Scholarship.

Reporting on the Olympic Water and Sewer Inc. chlorination project, Diana said that OWSI had finally received the Department of Health's approval of the building plan and can now advertise for bids with a 30-day timeline. Management can then open bids privately and select the best bid for OWSI while considering good practices, minority businesses, etc. On the real estate side, PLA is receiving inquiries on resale and new properties available in Port Ludlow, and signed two new contracts the previous week.

Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner

Greg reported that since Jefferson County was one of few counties that has met the Governor's parameters for school opening in the fall, schools will be permitted to offer in-school options at the elementary level. Under their "Decision Tree" framework, the Department of Health recommended full time in-person learning for all elementary students and hybrid learning for middle and high school students, eventually moving to in-person for middle and high school. The individual school districts will finalize their plans over the next few days.

Due to a retirement, the county is looking for a new Solid Waste Manager, a visionary leader who can lead the team in new directions as well as to provide a strong liaison with the public. The update of the Shoreline Master Program is progressing, and the task force will meet over the next few months followed by the drafting of the plan in the fall. There will be many opportunities for public comment during this process. The county is continuing to work on justice, equity, and diversity inclusion. The goal is to be proactive to ensure that all county government departments are respectful of differences and provide equal access to all residents.

Greg stated the county had been producing video public service announcements (PSAs) on a number of

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, September 3

2:45 p.m., Video Conference Call

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

2:45 p.m., Video Conference Call

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community programs. Jefferson County now has an official YouTube page, and he requested that interested residents subscribe to the page. Public Works has received complaints about Google rerouting drivers off Highway 104 onto Shine Road during peak traffic times and planned to request that Google update its algorithms. The Jefferson County Broadband Action Team has received a presentation from the new Director of Washington State's Broadband Office. Greg requested that as many residents as possible fill out a short survey (to be sent out by Bill Dean) which measures the speed of the homeowner's internet service. The objective is to demonstrate the county's need for funding and to take advantage of opportunities for funding broadband infrastructure.

Kim Moffitt, Chair, Emergency Management Committee

Kim summarized the activities of her committee during the last quarter. The committee has been concentrating on completing a written Port Ludlow Emergency Plan to be published on the PLVC website. Due to the advent of COVID-19, the plan needed to be expanded to include such an emergency and the committee hopes to publish the plan in October. The committee will expand its efforts to recruit block captains, especially in the North Bay area, and Mike Towner is working on a recruiting strategy and outreach plan. As part of this recruiting program, the committee will work on overall messaging to the Port Ludlow community regarding the committee's activities and will emphasize communication with new residents. In order to eliminate some of the in-person training, the committee is developing online training for new block captains. The Great American Shakeout is planned for **Thursday, October 15**, with modifications due to COVID-19. Emergency Management intends to use this occasion as a learning event and encourages residents to participate.

Allan Kiesler, Chair, Road Safety Committee

Allan reported that the Public Works' consultant has completed his traffic safety review of Port Ludlow; and,

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after being reviewed by the Department, his recommendations should be posted on their website within 30 days. Due to COVID-19 and the need for funding, it was anticipated that implementation of any of the recommended changes would not occur until 2021. However, it is important that the recommendations are on record. Reporting on the roundabout project, Allan stated the proposed roundabout at Beaver Valley Road was not on the State Highway and Transportation dockets, but the Paradise Bay roundabout remained listed. Under the Indian Tribes Culvert Projects, the State is committed to redoing certain culverts to support salmon swim-through. A project planned for next summer at the intersection of Swansonville and Beaver Valley Roads might result in the closing of Beaver Valley Road for 90 days, which could cause increased traffic flow through Paradise Bay and Port Ludlow. The road safety committee will be monitoring this project on behalf of the PLVC Board.

PLVC Election on October 1, 2020

by Tamra McDearmid, Chair, Administration, Communications, and Elections Committee

The Port Ludlow Village Council's annual meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 1**, at 2:45 p.m. You are invited to attend by phone or online. To attend by phone, dial 339-207-8391, and use Access Number 389 672#. To attend online, log in at join.freeconferencecall.com/villagecouncilconference.

The following community members are running for the PLVC Board of Directors. There are four positions to be filled. Successful candidates will be announced at the annual meeting.

Rita Garcia and her husband have lived in Port Ludlow for seven years and love the community. Previously, they lived in a 55+ community in El Dorado Hills, California. She worked for Southern California Edison and Pacific Gas & Electric Company for 24 years, holding managerial positions at both. After retiring, she was a California realtor for 10 years.

Rita commented, "I am seeking re-election so that I can continue to serve you and this beautiful, unique, and amazing community. I will do my very best to work on efforts that keep Port Ludlow active, vibrant, and united."

John Griffith and his wife Sheri moved from Bainbridge Island to Port Ludlow in 2018 and love it. They enjoy family life, and have six children and 20 grandchildren. He said, "I believe my life experiences would be well suited to being on the council." He currently serves as President of an HOA in Maui, and as Vice President of Fairwood Village in Port Ludlow.

John was President of the Verizon Wireless Mountain Region, comprising seven western states, and retired in 2000. He has over 35 years of leadership experience within several Fortune 50 companies.

Tamra McDearmid continues to serve on the PLVC board, "because the Port Ludlow community is very important to me, and I want to share in the responsibilities of keeping this fine village running smoothly." She added, "It's a true joy living in a place where miles of fern-lined trails are right out our backdoor."

Her roles on the Village Council have included the duties of Vice President, Secretary, and chairperson of the Administration, Communications, Elections and of the Movie Night committees. This past year she took on the tasks to update the *PLVC Brochure* and formulated a community-wide *Clubs & Organizations Directory* which can be found on the PLVC website, plvc.org

Tamra earned a master's degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Organizational Development in 1976. She had a career of public service in two states—working for California's Department of Education and for Oregon's Land Conservation and Development Commission. She retired after serving 10 years as Registrar for The Lindsey Wildlife Museum in the San Francisco Bay area. "Thank you for your kind consideration in re-electing me to the PLVC board of directors."

Karin Nyrop is interested in being on the board because she loves Port Ludlow. "I want to help our community mature while retaining its natural beauty and to be a place where we can all safely hike, bike, boat, swim, and just hang out."

The Nyrops built their Port Ludlow house in 1992 after seeing the area during a kayak trip. This past December they relocated permanently to Port Ludlow from Seattle.

Karin is an avid biker, runner, triathlete, and overall outdoor enthusiast including swimming in Port Ludlow Bay. She has benefited from the growth in the trail system and other community enhancements over the last 27 years. "Now that I am retired, I want to give back to the community by using my 35 years of experience as an attorney, administrator, and professor at the University of Washington to help PLVC achieve its mission of protecting, preserving, promoting, and unifying this wonderful place. As a board member, my focus will be on further implementation of the Development Agreement and working with local officials as our community continues to grow."

Mike Towner and his wife Jenny have lived in Port Ludlow for two years. They sold their home near Seattle to relocate to a community that provides the personal renewal they sought. "This has affected us deeply and helped us

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realize how important the sense of community is to our personal wellbeing. I have served on the Village Council and its Emergency Management Committee for 18 months and have found a real sense of community involvement.”

Mike has spent his entire professional career in the high-tech arena. He has been involved in telecommunications for the past 20 years, which has involved project management. He says, “I believe my professional experiences have proven useful in the Council’s work.”

Mike still works full time at T-Mobile. He “hopes to retire in the next year, which will allow more time and availability to explore and contribute to our community.”

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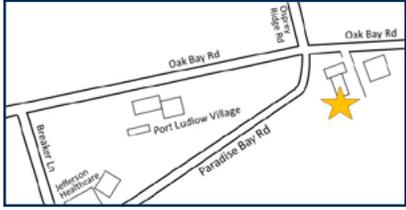
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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

I know our North Bay members are anxiously awaiting news that the Beach Club is open. Unfortunately, as I'm writing this month's *Voice* article, it isn't; and I don't know when the State will authorize us to do so.

What I can say is our LMC staff, Kim Bond, Don Baker, Rebecca Doolittle, and Jason Allen have been working hard to get ready for the eventual re-opening. Most recently the wallpaper in the Gallery Room has been removed and replaced with wainscoting; the room has been repainted and looks amazing. The wainscoting makes the room look bigger and brighter. Our staff has patched small dings in the wall, and repainted the kitchen so that it looks as clean and fresh as it did when it was remodeled in 2014. The workout room has been completely repainted including the vaulted ceiling, which probably had not been done in nearly 20 years.

We are currently waiting for an installation date for the flooring in the upstairs women's bathroom. We are getting cost estimates on improving the air quality and circulation in the workout room, locker rooms, and indoor pool area.

Bids for replacing the chain link fencing around the LMC-owned RV storage lots are being reviewed, and plans to replace the wall and floor tile in the men's locker room are being finalized.

Although our members have not been able to enjoy their wonderful Beach Club facility, LMC is doing what it can to make sure our members' assets and amenities are being taken care of. Thank you for your patience.

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 Board of Directors: 2020-2021

Congratulations to the 2020-2021 Board of Directors for the South Bay Community Association. At the Annual Members Meeting on July 15, Ray Sheldon and Susan Shadrick retired from the board, and four South Bay residents were elected (or re-elected) to serve. The Board of Directors serving SBCA members this coming fiscal year will be:

- Bart Clark (President)
- Tom Sprandel (Vice-President)
- Bruce Birch (Secretary)
- Christine Spagle (Treasurer)
- Dave Jurca
- Gil Skinner
- Bill Wight

The board is structured to insure one or two directors either chair or are on one of the SBCA committees, as listed below:

- a. Amenities and Activities: Tom Sprandel and Gil Skinner
- b. Architectural Review Committee (ARC): Bruce Birch and Bill Wight, with Dave Jurca as an alternate
- c. Communications: Bart Clark and Tom Sprandel
- d. Facilities: Gil Skinner and Christine Spagle
- e. Finance: Dave Jurca and Christine Spagle
- f. Health and Fitness Committee: Bruce Birch and Bill Wight
- g. Human Resources (HR): Bart Clark and Gil Skinner

Thoughts on Safety, Science, and Sanity

by Bartholomew Clark, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Safety

As I begin my term as SBCA Board President, my primary concern is the safety of our SBCA members, staff, and the Port Ludlow community. The COVID-19 pandemic has created challenges and dangers not known in the lifetime of most of us. If we allow the virus to gain a foothold among us, it can spread quickly with devastating effect in a community where over half the residents are 65 and

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, September 11, 9:30 a.m.

Plans are for a virtual meeting.
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Committee Meetings

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Meeting minutes are posted at plsbca.org
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older. And age is just one of the many risk factors present among us. I advocated for and continue to support the Board's decision to close the Bay Club back on March 16. I acknowledge that the decision remains unpopular with some, but in my view, it was the right thing to do and remains a solid bulwark against the possibility of community spread within the SBCA membership and staff.

Science

The sciences of virology and epidemiology continue to teach us that COVID-19 has insidious properties; it can infect some (usually younger) people who may exhibit few if any noticeable symptoms yet can spread the disease among almost everyone they encounter, the so-called "super spreaders." Further, recent studies have shown that aerosolized droplets (from a sneeze or cough or simply the spoken word) can suspend the virus in the air for over 30 minutes, ready to be inhaled and infect someone nearby. These aerosolized virus droplets can also be sucked into an HVAC system and pumped out into another room. The typical HVAC system filter cannot even come close to stopping the very tiny virus particles. Imagine watching dust float through a chain link fence.

The healthcare discipline of "Patient Safety" bases its effectiveness on sound and consistent procedures derived from industrial engineering and the sociological properties of high-reliability organizations. This discipline recognizes that all humans make mistakes. So, to keep patients safe, healthcare teams must coordinate their actions and develop systems that allow the organization to absorb the mistakes before they can harm a patient. One high

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reliability organization that serves as a model for healthcare is the aircraft carrier. Pilots and crew must coordinate and execute their duties to near perfection in order to be safe. To have the ability to safely land jet fighter planes, one after another, in a rolling sea at night requires razor sharp levels of skill for all involved in the process. The point here is that we have to realize that the level of equipment and aseptic technique – executed flawlessly every time by everyone – is too high a standard of performance to make reopening the Bay Club a safe endeavor. When risk cannot be managed, it must be avoided.

Sanity

As residents of Port Ludlow, we are fortunate to live in such a beautiful community. I appreciate living near forests and hiking trails, the peacefulness of the surroundings, and the friendly nature of so many people I have met here. In these difficult times, I suggest taking a deep breath and reflecting on all we do have, rather than what we cannot do right now. Eventually, medical science will develop a safe and effective vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infections and/or a safe and effective antiviral medication to knock it out. Perspective is essential. In the grand scheme of things, I believe we will all look back on this pandemic episode in our lives with gratitude for having survived it by keeping safe and infection free. For now, and for the foreseeable future, we must remain patient and just keep working at staying safe. Our safety, sanity, and survival depend on it.

(Although I am the President of the South Bay Community Association Board (SBCA), the views expressed in this essay are my own and do not necessarily represent the views or positions of the SBCA Board. Bartholomew Clark)

South Bay Gleanings

by Jenise Harper, South Bay Editor

It’s time to bid “farewell” to *Gleanings* for awhile. The purpose of the column was to share tidbits of happenings at the Bay Club and throughout South Bay, but with the pandemic forcing the continued closure of the Bay Club and discouraging gatherings ... well, you get it. Nothing to share.

We’re all challenged to find ways to occupy our time, exercise our minds, fill our creativity needs, assuage the desire for stimulating conversations with friends (not to say spouses don’t have great confabs) ... all the while focusing on safety, distancing precautions, and the wise advice of our scientists. I’ve sewn face masks, purchased a box of disposable ones, and have hand sanitizer throughout the house. Lysol and Clorox have become my best friends - externally, that is.

I’ve learned that growing my own tomatoes is a good way to devote three months of my life to save \$2.17, and

I finished two books yesterday. That’s a lot of coloring. I’m grateful to my cell phone for keeping me connected with friends. One of them confided that she got pulled over the other day for driving in the HOV lane on I-5. The patrolman asked where her passenger was. She told him that due to “social distancing” her husband was in the car behind her.

I would imagine *Gleanings* will pop up again when Bay Club activities resume, but meanwhile stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy the *Port Ludlow Voice* in its modified form, with “Features” treating readers to a cadre of local writers. Detailed information about clubs, organizations, community events, concerts and plays will return when the Bay Club and Beach Club doors open once again.

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 reopens and sizable gatherings are permitted. Please don’t hesitate to contact us with your questions about life in Port Ludlow. To learn more about SBCA news and events, you can visit plsbc.org.





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Sports & Games

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Leagues News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA and Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson

Port Ludlow Lady Niners' Captain, Sharon Russell, announced that due to the current extraordinary circumstances, the Lady Niners "Best of Three Rounds Captain's Cup Tournament" will not be held. Instead, on **September 3**, the Lady Niners will play a single round competition entitled, "The Captain's Cup Challenge." This tournament consists of three holes of "Best Ball," three holes of "Scramble," and three holes of "Fewest Putts."

The August 27 couples golf event was well attended. Members will be notified by email from Golf Genius of Niners Couples' events in September and October. If members are interested in playing, they should sign up on Golf Genius.

While some traditional Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) events, such as the Mid-Season Luncheon, have been canceled, two traditional tournaments will be played in September. The PLWGA Club Championship will be held on **September 1, 2, and 4**. The two team "All Star Tournament" will be held on **September 15**. PLWGA Captain Linda Bloemeke announced that the award presentation ceremony that usually takes place at the fall banquet, will not be held this year, but that the presentation of tournament awards will take place in a unique format.

After play, small groups of league members have been taking advantage of social distancing dining on the Dusty Green Café's outside patio. Members report that the food is delicious. Thanks to the leadership of General Manager of Golf, Dick Schmidt, and the work of his excellent crew, the fairways and greens have never been better. With the sudden interest in golf as an activity that can be pursued during Phase Two of the COVID-19 rules, Head PGA Professional Tyler Sweet and Assistant Professional Adam Barrows have been giving many lessons and the course is busier than it has been in years.

Port Ludlow PLWGA Captain, Linda Bloemeke, and Lady Niners' Captain, Sharon Russell, welcome new prospective members to play with the PLWGA on Tuesday mornings or the Lady Niners' on Thursday mornings. Individuals should contact the Pro Shop Desk at the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) for additional membership information. Please note: PLGC Membership is required for participation in any of the PLGC golf leagues.

Port Ludlow Hiking

by Dan Darrow

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

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@olypen.com.

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

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

Friday, September 4 – Royal Basin

One of the premier hikes in the Olympics. Seven miles each way with 2,400 feet of elevation gain; thus, rated difficult. It is a long but generally gradual trek to a beautiful alpine lake. Get a nice feel for the wilderness of the Olympics. Information: Burt Peterson, 360-437-0849.

Friday, September 18 – Lower Gray Wolf

This is a moderate hike of five to six miles with 600 feet of elevation gain. The traditional hike follows an old logging road and then meets up with the Gray Wolf River. Enjoy the fall colors and a side trip on Cat Creek Loop. Information: Jack Riggen, 360-437-0370.

Friday, October 2 – to be announced

The excursion for this date is yet to be determined. Those on the hiking email list will be notified.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

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Trail Mix

by Merrily Mount, Chair, PLVC Trails Committee



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We certainly have been having a stellar summer with warm days and cool evenings here in Port Ludlow—a wonderful time to be doing walk-abouts, bicycling, kayaking/ canoeing, or just relaxing here close to home .

This past month the PLVC Trails committee hosted a chainsaw training and certification course and our program was well attended by six local residents. This program was coordinated by the PLVC Trails committee maintenance coordinator, Tim Rensema, who leads another group of ‘silent service’ volunteers. This group of individuals keeps our trails safe and secure for our personal enjoyment. When a tree has fallen across one of our thirty miles of trails here in Port Ludlow, members of this team are out as soon as possible to remove the clear and present danger.

Our program instructor for the chainsaw certification was Tom Mix. He is a member of the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington–Peninsula Chapter in Port Angeles. This organization clears and maintains trails for everyone to use in our national parks and forests, works to keep trails open for horses, and teaches horse users to practice Leave-No-Trace principles. They are a volunteer organization. There was no charge for the chainsaw training. Each participant also attended a First Aid class taught by our local resident, Gail Champong.

Take time to untether yourself. Take a walk on one of your local trails and observe nature, work off a few pounds, spot your favorite bird, and just relax and be. Thoreau stated, “It’s not what you look at that matters, it’s what you see.”

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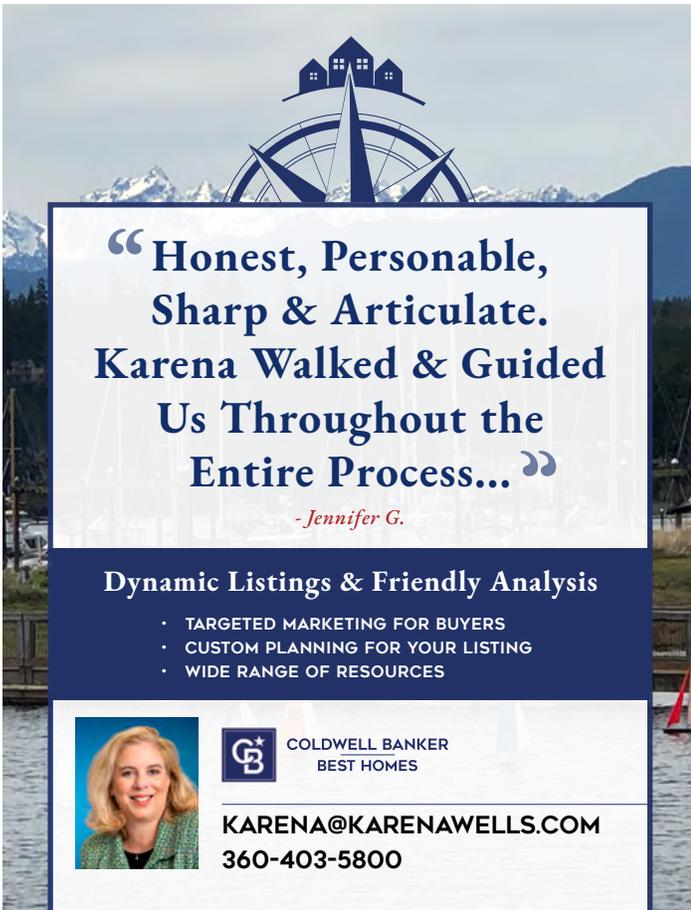
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