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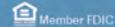
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Feature Articles

June 2020, Moving into Summer

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer

When I first joined the staff of the *Port Ludlow Voice* in June 2019, I started writing articles regarding something significant during the publication month. The first item focused on a full-on tribute to fathers. In subsequent issues, I explored everything from Thanksgiving Day to April Fools Day.

Not wishing to revisit the Father's Day phenom, or to discuss Flag Day (also covered in 2019), I explored the web for other "significants" in June. There will be both a lunar eclipse (penumbral, on June 5) and a solar eclipse (annular, on June 21), but neither will be visible in our locale. I did find it interesting that Father's Day, the solar eclipse, and the Summer Solstice all coincide—almost ... within hours.

Per the website for the *Farmer's Almanac*, the first day of summer arrives with the solstice on Saturday, June 20 at 5:44 p.m. EDT. For those of us in the Northern Hemisphere, this marks the longest day of the year and the moment when the Sun reaches the Tropic of Cancer, its highest point. For those who live in the Southern Hemisphere, this is the *shortest* day of the year and the arrival of winter. The solstice happens at the same moment for everyone, everywhere on Earth. And, of course, Father's Day begins at 12:01 a.m. June 21—varying with the different time zones throughout our country and the planet. The solar eclipse is also set for June 21 ... way over there in the East, the Far East.

I found the *Farmer's Almanac* website fascinating. But then, I grew up with the *Farmer's Almanac* (which has been around since 1818). The corn and wheat growers in Nebraska (not to mention milo and sorghum) relied heavily on the *Almanac*—when to plant, when to harvest. Was it going to be a wet or dry year? The newsprint tome was the other "Good Book" in the farm belt of our country. From the website, I affirmed the term "solstice" came from the Latin words *sol* (sun) and *sistere* (to stand still). At the solstice, "the angle between the Sun's rays and the plane of the Earth's equator (called declination) appears to stand still. This phenomenon is most noticeable at the Arctic Circle where the Sun hugs the horizon for a continuous 24 hours," thus the term "Land of the Midnight Sun."

Some people believe seasons are caused by the Earth's changing distance from the Sun. In reality, it is "due to the 23-degree tilt of the Earth's axis that the Sun appears above the horizon for different lengths of time at different seasons. The tilt determines whether the Sun's rays strike at a low angle or more directly."

The New Year began at the solstice in Ancient Egypt because it coincided with the rising of the Nile River, a crucial time due to the typical annual flooding. European cultures hold Midsummer celebrations at the solstice, most notably the gathering at Stonehenge. In centuries past, the Irish would cut hazel branches on solstice eve to be used in searching for gold, water, and

precious jewels—just like water-witching, or finding the pot o' gold at the end of the rainbow.

A final note - Be sure to look at your noontime shadow on the solstice. It will be your shortest noontime shadow of the year.

A Tale of Three Trails

by John Goldwood, Contributing Writer

Although Port Ludlow is indeed "A Village in the Woods by the Bay," it is also true that we live in a community that was conceived and developed by a timber company. Additionally, we are surrounded by timber lands, both privately owned or publicly owned, that are actively managed and harvested on a defined schedule, just as corn, soybeans, wheat, and other crops are planted and harvested on an annual schedule throughout our agricultural lands. The interface areas such as Port Ludlow, where residential property owners border the timber lands, provide much opportunity for friction and frequently painful outcomes for those who were either unaware or misunderstood the impact of their property location.

We are blessed with approximately 30 miles of Port Ludlow hiking trails that were created and are maintained by resident volunteers, and this article explores three trails in the context of understanding the impact of timber harvesting over time. The Teal Lake, Timberton, and Ludlow Falls trails provide an excellent view of timber land recently harvested, timber land logged perhaps 20 years ago, and an amazing oasis of mature and old-growth forest enveloping Ludlow Creek as it flows into Ludlow Bay.

Teal Lake Trail: The Nursery Within The Cemetery

The Teal Lake Trail, one of our more recently developed trails, provides a 2.4 mile loop hike through recently harvested and re-planted timberland. It is a great trail to experience how nature responds to "clear-cut" logging and provides a view into the regenerative processes that transition a seemingly dead landscape to a healthy stand of timber. I use the word "cemetery" in the subhead above because there are indeed memorials—wooden rather than granite or marble—to the trees and forest that covered much of Jefferson County and Port Ludlow prior to the advent of commercial logging here in the mid-1800s. The memorials are, of course, what we know more commonly as stumps, but for me they represent a rapidly deteriorating reminder of the huge trees that grew for thousands of years prior to the arrival of commercial logging. How huge? An 1897 photograph in the book *Kinsey: Photographer* (a fascinating book currently available, used, on Amazon) captures a Western Red Cedar growing near Snoqualmie Falls, Washington, with a circumference of 100 feet and a diameter of 32 feet. Currently, the largest Western Red Cedar in Washington state appears to be located near Lake Quinalt, on Washington's Pacific Coast, and is only 18 feet in diameter. The largest Sitka Spruce is also found at Lake Quinalt, and is estimated to be about 1,000 years old, with a diameter exceeding 18 feet.

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The Teal Lake Trail provides an excellent opportunity to view how our local lands respond to industrial logging. As you hike, look at the huge stumps spread across the landscape. Those stumps define what existed here for thousands of years: what we now call old-growth forest. After those giants were felled in the late 1800s, new trees were planted and then harvested when they were perhaps 40 to 50 years old. I estimate that the cycle of logging and replanting happened on the lands surrounding this trail at least three times, with the most recent harvest occurring several years ago.

In current practice, after the trees have been felled and removed, broad-spectrum herbicides are sprayed over the recently logged acreage to kill virtually all plants and shrubs, and replanting occurs. That replanting has already occurred on the Teal Lake acreage, so look carefully as you hike and you will see the beginnings of the next forest: young Douglas Fir trees establishing a foothold on the land, along with the first wave of colonizing plants and shrubs that will eventually conceal what was, only a short time ago, a devastated landscape. Our Teal Lake Trail is perhaps the best trail for understanding Aristotle's statement that "Nature abhors a vacuum." The dead zone that existed after the last timber harvest is being replaced with plants, nesting birds, and mammals large and small as nature refills the vacuum after the last harvest.

The Timberton Trail: Ecological Diversity, 20 Years Later

This 4.2 mile loop trail is my favorite trail in Port Ludlow. Before logging began, the forest here would have looked very similar to the original forest described at Teal Lake. The old-growth stumps are still visible here, but harder to see unless you really search for them as you hike. I am guessing that the last harvest on some of this land occurred 40 years ago, while the most recent harvest and replanting (perhaps 20 years ago) can be seen on the western edge of the trail, overlooking Highway 19. Much of the landscape along this trail at some point looked just as the Teal Lake landscape looks today.

Hike this trail to see how natural processes reclaim the land. The trail leads you past beaver dams and ponds those dams create. You will hike through both dense coniferous forest—the result of replanting after the last logging—as well as beautiful deciduous forests of Big-Leaf Maple and Red Alder. Hiking the Timberton Trail also reminds me that we live on the edge of wildness. Look west from the western edge of the trail to the Olympic Mountains; draw on a map a straight line from there to the Pacific Ocean and the only interruptions to wildness are a few highways, some farms in a few fertile valleys, and of course the timberlands that are harvested but eventually return at least briefly to wildness as well. Understand that view and it will be no surprise that we enjoy visits from black bears, cougars, bobcats, and coyotes. Although much of that territory is not wilderness, it is definitely wildness.

In casual conversation, I often hear reference to the "danger" involved in hiking the Timberton, specifically due to fear of attack by black bears or cougars. Although every experience on our more remote trails offers some element of risk, the potential for even single hikers to be targeted by bears or cougars is exceedingly low, and if you hike with a friend or family member, even less. Do *not* miss this trail. It is one of our best.

Ludlow Falls Trail—Old-Growth Sanctuary

To see the true Pacific Northwest old-growth forest that once covered our entire region, a visit to the Hoh Rainforest provides one of the most accessible experiences. If you have not yet been there, it is well worth the visit (once the park reopens.) However, that trip entails a three-hour drive each way, making for either a long day trip or an overnight to allow enough time to fully appreciate the rainforest.

As an alternative, consider the Ludlow Falls Trail. The Ludlow Creek watershed, which extends far upstream into the Beaver Valley, eventually funnels all its collected waters into the cascade that is Ludlow Falls, just before the stream slips under Paradise Bay Road and out to Ludlow Bay. The forest surrounding the falls is encountered via an easily accessible half-mile loop trail, or it can be walked as an even shorter out-and-back trail for those who might find the steep portions of the loop trail too difficult. Walk any part of this trail and you will be treated to a view of Western Red Cedar trees that are clearly hundreds of years old. You might also notice wildflowers not found elsewhere in Port Ludlow bordering some parts of the trail. As a bonus, on those two or three days each year when it actually gets hot in Port Ludlow, stepping into that woodland will offer a cool "forest bath" that is 10 to 20 degrees Fahrenheit cooler than the surrounding area only a few hundred yards away.

The term "old-growth forest" is somewhat open to scientific debate and classification. For those of us with a passion for natural history, to see true old-growth forest requires a visit to the Hoh, where thousands of acres of forest have never been disturbed by logging, and many individual trees of multiple species have attained an age in the many hundreds of years, and for some a thousand years or more. The Ludlow Falls Trail offers a "near old-growth" experience; although it has been logged and the true giants of that forest are gone, individual trees hundreds of years old—combined with an undisturbed forest understory that is likely approaching a century or longer—provide a great local alternative.

For many of us, and for me personally, it can be painful to see a recently harvested plot of forest land. My hope is that this article might increase awareness of our natural world's capacity for healing itself over time. If you hike only the three trails mentioned above, you can observe in one or two days the regenerative effects that take many years to complete. Enjoy our trails!



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Logging Terms Made Easy

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer

Port Ludlow was an old logging and mill town. In fact, logging still occurs today through Olympic Resources (soon to be Rayonier). Many old logging terms are still active in today's logging industry. Skid road means much the same as it did in the 1800s, though with more modern equipment. Grease monkey evolved to be an auto mechanic of the 1960s. Springboard transitioned to mean an event that lends impetus or assistance to a particular action. A logjam is no longer a common occurrence in logging since river drives were prohibited in the 1970s but still means that some opposition has occurred in a transaction to halt the operation. Finally, "greasing the skids" is a very common term for ensuring all hurdles in a project or plan have been dealt with, either legally or illegally.

Skid roads were constructed in Seattle in the late 1800s to get logs out of the base of the Cascades and down into Seattle to Henry Yesler's mill. A skid road was made up of logs usually twelve to eighteen inches in diameter about ten feet apart along a cleared trail. They were usually notched in the middle so that logs dragged by horse or oxen would "skid" down the middle of the road. They were rarely longer than two miles. Later, mechanized skidders were developed, usually cut in the forest, to allow for economical harvesting of the trees in a herringbone manner. In Seattle, "skid roads" developed into shanty towns where loggers came to blow their pay on liquor and women. Originally, saloons and bawdyhouses were constructed along the skid road to Yesler's Mill. These areas would draw drunks and the poor, thus leading to the modern use of the term "skid row" where crime and poverty prevailed.

Grease monkey and "greasing the skids" both evolved from skidding logs. Usually a young man (or boy) would run ahead of the oxen/horses greasing the notch in the skid logs with grease boiled out of dogfish livers that the Indians would sell. This was the worst job in logging, which is why it was given to those just breaking into the business. These "grease monkeys" would grease the skids to make the haul of logs much easier. Grease monkeys in the recent past were mechanics working on machines, because they got grease and oil all over. Greasing the skids in general means to bribe regulators or officials to ensure a project or plan goes through without any problems.

Another term used mostly in river logging is logjam, which explains where a raft of logs have caught on the shore or rocks and starts to back up the stream or river. Moving the logs can be extremely dangerous, so jobs paid well for those using pikes and peaveys (a tool to move logs) and caulk boots to clear the jam. This required those men to go out on the jam and work it. Sometimes TNT was necessary to clear the jam. Logjam still means the same thing today, where some obstacle such as a regulation or a physical obstruction halts production.

Finally, we have a term for a board that was used by loggers into the 20th century to cut above the bulge of the tree (where pitch pockets and the spread of the trunk, as well as thicker bark, swelled the trunk). Notches, sometimes ten foot above the base of the tree, were cut to fit the end of the wood board

about five inches wide and four feet long into the notch. This provided a stable base for the fellers (using two bladed axes and crosscut saws) to notch the tree in the direction of the fall. Then, the boards would be moved to make the felling cut. Today, throughout Port Ludlow you can still see these stumps, usually four to ten feet high with the notches still cut in them. Springboards, as a term, are now used to denote a starting position to advance into a successful venture of some sort, to act as a "springboard" to successful actions.



Springboard stump.

Submitted photo

When walking the trails and roads of Port Ludlow, look for the springboard trees with a better understanding of the logger, ten feet above the ground, swinging his axe in sequence with his partner, cutting chunks of wood larger than the size of a boot.

These terms were taken from Murray Morgan's "*The Last Wilderness*," (1955) which provides an excellent base for understanding early logging on the Olympic Peninsula.

Pottable Fruit Trees

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

Of course, trees require larger pots. Be sure to consider the size of the plant and the length of its roots. You are probably looking for pots that are at least 20 inches in diameter. Many dwarf varieties do well in pots. North Pole is a columnar apple that reaches a maximum of eight feet with stubby branches; fruit forms on the trunk and branches. You might try to espalier an apple on the railing or a trellis. Even full-sized apple trees can be contained this way.

Try self-fruited dwarf peaches such as El Dorado and cherry trees like Dwarf North Star. They will fruit even in colder climates. Another cold climate producer is Brown Turkey, a fig tree that can be maintained at six feet and produces figs every year.

More reasonable for novice container gardeners are berries and brambles. The Bushel and Berry series has berry varieties like Blueberry Glaze and Jelly Bean, both are blueberries that stay two to three feet tall and wide and are good producers;

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and brambles such as Baby Cakes (blackberry) and Raspberry Shortcake, both are good summer producers.

Since they are all perennials, plant them in good compost to help with nutrient absorption and water retention and fertilize regularly to keep them producing. Also, some may need winter protection. Fortunately, apples go dormant and can tolerate freezing temperatures. Others, like citrus, you will need to move indoors. For the rest, try insulating them with burlap filled with straw, and don't forget to winter water.

Bacon Redone

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

This self-quarantine has resulted in more cooking than usual. Looking for inspiration, I sorted and filed a pile of old recipes. I found one quick, easy, tasty bacon recipe that you may want to try.

Preheat your oven to 425 degrees. Lay out a pound of thick-cut bacon (do not let the pieces touch) in a large rimmed pan lined with parchment paper. I use a jelly roll pan. Sprinkle each piece with dark brown sugar and a few grinds of black or red pepper. Place into the oven for 15 to 20 minutes; I like 15 minutes. Even though the bacon is not crisp, it will crisp when you reheat it. Enjoy!

Eating Around

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

I don't know about you, but I miss my outings to good restaurants in the area. As one of my friends said about his own cooking, "I don't know how this restaurant stays open!" Takeout from the local places is really helpful, but I have discovered GBF (God Bless Food) to be a real boon during this time of sheltering in place.

GBF owner Thysen Scott's passion is food, and he comes from a family of restaurateurs. His father owns seven Seattle-area restaurants where he has cooked and managed in the past. Scott's flooring business brought him to Jefferson County in 2007. He and his wife Debi married three years later.

In 2013, they started GBF Catering, and he won the Best Chef category in the *Port Townsend Leader* Reader Poll for 2016, 2017, and 2019. Then COVID-19 hit, and March 12 was the last day that GBF catered to the public. About two weeks later, the Scotts launched the dinners-to-go service in Port Ludlow.

Each week on their website, gbfcatering.org, they offer a completely different meal for pick-up on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Each reasonably priced meal offers an entrée, starch, vegetable, salad, and dessert.

You need to pre-order and pay online before the pick-up day. Then you can drive up and collect your meal between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. where GBF is set up behind Grace Christian Center (near the resort). The entrées are still warm, and the salads are chilled.

When you pick up your dinner, you'll see a table with bottles of wine for sale from Marrowstone Vineyards (another way to help a small business). If the entrée is seafood, grab a bottle of *viognier*; if it's beef, a bottle of *sangiovese* would be perfect. Yes, they cost more than the wines at QFC, but this is a pandemic. Let's splurge. When you get home, light a candle, and use your best china. *Bon Appétit, everybody.*

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Civil War Visit - A Recommendation

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer



Chatham House, Falmouth, Virginia.

Photo by Tim Rensema

I was a volunteer at the Fredericksburg Civil War Battlefield National Park Office for about four years. The park is named for the major Civil War battle with Major General Ambrose Burnside (Union) against Gen Robert E. Lee (Confederate) in Fredericksburg, Virginia. The park covers four major battlefields for the battles that occurred from 1862 to 1864 within twenty miles of each other. Fredericksburg is just sixty miles south of Washington, D.C., but that was a substantial distance during the Civil War. The first battle was Fredericksburg (December 1862), followed by Chancellorsville (May 1863), with Major General Joseph Hooker for the Union and Lee for the Confederacy; and finally, the Wilderness and Spotsylvania Courthouse as part of Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant's Overland Campaign in May 1864 on his way to Petersburg and the end of the war.

Fredericksburg is a great place to start your visit. The National Park staff and the volunteers are amazing sources of knowledge and are tremendously helpful. The battlefields are protected by both the National Park Service (NPS) and Virginia and National non-profits. You will need at least three days to enjoy the experience. Chatham, an antebellum mansion, is the headquarters for the Park Service and is on the opposite side of the Rappahannock River from Fredericksburg. The mansion was damaged by Confederate artillery fire during the battle. The city of Fredericksburg still retains the splendor of the city in the 1860s, but with great restaurants, antique stores, and ice cream shops. When you walk through Fredericksburg, you are walking the same routes that thousands of Union soldiers walked 160 years ago, many to their deaths. Finally, the National Battlefield Cemetery is a must see, where most of the graves are of unknown

soldiers from all of the battles. Total casualties (wounded, killed, missing) of the Union for the four battles were 66,053 and 39,600 for the Confederacy. Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville were victories for the Confederacy, and hopes were high after Chancellorsville that the Confederacy would gain European support for the South. Gettysburg occurred after Chancellorsville and quashed all hopes of that support.

Chancellorsville was a very famous battle. It was the place where Stonewall Jackson outflanked Hooker, and a smaller Confederate force defeated a much superior Union Army. Jackson was wounded by a North Carolina unit in the late afternoon and died later of his wounds at Guinea Station.

Chancellorsville is relevant to me as my great-grandfather was wounded there as an 18-year-old soldier with the 124th New York (NY) Volunteers (the Orange Blossoms). He was shot in the right arm and his arm was amputated. He went on to become a successful sheriff back in Orange County, New York, and an active member of the GAR (Grand Army of the Republic). My great-grandfather was one of five cousins who fought in E Company, 124th NY.

When Grant took over as Commander of the Armies, he traveled with the Army of Potomac which was under Major General George Meade. Talk about having your boss looking over your shoulder (remember Meade had just fought his first battle as the Union Army Commander at Gettysburg). Essentially, the Overland Campaign was Grant trying to get around Lee, pick the best place for a battle, and use his superior forces to defeat Lee's forces and remove them as a functional fighting force—not to take Richmond or some other physical place. "Lee anticipated Grant's movement and was successful in selecting the best defensible terrain to block Grant's advance." At the Wilderness battle, there were many square miles of brush similar to our Himalayan blackberry and very small trees that would not let a deer pass through. When these woods caught fire, the wounded could not escape. Many soldiers stumbled on the remains of soldiers who had fought during Chancellorsville one year earlier. At the Wilderness, Lieutenant General James Longstreet, one of Lee's Corps Commanders, conducted a surprise attack around the flank of the Union forces just like Jackson had done at Chancellorsville, and was also shot by Confederate Virginia forces. This removed one of Lee's most trusted commanders for some time. To lose two Corps Commanders to friendly fire was disastrous. While it instilled confidence and pride in the commanders, they could not be replaced with the same quality of commander.

Finally, we had Spotsylvania Courthouse about 10 miles south of the Wilderness. This battle was brutal. The union attacked the entrenched Confederates who were behind a stone wall for many hours during the rains of late spring. It was a very personal battle at the Mule Shoe and Bloody Angle with mostly hand to

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hand combat. One of my great-grandfather’s cousins, Corporal William Howell, was killed at Spotsylvania Courthouse. While the battlefield is a bit remote, the area around it for the most part is still rural. Encroachment is slowly occurring with the suburban spread to Washington, D.C. Still, on a foggy morning walking the Spotsylvania Court House Battlefield, you can almost hear the cries of men both in battle and in pain. I spent many an hour walking the battlefield (ten minutes from my home) and assisting in talks with the NPS.

The “battlefield area” is not confined to these four major battles, but also has many smaller battlefields: Rappahannock Station, North Anna, and Cedar Mountain are just three that are very close by. In fact, just south of North Anna at Yellow Tavern, James Ewell Brown Stuart (JEB Stuart), the Commander of the Confederate Cavalry, was killed in an exchange with the Union Cavalry. Another lesser known area that the United States government inadvertently protected was the Winter Quarters for the Confederate Second Corp (Jackson’s Corp) located near Bowling Green, covering most of Fort A.P. Hill. You can still easily see the defensive trenches almost completely encircling A.P. Hill, as well as rectangular “cut outs” in hills where small cabins with canvas roofs were constructed during the winter. Jackson’s Corp was made up of four divisions. While not as large as a Union Division, that still meant thousands of men and hundreds of “campgrounds” shared the space with residents, causing much consternation.

The trails through these battlefields are great and well-marked. Where else could you see four major battles and a beautiful 1860s city that remains pristine? The interpretation is as good as any Civil War site. The Chatham House is entrancing and very much worth the visit—make sure you see the dumb waiter that was installed later when the kitchen was moved to the basement. Also, stay away from the female *gingko biloba* trees unless you wish for skunks to be your only companions (meaning they stink). The beer and cider is great in the restaurants of Fredericksburg. You can find Greek, German, French, and Italian cuisine in Fredericksburg. While the Union lost almost twice as many men as the Confederates, the Confederates could ill afford to lose the manpower and resources in 1864. The loss of two Corps Commanders in Jackson and Longstreet, while not tactically threatening, did remove two highly skilled advisors to Lee. Gettysburg has great tactics, conflicts, and terrain challenges, as well as a very large and well-informed professional staff. However, Fredericksburg has all that and then some. If you’re looking for a great Civil War experience far from the madding crowds, but within driving distance of D.C., try Fredericksburg, Virginia, for a very pleasurable experience. Probably the best time to visit is the mid to late spring. The weather is usually clear and warm, the flowers are coming out, and the trees are breaking bud. The crowds really don’t start until after school is out for the children, so enjoy a slow walk along the many trails and imagine the terrible conflicts going on for three years of the Civil War.

Trail Walking

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

What did I find on my walk today?

I found every shade of green that exists in the universe
Giant ferns their dark fronds lazily arranged
Tiny pale tendrils reaching out as I strode by
Myriad greens taking their hue from dappled sunlight

What did I find on my walk today?

I found bright orange poppies tumbling down a hillside
Snow capped mountain views in the distance
Blue water lapping at hulls of anchored boats
A rapid heartbeat, a quicker step, and
Peace like an envelope to slide inside and close the flap

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News

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Chimacum Schools Update and Resources

by Rick Thompson, Chimacum School District Superintendent

Thank you for your interest in Chimacum students. We are following health department and state education guidelines closely. School is in session with a remote, continuous learning model. Students are advancing, adapting, and continuing their studies.

Keep on Learning—We Can Do This

I've held electronic forums with staff in recent weeks so I can hear what is going well and what the challenges are. We realize that this is an incredibly challenging time for families, and we know the stress is far wider than changes to the school systems. Teachers are reporting that student engagement is their number one challenge at this time; they are also waiting for some of our families to engage. Teachers are working with their students now, miss their students who have not checked in, are ready to engage creatively with different learning experiences, and are incredibly flexible and accommodating for family needs.

Teachers are making phone calls and connecting with a variety of technology such as Skyward, email, Class Dojo, and Bloomz. Schools have developed remote academic schedules and can point families to learning resources. Staff members have been calling each family to check in and connect them to teachers.

In regard to grading, no Fs will be given; however receiving an "Incomplete" score will cause students to fall behind, and they will need to make up the work. High school teachers will issue letter grades A, B, C, D, or Incomplete.

Read, Read, Read!

I am very concerned about our youngest students who are learning to read. The momentum in reading development needs to continue—it is absolutely critical for academic success. We have books of all sorts that are available for checkout. There is no better time than now to read.

Class of 2020

We are focusing on senior students as well. We did receive a state board waiver for seniors, but they still have work to do. It is important that senior students check in now with counselor Barb Fogerson. Waivers will be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Principal David Carthum is forming an advisory committee that will explore graduation options. Like other schools, we are looking for creative solutions if we cannot commence in person.

Support Resources

Food delivery continues at the main campus, Chimacum Creek Primary, and through bus routes. We are helping families with

nutrition from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. each workday. We deliver several thousand meals a week. Drivers and paraeducators are dropping off schoolwork at the same time.

Technology support is available. We have laptops for checkout and WiFi hot spots for downloading. Jefferson Public Utility District also has WiFi hot spots at jeffpud.org/pud-adding-wifi-hotspots. We can check out more laptops if families have more than one student.

We are continuing support for special-needs students as well. A wide variety of support staff and specialists are facilitating family engagement.

We have posted community resources and related information on our website csd49.org. Counselors are working each day with families to provide support and resources.

For additional information visit k12.wa.us and click on "Coronavirus" for state guidance about topics like attendance and grading.

If you have questions or concerns, here is a list of contacts:

- Chimacum School District helpline, 360-302-5890
- Special Services P-21, Holly Patton, holly_patton@csd49.org
- K-2 Primary Principal, Kyle Ehlis, kyle_ehlis@csd49.org
- 3-6 Elementary School Principal, Jason Lynch, jason_lynch@csd49.org
- 7-12 Principal, David Carthum, david_carthum@csd49.org
- Superintendent Rick Thompson, rick_thompson@csd49.org

Feel free to contact me directly at rick_thompson@cads49.org. Thanks for your ongoing support. We can do this!

Spring Bird Migration on the Olympic Peninsula

as presented by the Jefferson Land Trust

Many birds are on the move during spring. Thousands arrive on our peninsula, often stopping here to rest and eat, or taking up residence for the summer. Others who have wintered here have left and are on their way to their own nesting grounds farther afield.

If you look for it, you can see some of this extraordinary seasonal activity in your backyard and beyond. To see what a few of these birds are up to, watch a short video, saveland.org/spring-migration-on-the-olympic-peninsula. Land trust volunteer and nature photographer Kerry Tremain created it to support the organization's new Nature in Your Neighborhood program.

The Jefferson Land Trust is celebrating 30 years of community conservation in Jefferson County. Learn more about protecting farms, fish, and forests for future generations, and about supporting the efforts of the land trust, at saveland.org.

Rescue in Port Ludlow Bay

by Lori Longo, Port Ludlow Yacht Club Communications Officer



PLYC members Tom and Linda Britton.

Submitted photo

We are thankful for Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC) members Tom and Linda Britton whose decisive actions and excellent seamanship led to the rescue of a jet ski operator on April 16. We later learned that the jet ski operator will be fine. Retired Coast Guard member and former PLYC Commodore Peter Joseph witnessed the event and had these observations:

“At approximately 1430, a man on a jet ski lost control as he entered the harbor and was thrown or fell off the jet ski. Tom and Linda Britton, on

their trawler *Dreamtime*, saw him go over and they headed in that direction. Upon arrival, it was evident that the person was unable assist in his rescue. In the interim, Tom had called the marina and Linda called 911. The fire and rescue boat went out and transferred the patient and eventually brought him to the fuel dock. We are all grateful for a positive outcome.”

Although, PLYC is currently closed for social events, we look forward to getting back together soon. Please consider joining us and your first meal will be free, with one of the flag officers as your host for the night. To express your interest in visiting PLYC, please complete the form on our website, plyc.us/visit.

FWG Donates \$25,000 to COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund

The Fund for Women & Girls (FWG) of Jefferson County has made a \$25,000 donation to the Jefferson County Community Foundation’s COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund. This contribution will support local response and recovery efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Fund for Women & Girls has been dedicated to supporting women and girls in Jefferson County since 2006. Its primary fundraiser is the Port Townsend Wearable Art Show, begun 10 years ago. The May 9, 2020, show had to be canceled due to the pandemic.

More than 80 percent of the people who had already purchased tickets took no refund, donating the money to the FWG instead. The FWG steering committee then decided to augment that with its annual grant funds of \$12,000 to donate a total of \$25,000 to the Jefferson County COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund.

“It was clear that our funds should go directly to those in greatest need,” said Tina McCleese, chairperson of the FWG and Wearable Art Show steering committees. The FWG gift augments donations from 360 other people and organizations, and brings the total raised for the COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund to just over \$385,000. To date, the fund has granted \$292,000 to Jefferson County nonprofits providing services to people impacted by COVID-19.

“To make this pivot so quickly – transitioning both the show and their grant to focus on the moment at hand – is an extraordinary example of responsive and flexible charitable giving,” said Siobhan Canty, President and Chief executive Officer, of the Jefferson Community Foundation.

Information about grants the Fund is making to community organizations – and about how to contribute – can be found at JCFgives.org.

Online Library Events & Summer Reading Program

Based on the Governor’s extension of the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order through the end of May, which keeps the library closed to the public, library staff have created engaging and fun programs for June that will be delivered online live via Zoom.

Adults can play trivia, learn coffee painting crafts, join a book discussion group, or learn about computer apps for health and wellness.

“LIVE Online!” is the story for Summer Reading programs at Jefferson County Library in 2020. The Summer Reading Program will kick off on **Friday, June 19**, for all ages with free t-shirts for reading milestones, as well as programs for kids, teens, and adults.

On **Thursday, June 25**, teens can join a Zoom session to learn about animation with Jim Bradrick. Jim has been animating and illustrating from the Pacific Northwest since 1980.

On **Tuesday, June 30**, kids, and their families can join The Museum of Flight to learn about Flying Creatures. Using portable wind tunnels, kids and families can design and test different flying “creatures” using basic household materials.

The library hopes to be able to provide other limited services as of June 1, including curbside pickup at the library, delivery of materials by the Bookmobile, HomeLibrary service, and Interlibrary Loan. However, these dates are subject to change if government orders and/or health department recommendations are adjusted.

Please continue to watch our website and social media for updates and check out all of the online events we continue to offer by visiting jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/upcoming.

Jefferson Healthcare Update to the Community

Sustained Reduction of COVID-19 Cases in Our Community

When our state was asked to stay home to help stop the spread of COVID-19, you responded. We could not be more grateful for your actions to protect our community and your outpouring of support. Together, our work has flattened the curve, resulting in a sustained reduction in COVID-19 cases in our community.

Maintaining Your Health Now

During this response, some of your medical care may have been postponed. Maintaining your health now is just as important as ever. Stay connected and reach out to your care team if you have questions about your health. Don't delay in getting the care you need.

We will continue to offer the convenience of telemedicine visits when appropriate for your care, and we are now able to safely expand our services to meet your in-person needs as well. These services include surgeries, procedures, and tests that may have previously been postponed.

When you need hands-on care in our clinics or hospital, know we are operating with the same attention to quality and safety you have grown to trust at Jefferson Healthcare.

Actions We Are Taking to Keep You Safe

We have measures in place to keep our healthcare system as safe as possible for you and your family, and we are following local, state, and federal guidelines that include the following:

- We ensure appropriate personal protective equipment and materials for our caregivers in all care settings.
- We screen everyone entering our clinics and hospital, including temperature checks for all staff and visitors.
- We ask that you do not bring family members or friends with you into the clinics and hospital unless you require assistance. Please bring no more than one support visitor with you.
- We staff our COVID Nursing Hotline, Respiratory Evaluation Station, and Testing Drive-thru Clinic to thoughtfully separate possible COVID-19 cases and minimize the risk of exposure in our clinics and hospital.
- We practice social distancing and limit patient volumes within all clinics and care areas.
- We continue to disinfect and sanitize high-frequency common areas and exam rooms after every patient.
- We have expanded COVID-19 testing for our patients undergoing non-emergency surgery procedures and tests.

Your health and safety have always been our top priorities. We will continue to monitor the community prevalence of COVID-19 to understand when we should either "dial up" or "dial down" our services as needed.

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

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

Joseph Mattern III, FFAFP & HMDC, Chief Medical Officer

Steven Butterfield, MD, FACP, FAAP, Chief Medical Officer, Medical Group

Tracie Harris, MD, FACP, Chief Medical Officer, Quality

Adapting to New Challenges

by Brad Martin, Port Ludlow Fire Chief

Like all residents, businesses, and local agencies in Jefferson County, Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue is adjusting to the "new normal."

Your fire district has been practicing social distancing when at all possible as we respond to calls and when transporting people to area hospitals. We are compliant with the recommended decontamination processes in our medic units. To date, none of our personnel have contracted the coronavirus.

Additionally, out of an abundance of caution, in March, with the uncertainty of long-term financial impacts to our community through a reduction of property tax payments, all non-essential spending was cut.

The yearly Wildland Fire Exercise, previously scheduled for the first week in June, has been canceled. It is important to note here that among the five fire districts in Jefferson County, there are over 60 firefighters trained to fight wildfires. Through that training, they have earned their Red Cards or Incident Qualification Cards, indicating what positions the card-holder is qualified to operate in when responding to a wildfire. The Red Card is generated from a training and qualification database run by federal and state agencies that work in cooperation with the National Wildfire Coordinating Group.

In recent months our website has been idle due to the passing of our webhost, who was a local resident. However, we have been working to get it refreshed and updated, so please be sure to check with us for the latest information and updates at plfr.org.

If you have any questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue provides, please contact me at 360-437-2236 or by email at bradmartin@plfr.org.

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Community Meetings

First Wednesday Luncheon

Due to the continuing closure of the Bay Club through July over COVID-19 concerns, the decision has been made to cancel June's First Wednesday Luncheon. Habitat for Humanity had been our scheduled program and every effort will be made to reschedule it in the Fall.

We thank you for your generous contributions for April. Remember that donations are still desperately needed and, because we are unable to meet in June, we once again count on your generosity so that we may continue to help the Food Bank throughout the summer. Please send your check (no cash, please) payable to the Tri-Area Food Bank to Janette Hammond, Treasurer, First Wednesday Luncheon, 670 Rainier Lane, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

Donations of bread, jellies and jams, canned soups, and chili are gratefully accepted at the Tri-Area Food Bank in Chimacum, 760 Chimacum Road on Tuesday's from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; on Wednesdays, you can deliver food to the back gate during that time. Please note: nothing homemade can be accepted, so save those yummy breads and jams for your family and friends.

We do hope things are opened up by September and that we are able to resume the First Wednesday Luncheon at that time. Stay healthy and enjoy your summer.

PLGC Cancelled Summer Arrangements

The **June 10** meeting of the Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) at the Bay Club has been cancelled. Members had been looking forward to discovering forest and garden offerings within the Bloedel Reserve through a presentation given by Cathy Tyler, the Bloedel Reserve florist for eleven years. The arborists and horticultural staff save branches and cuttings for making arrangements; Cathy gathers native foliage and flowers, and then begins layouts for twelve bouquets, eventually creating stunning presentations. How often do we look to our gardens as a source for our home décor? After Cathy Tyler's demonstration, we were hoping to envision such possibilities and were encouraged to bring flowers, boughs, and cuttings from our yards for Cathy's worktable.

However, at the time of this writing, the Bay Club has decided to remain closed through July. We hope to be able to reschedule Cathy at a later date. PLGC has some wonderful programs scheduled for the remainder of the year, so please continue to look for our articles. We will resume as soon as it is advisable.

Reminder to Dog Owners

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



Stamping and Paper Arts Club

The **June 17** meeting of the Stamping and Paper Arts Club has been canceled due to continuing uncertainty associated with the current health crisis. Keep on crafting and stay safe! For questions or updates, please contact Chris (chspag12@gmail.com) or Alice (foureyes22@outlook.com).



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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.

A Little Music in Our Lives

by Peggy Welker, PLPA Publicity Chairperson

Port Ludlow Performing Art's (PLPA) 2020 - 2021 season represents 30 years of bringing music and entertainment to Port Ludlow. However, at this moment, we cannot tell you if that season will even happen. A quick review of Governor Inslee's plan to reopen Washington indicates that gatherings of greater than 50 people will happen in Phase 4. Of course, the big unknown is when Phase 4 will occur.

As we hang around home trying to figure out how to stay engaged and in a positive frame of mind, let's not underestimate the value of music in our lives to keep us motivated and feeling good. A growing body of research attests that music therapy is more than a nice perk. It can improve medical outcomes and quality of life and is currently being used in medicine in a variety of ways, such as: easing anxiety and discomfort during medical procedures; restoring lost speech; reducing side effects of cancer therapy; helping with physical therapy and rehabilitation; aiding pain relief and improving quality of life for people with dementia.

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote, "Music is the universal language of mankind." Scientists at Harvard have just published the most comprehensive scientific study to date on music which supports the American poet's pronouncement. They found that across societies, music is associated with behaviors such as infant care, healing, dance, and love (among many others, like mourning, warfare, processions, and ritual). Examining lullabies, healing songs, dance songs, and love songs in particular, they discovered that songs that share behavioral functions tend to have similar musical features.

Personally, I have to fight the "lazy genes," and the surefire way to do that is to turn on some great music. A brisk walk is something I actually look forward to while listening to the Jason Mraz radio station through my headphones. My love of Zumba is 90 percent about the music and 10 percent about the exercise. So, the next time you are doing housework or yardwork, taking a walk, working on a puzzle, enjoying a glass of wine, or any other activity, tune in to your favorite music, and I guarantee it will improve the enjoyment of your activity.

As soon as our current situation allows, PLPA will resume bringing great music to Port Ludlow and the surrounding areas, and once again focus on our outreach mission of providing musical opportunities to the local schools. Thank you for all your

support and patience. Stay happy and healthy so we can all look forward to a time when we can once again enjoy music together!

It is important to keep a little music in your lives because, according to Plato, "Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind, flight to the imagination and life to everything."

Things to do While Sheltering at Home

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

After you have cleaned out your clothes closet (but where do you donate those vintage treasures?), thrown away those 10-year-old spices in the kitchen cupboard, written your Christmas cards, what do you do next? Here are some suggestions.

Recently, I've toured the world's most iconic museums, virtually of course. Some, I have already seen in person, but I have enjoyed the revisit. Go to travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours for an absolutely wonderful tour of the Louvre in Paris, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., the British Museum in London, the Guggenheim in New York, and many, many more. If you have visited in person, you will especially enjoy renewing those memories.

Closer to home, even though the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island is temporarily closed, they have Strolls at Home online, with a different theme every week. Check it out at bloedelreserve.org. The Northwind Arts Center has a program called Arts to Elders which in the past has taken live musical programs to residential homes for seniors in Port Townsend. During the center's shutdown, they have been taking the program to the parking lots of those homes. The residents sit in chairs outside or watch from their windows. The concerts are free, and everyone is invited. Just take your camp chair and enjoy a wonderful program. Go to northwindarts.org.

The Jefferson County Library has Third Thursday Trivia nights online. Fun, especially if you like a challenge.

The Seattle Symphony performs free broadcasts streamed through the symphony's social media channels on YouTube and Facebook. The musicians are donating their time, and the programs have been excellent.

Keep well and stay safe. Someday soon, hopefully, we will be able to enjoy all of the wonderful arts and entertainment that our community supports in real time.

Concerts in the Barn

Stay tuned for further exciting information about Quilcene's Concerts in the Barn. The quartet *Carpé Diem* will be performing every Saturday in July at 2:00 p.m. The concerts are free.

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Carol Nielsen



City Reflections by Carol Nielsen.

In the broadest sense, collage is a technique of pasting various materials on a single surface. But to Carol Nielsen, it's so much more.

When Nielsen moved to Port Ludlow, she studied with various artists in Port Townsend and Port Ludlow, learning a variety of techniques that she incorporates into her designs. She soon became an accomplished mixed-media collage artist.

Nielsen creates her own monoprint papers using acrylic paints, stencils, lines, textures, and stamps. Nielsen also incorporates other handmade papers in her collages. She consistently experiments with new and enhanced approaches to emphasize composition and movement in her pieces.

Nielsen's work has been exhibited at many venues in and around Port Ludlow, including the Port Ludlow Art Gallery, The Inn At Port Ludlow, and the Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock. Her artwork has been on display at the Northwind Art Center and Port Townsend juried exhibits *Response/Ability*, *Small Expressions 18* in 2019, and *Let's Play* in February 2020.

To view Nielsen's online art show, go to portludlowart.org/sound-community-bank.

Jeweler of the Month – Jolie Maki

Jolie Maki joins the Port Ludlow Art League as a multi-faceted artist. After a career in graphic design, Maki acquired a bachelor of fine arts degree in metal arts from the University of Washington. She manipulates metal using metalsmithing techniques such as forging, chasing/repoussé, stone setting, and wire wrapping. Metal as a medium provides an emphasis on structure that leads to innovative designs. Flat sheets of metal and lengths of wire afford infinite possibilities.



Jewelry by Jolie Maki.
Submitted photos

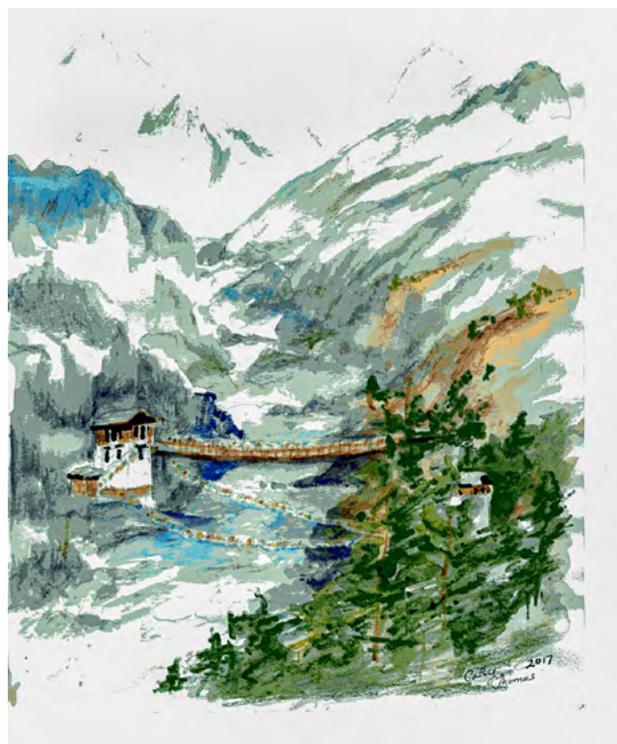
In the featured pendant pictured, Maki used enamels adhered to metal using the torch firing method combined with steel circles and metal in the shape of a fish.

To view Maki's innovative jewelry designs, go to portludlowart.org/gallery-2/. For information about both artists, email info@portludlowart.org.

Travel Group Art Show

Members of the Port Ludlow Art League will take you on a journey to faraway places, and you never have to leave your couch. Take a virtual tour composed of photographs and paintings in a variety of mediums depicting destinations from all over the world. After all, even as we are keeping our distance from one another, it doesn't mean we can't see the world.

To view the online art show, go to portludlowart.org/bay-club/. For more information, email info@portludlowart.org.



Bhutan, by Cathy Thomas.

Submitted photo

Spotlight

History of Port Ludlow DigitalLife

by Aven Andersen, Mary Ronen, Bob Graham, Bob Force, Robin Glass, Rick Thomas, and Shirley Sandoz

Port Ludlow DigitalLife is an all-volunteer, nonprofit service organization. It began as The Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC). But in 2012, with the passage of time and the onslaught of new digital devices, e.g., laptops, tablets, iPods, and smart phones and with the hope of attracting new members, the PLCC board decided to change the name to Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL). So now it's PLCC doing business as PLDL and still going strong.

PLCC's original mission was to enable members to maintain and improve their computer skills, facilitate the sharing of existing skills and new ideas, provide technical assistance, establish educational opportunities, provide the forum for computer industry contact, advise members on best buys, and foster relaxed social environments for these activities to take place. Today, the mission is pretty much the same.

In the early 1980s, personal computers came on the scene (Remember the Apple II?) and the internet was born. At the same time, a communication protocol was established to allow computers on different networks to communicate with each other; it was called the Transfer Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP). In the 1990s a couple of pioneer internet companies on the peninsula began installing networks. Thus, Port Ludlow residents could now use their personal computers to communicate with others and transmit email, documents, spreadsheets, and photographs.

In 1996, Port Ludlow had a population of 2,300 with an average age of 61. Few had much experience with computers or the internet. Pope Resources was still running the Bay Club. Shurli Elison was Pope's director of the Bay Club. She asked South Bay resident Bob Force if he would be interested in forming a computer group because a club of experienced computer users could help each other as well as other residents needing help in using all these new tools. Thus, on May 8, 1996, Bob and others started PLCC, and he was the first president. The first board consisted of Bob Force, Moulton Prussing, Warren Berg, Lee Barnes, and Larry Chockie. They named it the Port Ludlow Computer Club. Mary Ronen was an original member and editor of the PLCC newsletter, the *Icon*. Membership was open to North Bay and South Bay residents. Annual dues were set at \$15 per year to cover equipment, mailings, books, etc. Later, the club was opened to anyone who wanted to participate and pay the dues; some came from as far away as Port Townsend and Bremerton.



PLCC Workshop, 2008.

PLCC was successful immediately, consistently growing in membership, and it offered monthly, free community meetings, Saturday morning question-and-answer workshops, classes in digital photography, training in specific computer language and formatting, help with email and the Internet, and other things. But membership has dropped over the years as people became familiar with computers, software, and other digital devices. In 2004, PLCC had 160 family memberships; by 2011, membership had started to drop and was down to 97; and in 2020, it's at 43. With the declining membership, PLCC changed its focus and name but remains quite active.



PLCC Workshop, 2011.

From 1996 to 2007 PLCC sponsored a **Community Meeting** once a month to inform members and others about computers and software and ongoing changes. The meetings were held in the evening to accommodate people who worked during the day, and they were free and open to the public. The average attendance was around 50 people. Usually, there was a guest speaker, but often one of the club's gurus would present a talk. For example, a Microsoft representative would discuss the latest version of Windows; or someone would discuss how to retrieve information from a corrupted hard drive, or how to avoid malware, or what to do with your vacation pictures. Email and internet

surfing were common topics. In later years, as people became used to computers and software, attendance declined, so PLCC started offering the community meetings every other month, and finally stopped offering them altogether.

The **Saturday morning workshops** were also well received at first. People could ask their questions, and one or more of the members would usually be able to answer them. Moderators for the workshop were usually members of the PLCC board, notably: Matt Wallace, Bob Graham, Don Florde, David Pike, John Baxter, Dick Allyn, Don Folsom, Jack Randall, Dean Mosier, Pat Awisus, and Mark Garcia. Participation declined here, too, and a couple of years ago, the board decided to cancel them. They have been largely replaced by ongoing special-interest groups: Microsoft Office, Photography, and Apple/Mac, which also have evolved over the years.

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One of the most successful groups, however, started in 1997 by Ralph Thomas and Bernie Kestler, was **Basic Computing**. It was a series of classes for beginning computer users taught by Bernie. This ran for 16 years, and over 832 Port Ludlow residents took the class. Students not only learned how to use computers but were able to partake in Bev Kestler's renowned cookies. But again, interest declined as new residents were computer literate and didn't need the class, so a few years ago Bernie stopped offering the course (and the cookies).



PLCC Christmas party, 2008. Bernie and Bev Kestler are seated at the right.

In 2007 and 2008, PLCC offered a class for beginning MAC users. Bob Snow and Aven Andersen were the primary instructors with help from Martha Dawson, Joe Kelly, and Dean Mosier. Classes were held at the Washington State University computer lab in Port Hadlock. A total of 19 people went through the two classes.

Other activities by PLCC members included a field trip to the Microsoft Store in Bellevue, a field trip to the MAC store in University Village, Seattle, and a field trip to the Fry's Electronics store in Renton. PLCC held swap meets for members to exchange equipment, auctions to raise money for its Warren Berg Scholarship Fund, and Christmas parties, which were always well attended. PLCC also had a build-your-own computer workshop, where several members paid for motherboards, hard drives, cases, etc., and put together their own, state-of-the-art computers.

Now, PLDL is focusing on two areas: outreach and workshops (or special-interest groups). The **outreach** part evolved from the Warren Berg Scholarship Program that was set up to provide scholarships to graduating students from nearby schools interested in pursuing computer majors in college. Due to lack of interest, the program shifted to a Grant Program in 2004. The present grant program helps improve reading skills of special education students in the Chimacum Schools with software and iPads.

In December 2011, PLCC began two other outreach projects: working with Habitat for Humanity in Port Townsend and Bayside Housing in Port Hadlock. It supplies a refurbished computer, a monitor, and a printer to recipients of new Habitat homes, and does the same for Bayside.

Both the grant program and the Habitat-Bayside programs are supported by PLDL dues, donations at meetings, and donations made for computer assistance by PLDL members to Port Ludlow residents. PLDL also accepts used computers and accessories for this program. It works with the Sequim PC User Group (SPCUG), which has a team of volunteer technical folk who go over a donated computer, wipe the disk of personal information, fix anything that needs fixing, and install an appropriate operating system (e.g., Windows 10). SPCUG has a refurbisher license from Microsoft. It receives most of its donated computers from Port Angeles or Sequim businesses, so if PLDL doesn't have one available, SPCUG has more than they can find places for and is glad to provide some to PLDL.



Bob Graham.

The current **workshops** are Photo Editing, Photography, and All Things Apple. For several years, Bob Graham ran a workshop on Microsoft Office once a month, but interest dwindled and that one has been put on hold for now.

One of the first special interest groups was Photography, also run by Bob Graham. He led discussions about cameras, lenses, and accessories as well as photo editing. In July 2001, he started offering a specific class in photo editing. Homer Evans, a charter member of the group, introduced them to ProShow Gold, a slide show program. The photography group became one of the stalwarts of PLCC/PLDL, but there was so much to cover and so little



PLDL Photography group.

time, a few years ago the one group became two: Photography and Photo Editing. The **Photography** group lately has been led by Bruce Breitenbach and is intended to teach people how to take good photographs. If you want to learn about f/stops, shutter speed, bokeh, ASA, light, and depth-of-field, this is the group to participate in. The session usually starts with an educational video on photography from the National Geographic Society, then discusses submitted pictures and gets into hands-on use of your camera (DSLR, point-and-shoot, or smartphone), and has room for questions and answers. Join the group on the fourth Monday of each month from 9:30 a.m. until noon in the classroom at the Bay Club

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The **Photo Editing** group, first led by Bob Graham and now led by Mike Bortel, shows people how to improve a photograph that wasn't taken right to begin with by using software. The group also learns how to create slideshows, print the good shots, and scan and archive old photos. This group meets on the second Monday of the month in the Bay Club from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

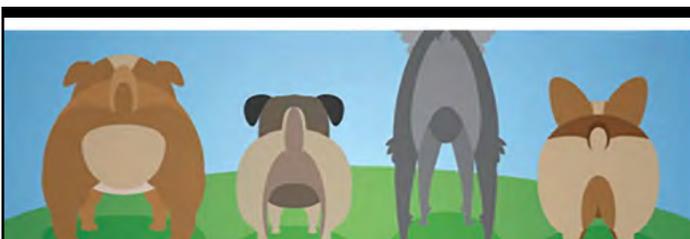
The third workshop covers **All Things Apple**. In 2008 Dean Mosier started a MAC group for people using Apple products and MAC software. When Mosier's business forced him to drop some of his volunteer work, Aven Andersen took over the MAC group, but the most active members were Bob Snow and John Baxter. Martha Dawson, Rick Thomas, and Cindy Bortel also were major contributors. Then in January 2008, Cindy Bortel took over running the group. Frequently Bob Snow presented a keynote show on some issue of importance for Apple users (e.g., security), but much of the time is spent with hands-on troubleshooting of problems with iPads, iPhones, and iMacs.

If you would like to get to know this group of enthusiastic digital-device users better, come to our meetings—guests are always welcome, and there's no admission charge—or join PLDL. Dues are \$35 per family per year (July 1 through June 30). Our website pldigitallife.org has an application form.



PLDL Photography Exhibit at the Bay Club, 2014.

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Village Council

Board Meeting Summary

by Sally Franzel, Board Secretary

At the May 7 Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board Meeting, the following reports were given:

Diana Smeland, President of Port Ludlow Associates (PLA)

In accordance with state guidelines, the Port Ludlow Golf Course reopened May 5. Marshals were on the course to make sure social distancing protocols were followed. Employees wore masks, and limited sandwiches and snacks were available for players on a take-out basis. The Marina and store were open with reduced hours, and state protocols were adhered to. In early May, a boat moored at the marina caught fire; but due to the quick action of liveaboards in alerting the Port Ludlow fire service, the fire was extinguished without any damage to surrounding vessels or the dock, and the boat stayed afloat. No environmental issues were reported. Although The Inn and restaurant remained closed as of May 7, two employees were on the property at different times for safety reasons and were working on marketing videos for social media. Management has already socially-distanced the restaurant seating and has ordered supplies of the necessary PPE to ensure that regulations will be followed once they are permitted to reopen. PLA anticipates The Inn and restaurant will reopen at the same time.

Reporting on the Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) chlorination project, Smeland said that the building permit has been approved by Jefferson County but has not yet been issued due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Phase 1 restrictions. OWSI will continue to work with the Department of Health (DOH) on the building plan and once the plan is approved by the DOH, Smeland can begin the invitation to bid process which could take 60 – 90 days due to the requirement to give preference to minority companies.

Smeland has kept in touch with the village merchants and has informed them of possible government grants. The two restaurants and a convenience store were offering take-out and appeared to be covering their costs while trying to understand how their businesses would be affected as the county moved through the four phases of business reopening. The spa and chiropractic services were the businesses most affected by the pandemic.

Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner

Brotherton referred to Washington's four-phased approach to reopening business and modifying physical distancing measures announced by Governor Inslee. A meeting was held the evening of May 7 to bring together Jefferson County Board of Health, County Commissioners, and Port Townsend City Council members to discuss the process to apply for a variance to move into Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan. There were several mandatory steps in the process that would include complying with a set of metrics outlined in the Governor's Safe Start document. The commissioners had recently discussed the ramifications of the pandemic on the county services. As of early May,

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting
Thursday, June 4
3:00 p.m., TBA

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, June 16
3:00 p.m., TBA
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the commissioners did not anticipate reduction in services although the provision of services might slow down. Behavioral Health Services which received one-tenth of 1 percent of sales tax revenue has a healthy reserve and has been successful in providing some of its services through online video. Brotherton continued that the opening up of the local economy would be an evolving process with the objective to be both consistent and nimble on the state and local level.

Jim Moffitt, Co-Chair, COVID-19 Response Task Force and Health and Wellness Committee

Jim Moffitt reported that the task force committee was continuing to provide the entire Port Ludlow community with information relative to the coronavirus outbreak, to be a two-way communications conduit between the community and the County, and to be a resource to assist residents in obtaining supplies and services as required. The weekly Tuesday e-blast summarizing updated information from Dr. Locke's Monday county COVID-19 report together with any new information has been well received by the Port Ludlow community.

During the first quarter of 2020, the Health and Wellness Committee, in cooperation with Jefferson Health care, had planned three healthy cooking demonstrations by Chef Arron Stark. The first presentation was extremely well received with sixty-one residents participating. Unfortunately, the remaining two demonstrations had to be postponed due to social distancing protocols and for the benefit of the community and Jefferson Health team members. No activities will be planned for the rest of 2020 until the roadmap to reopening is clearly defined and the community at large is comfortable with the social protocols.

Kim Moffitt, Chair, Emergency Management Committee

Kim Moffitt reported that work was proceeding at the Neighborhood Operations Center (NOC), including the development of a plan by Mark Bauseman for equipping the NOC with an emergency power system—a dual-fuel generator that uses propane and gasoline. Communication capabilities have been tested and a communications plan was drafted by Ham Operator Rick Schurman. Schurman agreed to provide Ham services and to solicit additional operators. An updated emergency management plan has been drafted for review by the committee, and pandemic response will be added to the plan prior to publishing online.

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The focus for the Block Captain Program for 2020 is to recruit block captains primarily in the North Bay where there is a shortage of volunteers, and currently several neighborhoods have no block captain representation. There was a need to improve communications between block captains and the committee, and to promote the program within the community, especially with new residents. The committee is working to add online training for block captains and the community, and to implement regularly scheduled training opportunities.

Allan Kiesler, Chair, Roadway Safety Committee

Kiesler provided an update of his committee’s efforts, which have been ongoing since October of 2016, and of his work with the county’s Department of Public Works in addressing matters relating to traffic and pedestrian safety along roadways within the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort. In March 2019, the county hired a consultant to analyze the committee’s safety requests. After completing a traffic study, the consultant, Mr. Salemann, was scheduled to make a preliminary presentation of his findings and recommendations to the community. Unfortunately, the public meeting to be held March 2020 was cancelled due to the shelter-in-place order by the governor. Public Works is now hoping to have a YouTube-type video of the consultant’s presentation. This would enable the residents to hear the best practice foundations for the recommended changes and would also provide a feedback mechanism for the residents. Public Works, with the support of the residents, is hoping to implement some of the recommended changes in 2021.

Neighbors Helping Neighbors in a Pandemic, too!

by Kim Moffitt, Emergency Management Committee Chair

Our master planned resort is well suited to neighbors looking out for each other. The Block Captain Program builds on that concept but has many more components. The program’s mission is threefold and ongoing. We **educate** our community about being prepared so that we can help ourselves; in an emergency, we will **communicate** in a coordinated way first with fellow residents and then with first responders at Fire & Rescue and Jefferson County; and we will **help** as possible until responders can arrive.

Port Ludlow Emergency Management Program: Utilizing volunteers from each neighborhood, block captains understand our neighbor’s needs and look out for each other. Captains are equipped with FRS (Family Radio Service) radios to communicate with each other and the Bay/Beach Clubs in the event phones are not operational. In a major emergency, they will be the bridge from our community to the county and emergency responders. Our volunteers include: South Bay Coordinator Pat Lohrey; North Bay Coordinator Mike Towner; and 100 block captains.

Jefferson County Emergency Management Team: Working together with the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management and other Neighborhood Preparedness Leaders (NPREP) in the county, we plan how to best help each other in an emergency.

Emergency Management in the COVID-19 Pandemic:

Although the coronavirus emergency is different from anything we planned for, it is a disaster that needs to be addressed. Block captains have surveyed their neighbors and provided that “friendly ear” for folks to know they are not alone. In addition, Emergency Management is part of the Village Council COVID-19 Task Force, which is keeping the community informed during this deadly epidemic. There have not been requests for specific assistance, but knowing we are prepared to help is comforting.

We are stronger together!

What’s Old is New Again

by Chris Dean, Community Development Committee

As you enter Port Ludlow from the north on Oak Bay Road or Swansonville Road, two large vintage wooden signs welcome you to Port Ludlow. The signs were erected in the 1960s when Pope and Talbot began developing the North Bay community. The ravages of time and climate have taken their toll on the signs. Last fall the Community Development Committee of the Village Council began to research their history and ownership. They learned the signs sit on the county right-of-way, a bit orphaned and forgotten.



Oak Bay Road Sign.

Submitted photo

The committee debated the option of replacing the signs to be more in keeping with other current signage and identity in the community. However, they determined the signs should be retained for their historical value. The condition of the wood was deemed in good shape, but the signs desperately needed cleaning and repainting. Funding for the effort was shared by the Village Council, Port Ludlow Associates, and Karen Best of Coldwell Banker Real Estate.

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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

How things have changed in our little Port Ludlow community within a matter of a few months! By the time this article is published, the Beach Club will have been closed for approximately 78 days due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If Jefferson County continues to pursue moving into Phase 2 of the state reopening plan early, I'm hopeful that we will be able to open the Beach Club in early June once Phase 3 begins.

Once the Beach Club is open, there will be capacity limitations for all areas of the facility, including the swimming pools, but at least our members will be back doing what they enjoy. As soon as we know when we can open, our members will be notified via email.

During the shutdown we have had several staff members working, as needed, to completely clean and disinfect the Beach Club and Bridge Deck buildings as well as the bathroom facilities at Kehele Park. We have also painted the interior of many parts of the Beach Club and pool decks. Our maintenance personnel have been keeping up on grounds maintenance so that lawns do not become unmanageable grassy fields. The staff has performed needed building maintenance so that when the governor lifts the "stay at home" order and the restrictions on the use of public facilities, we will be ready to open our doors to our members once again.

Our staff has been testing, and repairing as needed, the outdoor pool equipment so that it will be ready to open when the state authorizes us to do so. The spa re-tiling should please many of our members.

In addition to essential maintenance, our staff has made sure that vendors are getting paid and assessment payments and other revenue are being deposited. Voice mails and emails are being answered and our committees and the board have been conducting remote meetings to meet operational needs of Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) and to provide needed services to our members in a timely manner.

Because of the pandemic, the LMC Board of Trustees has rescheduled this year's Annual Members' Meeting, which was supposed to take place on April 18, to **Saturday, July 11**. LMC has sent all our members a notice advising them of the rescheduled meeting. However, depending on new information, the board of trustees may decide to reschedule the member meeting again.

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.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting

Monday, June 1, 9:00 a.m.

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

Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* by
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LMC Board Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 1:00 p.m.

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for information about remote access to meeting.

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

All LMC members are welcome. ☼

Welcome to North Bay

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) welcomes our new neighbors. We are glad that you're here. Please don't hesitate to contact LMC at BeachClub@Olympus.net with your questions about living in Port Ludlow. If you haven't heard from the North Bay Welcome Chair, Jamie Bima, please feel free to contact her at 360-437-9335 or via email at jamiebima673@gmail.com.

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President's Update

by Ray Sheldon, President, SBCA

South Bay Community Association (SBCA) is looking ahead to the time the state of Washington will fall into pandemic-related reopening Phase 3, which is at least six weeks down the road and probably longer. We do note that Jefferson County is one of the 10 counties invited to submit applications for earlier openings, but hasn't done so at this point.

What are we doing? SBCA is procuring the physical supplies that will be necessary when we can open. These supplies include masks, sanitizing materials, point-and-shoot thermometers, and more. We're also doing some planning on what opening restrictions might look like and how we might accommodate them, without spending too much time working on things we can't control. The concept is that, when the time comes, we're not starting from scratch. But, on the other hand, we aren't having to substantially re-do our preparations.

SBCA has notified organizations that the Bay Club is not available for meetings and activities through the end of July, and we will keep members informed via email blasts as we move closer to reopening the facility.

"Takes a Village" Adage ... is Reality!

by Jenise Harper, South Bay Editor

Four years ago, when we first looked at a home in Port Ludlow, my husband and I couldn't quite grasp the idea of one community divided into "north" and "south" ... with separate community centers for each section of the village. Until we finally purchased our home a little over a year ago, we were still somewhat flummoxed by which neighborhoods would be considered part of Bay Club and which would belong to the Beach Club. "Now the 'bird section' is part of ... ???"

Our home is located in southern Port Ludlow. Prior to receiving copies of covenants, rules and regulations, and governing documents from the South Bay Community Association as well as Fairwood Village, we hadn't quite grasped what our realtors were telling us about an "umbrella" HOA and a "neighborhood" HOA. We'd been on the road in a motor home for the previous ten years, so the idea of being governed by two organizations was a bit overwhelming. Once we absorbed the idea of two sets of fees, and a parent/child HOA situation, we pondered this concept of numerous neighborhoods (aka "villages") within the southern

SBCA Important Dates

**Monthly Board Meeting
Friday, June 12, 9:30 a.m.**

Members will receive email information detailing how to access the meeting via phone, tablet, or computer.

The **Architectural Review** committee virtual meeting is set for **Friday, June 19, 9:30 a.m.** Meeting access info will be emailed to members.

Other Committee Meetings are scheduled when necessary, with miscellaneous items addressed via emails with committee members.

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

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

All SBCA members are welcome.

half of the community—while no such arrangement appeared to be operating within the northern portion of Port Ludlow. It was intriguing ... and confusing.

Now, 17 months later, we've become more knowledgeable about the "village" concept: 16 villages with homes numbering 14 to 98, over 550 houses/condos in all, with a vast range of values. Homes with dramatic water vistas; homes with mountain or golf course views. Houses nestled in the forest or perched on a hillside, just peeking at the water. South Bay features an "over-55" community, and a village nestled within the fairways and greens of the golf course—just like an island. There are steep winding roads heading upward past trailheads and even an abandoned golf course, compared with short cul-de-sacs—one with only four houses. There are other roadways that access numerous tiered neighborhoods with bay views. Beautifully landscaped berm areas nestle in the middle of driveway-access circles, while some homes have decks overlooking either a tee box or a challenging green. Sixteen different villages ... sixteen different HOA organizations ... all part of and comprising SBCA—the South Bay Community Association.

The concept could have produced man-made diversity, dissension, and delineation. But it hasn't! SBCA is one cohesive entity made up of a wide variety of villages, but it is the parent, the final voice. Our neighborhood village has rules and regulations, but all must be in line with the overall guidelines set by SBCA. Individual villages may establish criteria that are more stringent, but not more lenient, than SBCA's standards. Thus, there's a

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continuity, a “look” that is perpetuated, enhancing not only the individual villages, but the SBCA as an overseeing entity.

If the beauty of our community weren't enough, I must address the quality of the facility we southern residents call our second home—the Bay Club. Every SBCA member, regardless of which village they're associated with, has full access to the Bay Club's facilities. If you love working with wood, join the Wood Workers Committee. If you're a crafter, we've got a huge room dedicated to the love of art. If you're an exercise enthusiast or a fitness fan, the equipment at the Bay Club and the space afforded members for aerobics or dance or Zumba, etc., is superb. In addition, the social activities (during “normal” times) are a delightful blend of cocktail hours, entertaining concerts, potlucks, and formal dinner/dance evenings. There's no village delineation at the socials—just SBCA members joining together in conversation, frivolity, food, and ... frankly ... good fun!

All right, all right. Yes, this is a “rah rah” article for South Bay. What did you expect from the editor of the South Bay section, as well as a South Bay resident? Port Ludlow is a wonderful community, whether you claim “North” or “South” as your home (the Beach Club is also a great facility). Port Ludlow is close-knit and cohesive regardless of your neighborhood. But as far as what makes up South Bay Community Association (SBCA), it truly does take a village ... and another village ... plus another, and another, and another.

South Bay Gleanings

by Jenise Harper, South Bay Editor

These are trying times for our planet—and, filtered down, for all of us here in Port Ludlow, our families, and friends. Where we used to zoom through our lives at full speed (well, as much “full speed” as we could muster, given our/my age), now Zoom has taken on a totally new meaning as a tool used to conduct meetings but, more important, to connect with those folks who are significant in our lives. While we can FaceTime individually with a son or daughter, we can Zoom a meeting with both of them as a family.

I used to zip (zoom?) over to the drug store for specialty items without giving a thought to those browsing the nearby aisles. Now I search websites and order online. When the package arrives, I wipe it down with sanitizing sheets and do the same with the contents. I've sewn two sets of face masks from fabric I had on hand and am grateful that my need to be out and about for provisions is rare. Yet, I'm a social person, and the dearth of interaction with others is difficult. At a small gathering of neighbors at the end of the cul-de-sac, all seated at least six feet apart (other than couples), I felt the urge to move closer—to interact more with those on the opposite side of our small circle. But if I'd done so, it would have been to their detriment; it's critical to sense the vibes of others, not just obey your own urges.

So here we are, pretty darn safe in our little corner of this world, with our county reporting 28 cases of Covid-19 and no deaths as of this writing (May 9, due to *Voice* deadlines). I'm so appreciative of all the safeguards put in place by our state and Jefferson

County. The updates sent to us by the Ludlow Village Council, as well as our South Bay Community Association (SBCA), are as uplifting as anything can be these days. Please join me in a tribute to all entities and individuals working so hard to keep us safe.

And speaking of tributes, I'd like to offer a big “hurrah” to the SBCA Board of Directors, 2019 - 2020, as the end of this fiscal year draws near. I've dealt with a great number of BOD groups throughout the years. The time, the effort, the wisdom when it comes to decision-making are all part of the commitment. So, thank you to each director for all that's been accomplished during her/his term(s) of serving our community.

I'd especially like to thank Ray Sheldon for a presidency with the grace and TLC he exhibits in all phases of his life. I was thinking of writing a “venting” column for *Gleanings* based on some social media comments, and he encouraged me to avoid negativity. His advice? “Write about the different ways we all deal with uncertainty and the stress which it creates ... with a positive ending to it. Lift up your neighbors; look for chances to make another person's life better for you having been in it, each day.” Wow! Profound advice that could apply to each and every one of us in all our interactions, written or spoken. Thank you, Ray.

New SBCA elections are just around the corner. Please be sure to vote. And as you vote, take a moment to ponder that the people up for election are going to be dedicating at least the next two years to the community association and to You. Their efforts and decisions matter; when you give them your vote, you're also giving them your appreciation and support.

This month's *Gleanings*? Ray said it best: “look for chances to make another person's life better for you having been in it.” Stay home; stay healthy. You, dear friends, are so appreciated.

Welcome to South Bay

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



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Port Ludlow Golf Course Opening

by Tim Propeck, Sports Editor

The Port Ludlow Golf Course re-opened on May 5 under the Phase 1 guidelines for COVID-19 in Washington state. There are significant changes to normal playing guidelines that will remain in effect at least until we are out of Phase 1.

Golfers will participate in pairs at each tee time. Groups larger than two will be allowed to play at the end of the day. Tee times will be seven minutes apart, rather than the normal nine minutes. Pace of play will be more important than ever. Golfers will be expected to complete nine holes in one hour and forty-five minutes. There will also be a limit of one person per golf cart, unless both players are from the same household. Golfers are not allowed to arrive at the course any more than thirty minutes before their scheduled tee time. They are also asked to minimize time spent in the Pro Shop before and after the round and depart immediately after completing their round.

The Pro Shop is requiring group bookings to be done at least a week in advance. Golfers requesting group times should send an email to plgcreervations@gmail.com, including the names of all the players they are booking. Tee times will be provided by a return email.

All golfers are asked to maintain social distancing while they are on the course and should not touch the flag stick.

Phase 1 will require modifications for the organized club events that are played each week. The individual clubs are responsible for developing their own plans to comply with the golf course requirements. Key issues being worked out include how to handle entry fees and score cards to minimize touches.

Jefferson County is one of the few in the state that has an opportunity to move to Phase 2 of the re-opening process in the short term. The county commissioners are currently working out the details of what Phase 2 would entail. We can anticipate that some of the current restrictions on the golf course will be relaxed in Phase 2. We are anxiously awaiting guidance from the county. Any updates to course requirements will be posted on the *Voice* website, plvoice.org, on the “Announcements” page.

Trail Mix

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

Sunshine, rain, and warmth have adorned us over the last month here in Port Ludlow. Along with these factors of nature comes the grass growing with enthusiasm.

The PLVC Port Ludlow Trails Committee has the Blade Brigade—a volunteer “silent service” to our community. They keep our trails well-groomed and beautiful, to enjoy on a local hike or walkabout.

The Blade Brigade is under the umbrella of the Trails Committee and coordinated by Jim Mueller. The Blade Brigade’s volunteer

members are Larry Scott, John Fillers, John Goldwood, Jim Mueller, Denny Schuch, and Tim Rensema. The volunteer corps is continually doing the seasonal mowing of eleven trails that require grooming. We are grateful for their commitment to community service. If you happen to see one of these “silent service” volunteers out mowing, please give them a wave, a smile, and a high five for their dedication to our community.



Blade Brigade: Tim Rensema, Larry Scott, Denny Schuch, John Goldwood, Mark Makarowski.

Submitted photo

As we go from Phase One of our recovery to Phase Two, and beyond, here in Jefferson County, public health is still our number one priority. Lives are at stake! We will be challenged to show that we can use our trails responsibly and safely. Physical, social distancing is our new normal, and mandated as we reopen our society. Choose wide trails and give each other a wide berth when passing. If we work together, and spread out, everyone can enjoy their time on our trails. Our way forward isn’t a clear, straight path. We will have unexpected twists, turns, and obstacles. Port Ludlow is generous and resilient. We can all rise to the challenge and have a recovery that is right for each other and our trails, too.

Port Ludlow Women’s Golf Association League News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson

The Port Ludlow Women’s Golf Association (PLWGA) is an 18-hole women’s league. Despite the delay due to COVID-19, PLWGA members are looking forward to a great 2020 season. Opening Day was May 5. The weather was great! The tee boxes, fairways, and greens were in excellent condition. League social gatherings are currently on hold, but safe golf will take place on Tuesdays throughout the season. Members need to observe the social distancing guidelines that are posted at the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC).

The roster of the 2020 PLWGA Board of Directors is as follows: Linda Bloemeke, captain; Meryl Friedman and Peggy Selby, co-captains; Elaine Raymond, secretary; and Linda Haskin, member-at-large. Golf Genius, the Port Ludlow Golf Course’s software program, will be used for scheduling league play days. Members will be notified via e-mail of scheduling opportunities and play time confirmations.

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Prospective PLWGA members may contact the PLGC Pro Shop for information about the league, and they are invited to join the group on any Tuesday Play Day. Note: Port Ludlow Golf Club membership is a prerequisite for joining the golf leagues.

Niners News

by Kathy Traci, Lady Niners Publicity Chairperson

The Port Ludlow Niners Men and Women, who play nine holes of competitive golf on Thursdays, are looking forward to a great 2020 season. Bill Blackburn, Niners Men’s play day chairman, and Lady Niners captain Sharon Russell, with co-captain Elaine Girard, welcomed the league members on their first Thursday play date in May. For now, social events are on hold, but Niners couples chairpersons Barbara and Mike Burke are still planning monthly safe golf events. Members will be notified by email of future couples golf opportunities. The Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) is requiring all Niners to observe social distancing guidelines.

Throughout the season, the Port Ludlow Golf Course’s Golf Genius Scheduling Program will be used for Niners event sign-ups. Members are notified of play opportunities and receive confirmation tee sheets via email. This computer program also calculates individual golf statistics for members.

Lady Niners handicap chairperson, Linda Aho, reminded Niners that the new World Handicap System requires members to post each hole’s individual score on the GHIN website on the day of play. This will result in a current daily handicap for each player.

Prospective Niners members should contact the PLGC Pro Shop for league information. The Port Ludlow Lady Niners and the Port Ludlow Niners Men invite prospective members to join the group for nine holes of play any Thursday. Please note: PLGC Membership is required for participation in the PLGC golf leagues.

Port Ludlow Hiking

At the time this information was being prepared, we did not know the status of the Stay Home, Stay Healthy guidelines for COVID-19.

Those on the hiking email roster will receive updates on the status of organized excursions and adventures. Everyone is encouraged to get outside on their own 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. to arrange carpools, get directions to the trailheads, and depart at 8:30 a.m.

Friday, June 12 – Tubal Cain Trail

Anticipate a moderate to difficult hike of 7 - 9 miles with 1,100-feet of elevation gain. The first part of the hike is a steady climb through a rhododendron forest that, hopefully, will be blooming. After three miles, the trail splits and there is a steep climb to the ultimate goal of viewing the remaining wreckage of a B-17 bomber that crashed in 1952. Information: Bill Lane: 360-301-3441.

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