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Nearly 15,000 vehicles cross the 7,869 foot Hood Canal Bridge daily. On weekends, that number grows to nearly 19,000 daily.

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# News & Community

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**As the Voice went to press, many organizations were planning to resume in-person gatherings. Since that time Jefferson County has experienced an increase in Covid-19 cases, so be sure to confirm any organization's in-person status.**

## Marine Science Center Buys Flagship Landing

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC) has purchased the historic Flagship Landing building on Water Street to serve as its headquarters. The facility will house its exhibits, gift shop, labs, and offices. "By bringing new life to this 132-year-old building, we dramatically reduce the carbon footprint of the project," said Executive Director Janine Boire.

Fort Worden State Park became home to the marine science center in 1982, when an aquarium was installed in the wooden building on the Battery Way pier. In 2001, the aquarium was renovated and a museum was opened onshore, across from the pier. Among other exhibits, the articulated skeleton of Hope, an orca that was stranded near Dungeness Spit in 2002, is suspended from the museum ceiling.

Today, in addition to operating the museum and aquarium, the PTMSC sponsors educational programs for the public, such as low tide walks and classes for students. The organization also hosts community science programs like the Marine Mammal Stranding Network, Sound Toxins, and the Protection Island Aquatic Reserve wildlife survey. But while PTMSC's mission has been expanding, the aquarium's pier was assessed by Washington State Parks to be near the end of its useful life.

Boire said the move to Flagship Landing will take place in phases, with the aquarium and museum at Fort Worden continuing to serve visitors over the next few years. In the long term, the organization plans to maintain a presence at Fort Worden by converting the current museum building into an environmental learning center field station.

Recently, *State of the Salish Sea*, the most comprehensive research report in 25 years on the condition of our local waters, was published by Western Washington University. "Unfortunately, it confirms that the degradation of the local marine environment is outpacing recovery efforts," Boire said. "Stressors on species, including iconic salmon and southern resident orcas, will accelerate until we take more decisive, collective actions to improve the health of our marine environment." She added that the mission of PTMSC has never been more critical.

## Peace Lutheran Resumes In-Person Service

Peace Lutheran Fellowship, which meets at the Beach Club on Sundays at 10 a.m., was able to resume in-person worship gatherings in late July, after more than 16 months of closure due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They are following the current prescribed protocols of the Beach Club and require masks to be worn by everyone over the age of two. Masks are available at the door.

Attending Peace Lutheran's services via an on-line connection continues to be an option. The service is livestreamed on Facebook and is also available a few hours later on their YouTube channel. Facebook: [facebook.com/PeaceLutheranF2](https://www.facebook.com/PeaceLutheranF2). Web Address: [PeaceLutheranFellowship.com](http://PeaceLutheranFellowship.com). Email: [Pastorpeacepl@gmail.com](mailto:Pastorpeacepl@gmail.com). Peace Lutheran Fellowship extends a warm welcome to all.

Early in 2020 Peace Lutheran called Brad Hayward to serve as their pastor. He assumed this position on March 1 and, together with his wife Tara and daughter Noelle, were officially welcomed into the life of the community. Pandemic-related closures followed almost immediately after and proved to be both an unusual and challenging way for Pastor Brad, as he likes to be called, to begin his ministry.

## Cash for Gold Event Returns

The Olympic Peninsula Bluebills and the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) are bringing back Cash for Gold by popular demand **Saturday, September 11**, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Beach Club Gallery Room. Be prepared to receive top dollar for your broken or unused gold, sterling, silver, pre-1964 coins, sterling silver flatware, and more.

Wondering if your item has value? You can use a magnet to test whether a piece is made of precious metals. If the piece is not attracted, it is a precious metal.

Admission is \$25 and will be refunded if you sell your items. Cash for Gold donates 10 percent of all sales to the PSO, a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to support science, technology, engineering, and math education in local schools, as well as other community causes. For more information, contact Barbara Berthiaume at 360-437-0423 or Teresa Forrest at 360-437-1191.

## Library Presentation Will Feature *Longmire* Author



*Longmire* author Craig Johnson.

Submitted photo

The award-winning writer of the *Longmire* mysteries will appear in a livestream talk on **Thursday, September 16**, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Craig Johnson, whose best-selling books formed the basis for the *Longmire* TV series on Netflix, is this year's Huntingford Humanities Lecture guest speaker. The event will be streamed on big screens at three locations (reservations required): Jefferson County Library, Quilcene Community Center, and Brinnon Community Center.

Viewers can also access the presentation from home via personal-device link, accessed on the library website. Johnson received the Western Writers of America Spur Award for fiction, and his novella *Spirit of Steamboat* was a One Book Wyoming selection.

**Know your mushrooms.** Another upcoming library presentation will feature an in-person visit with mushroom expert and author Langdon Cook. He will share tales and tips about finding and cooking with mushrooms. Two dates are available: **September 8**, at the Jefferson County bookmobile garage (next to the main library building), and **September 9**, at the Brinnon Community Center. The Brinnon event is cosponsored by Emerald Towns Alliance.

Each presentation, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., will be followed by a Q&A session and book signing. Cook's books include *Upstream: Searching for Wild Salmon, from River to Table*, a finalist for the Washington State Book Award; *The Mushroom Hunters: On the Trail of an Underground America*, winner of the 2014 Pacific Northwest Book Award; and *Fat of the Land: Adventures of a 21st Century Forager*. Books will be available for purchase at the events.

See [jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/upcoming](http://jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/upcoming) for a complete program calendar,

**Donations drop box.** Friends of the Library have installed a donations drop box near the library bookmobile garage. Acceptable donations include books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, and magazines less than six months old. All revenue from the sale of donated materials will be used to support Jefferson County Library.

**Summer readers score high marks.** The library staff reported a lively summer reading program, with registration of more than 400 patrons. They won books, t-shirts, and gift certificates from local vendors.

**Operating hours.** Jefferson County Library is open Tuesday to Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday/Saturday,

10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tables, chairs, magazines, and daily newspapers are once again available for patrons' use. The bookmobile stops in Port Hadlock on Wednesdays, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. For the full bookmobile schedule see [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info). The library is located at 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock. Contact the library staff at 360-385-6544 or email [information@jclibrary.info](mailto:information@jclibrary.info).

## Smart Driver Course Tentatively Back in October

The AARP-sponsored Smart Driver course will be offered at the Beach Club **Monday, October 4**, and **Friday, October 8**, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., both days. The purpose of the course is to enable drivers to enhance and extend their safe-driving experience.

Topics will include the latest changes in driving technologies, effects of the aging process on the ability to drive safely, and ways to accommodate both sets of changes. The course is strongly recommended for drivers who have not taken it before, those who took it a long time ago, and those who are new to Washington's driving regulations or the local driving environment.

Washington state encourages insurance companies to grant premium discounts to drivers who take the course, which is open to the public. A \$25 fee will be charged to cover the cost of materials. AARP members will receive a \$5 discount. The course duration is eight hours; therefore, attendance is required both days.

### Important Notes:

The course could be cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. (AARP already cancelled the classes that had been scheduled for September).

If you are interested in becoming an instructor for the AARP Smart Driver course, please contact Russ Henry for more information. He is retiring from leading the course on January 1. His retirement will leave Jefferson County without an instructor.

To reserve a place in the class or to ask for more information, call Russ Henry at 360-437-2250.

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## WSU Offers Stream Stewards Course

The Jefferson County Extension of Washington State University is presenting an in-person course focusing on waterways across the North Olympic Peninsula. Field trips will meet for six weeks on **Tuesdays, September 28 to November 2**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

These trips will highlight the rivers and streams that flow into the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the environments that impact them. Field experiences will be supplemented by pre-recorded online lectures from regional experts, so participants can review the materials on their own schedules.

Topics of the stream steward course will include salmon, stream and watershed ecology, native plants and forest ecology, protecting and conserving watersheds, and storm water mitigation, as well as tribal treaty rights and natural resource management.

Upon completion of the course, volunteers will be asked to commit to 20 hours of ecosystem-based volunteer service the next year with the organization of their choice. Opportunities range from citizen-science projects to engaging in public outreach. Volunteers will choose the opportunities that best fit their skills and interests.

Applications are being accepted through September 21. The cost is \$25. Scholarships are available. See [jefferson.wsu.edu](http://jefferson.wsu.edu) for more information or to register at [2021-fall-stream-stewards.eventbrite.com](http://2021-fall-stream-stewards.eventbrite.com).

## Medicare 101: A Free Virtual Seminar

Medicare open enrollment is coming. Are you ready? Medicare 101, an online educational seminar, will be held **Thursday, September 16**, at 11:30 a.m.

Stephanie Kirk, associate agent of JC Madison in Poulsbo, can help you gain the clarity you need to sort out complex Medicare rules and guidelines. Her Medicare 101 presentation will address this year's costs, eligibility requirements, enrollment deadlines, and opportunities to change coverage.

Sponsored by Compass & Clock, the event will be a timely tutorial for Medicare open enrollment (aka annual enrollment), which runs from October 15 to December 7 every year. Medicare 101 is meant for those already enrolled as well as those who are about to enroll in the program. (Anyone 60 or older should be learning about Medicare now.)

The monthly "Compass Points" seminars are presented online live, to give you a chance to ask the experts. For more information and registration, visit [compassandclock.com/registration](http://compassandclock.com/registration).

## Estate Planning Seminars Now at the Bay Club

Tony Hinson will present a free estate tax and retirement account seminar **Thursday, September 9**, at 10:00 a.m. He'll discuss state and federal estate tax issues, and some major changes likely to come for both either this year or next year. Tony will also explain why effective estate plans are more than just a will or trust, why powers of attorney and medical directives are critical, and why proper planning for retirement accounts is now more important than ever, with the "stretch IRA" largely being gone.

Hinson will be joined by Richard Tizzano **Tuesday, September 21**, at 10:00 a.m. for a free legal and estate life-care planning seminar. They will explore solutions that prepare you properly to protect your assets and remain independent. Topics will include health care, Medicare and Medicaid, long-term care insurance, maintaining quality of life, aging in place, preserving wealth, and supplemental needs trusts.

These seminars are now in-person again, at the Port Ludlow Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place. To register, visit [sherrardlaw.com/seminars](http://sherrardlaw.com/seminars), or call 360-779-5551.

## Know Your Port Ludlow Fire District Candidates

by Dale Doering, Guest Writer

The primary election is over for Port Ludlow Fire District No. 3 Commissioner 3, and the two leading candidates, Glenn Clemens and Ron Helmonds, were practically tied in the voting.

Before the primary, the Jefferson County League of Women Voters held a well-attended virtual candidate forum for many positions. However, after consulting with the Port Ludlow Village Council, the League did not hold a forum for the Port Ludlow Fire Commissioner candidates. Pending candidate agreement, they plan to host one before the general election in November. The date will be scheduled once they have confirmed candidate participation and availability.

To perform your civic duty as an informed voter, you should have a chance to get to know the candidates and understand how they would handle the responsibilities of the position. In turn, they deserve the chance to be heard as they share their thoughts. I encourage the candidates to accept the League's invitation, and I encourage Port Ludlow residents to join the forum. Look for announcements to be posted when the forum date and time are set.

## Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

### Alarm Statistics July 2021

**Alarms**

Fires	7
Rescue/Emergency Medical	81
Service Call/Good Intent	22
False Alarms	5
Hazmat	1
Total Alarms	116

**Ambulance Transports**

Jefferson Healthcare	22
St. Michaels	16
Medevac	2
Home	1
Total Transports	41

**Aid**

Aid Given	6
Aid Received	22

services to the benefit of their respective communities. This management and leadership change will facilitate additional efficiencies for 911 operations, as well as training and management of resources for both agencies. Anytime we enhance our services and capabilities, the community wins.”

If you have any questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue provides to the community, check out our website at [plfr.org](http://plfr.org) or call the business office at 360-437-2236.

## DigitalLife Resumes In-Person Meetings

Port Ludlow Digital Life, the local organization devoted to learning and sharing information about all digital devices, is resuming in-person meetings at the Bay Club. New members and existing members are invited to attend the two meetings planned for this month. Remember that you must wear a face mask inside the Bay Club, whether you have been vaccinated or not.

The first meeting, **Monday, September 20**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., will be “All Things Digital,” with a focus on computers, tablets, smartphones, and interfaces/communications among them. Bring your devices, any problems you are having with them, and any suggestions for future meetings. This group takes the place of the previous group known as “All Things Apple” and now has a broader scope. Participants will be discussing the focus of the group for the future and soliciting new ideas.

The second meeting, **Monday, September 27**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, is on photography. Bring your camera or smartphone (if that is your primary camera) and take part in the discussion. If you submit a few photos to Jane Herzog at [janeherzog@gmail.com](mailto:janeherzog@gmail.com) by September 23, the group will discuss them and address your photography issues or photo-editing questions. These meetings often involve some photography exercises in the meeting room or outside behind the Bay Club. In the past the photography group had two meetings each month, one on photography and one on photo editing. As the club’s in-person restart gets under way, the two photography meetings will be combined for a while.

Whether you are new to photography and computers or have experience and expertise to share, you will be welcome. For more information, see [pldigitallife.org](http://pldigitallife.org). You can also contact Shirley Sandoz at [sandoz@olypen.com](mailto:sandoz@olypen.com) or Robin Glass at [prglass@comcast.net](mailto:prglass@comcast.net).

## Interlocal Services Agreement Activated for Two Local Fire Districts

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

The Interlocal Services Agreement (ILA) signed by Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue (PLFR) and East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) in July became effective on September 1.

The agreement “creates a contract for services where EJFR provides administrative and management services to PLFR utilizing EJFR’s Fire Chief and management team. This agreement establishes an incremental process for EJFR to assume the duties and functions for the management of PLFR, accompanied with phases that define performance objectives and associated compensation.”

The agreement is designed as a tiered process to allow both districts to adapt to the plans as written. The ILA is a collaborative agreement with consideration given to each district’s specific needs based on the size of the district and the number and types of calls.

As approved by the PLFR board, an annual fee of \$228,000 will offset the impact on the EJFR management team. This fee for management services is common for these types of fire service-management service ILAs. If the two agencies were to pursue a longer-term relationship or formal consolidation, it would include an equitable transition agreement for revenue and expenditures for both agencies, negating the need for a management services fee. PLFR and EJFR have an exploratory committee tasked with oversight for the current agreement and future progression of the mutual relationship.

EJFR Chief Bret Black, a Port Ludlow resident, said, “PLFR and EJFR have a long history of reciprocating emergency

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## The American Goldfinch

by Mark Hopkinson, Guest Writer

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American Goldfinch.

Submitted photo

Many of us have goldfinches at our backyard feeders from spring through early fall and look forward to the male's brilliant yellow and contrasting black wing feathers as sign of spring. The females and other winter plumages are less distinct, but they're still quite a handsome bird to have around. Cornell Lab says the American Goldfinch is the only finch that molts its body feathers twice a year, once in late winter and again in late summer.

Goldfinches are attracted to backyard feeders of almost any type and are happy to feed on the ground below feeders to eat spilled seed. However, it is recommended to keep the ground below feeders well raked to avoid contagious diseases. With birdfeeders, goldfinches are most attracted to whole or hulled

sunflower seeds and nyjer seed. In their natural habitats, you'll find goldfinches in open spaces like cultivated areas, roadsides, weedy fields, floodplains, and where plants such as thistles and asters are common.

Cornell Lab states that goldfinches are almost entirely vegetarian and only occasionally eat insects. They can be seen acrobatically balancing on seed heads of thistle, dandelions, and other plants to pluck seeds. They are attracted to the seeds from grasses and trees like cedars, birch, and alders. American Goldfinches also use the fibrous structure of milkweed, thistle, and similar plants to build their nests, and the seeds to feed their young. With these preferences for their nest building and feeding their young, goldfinches breed later than many birds, waiting until June or July for the plants they prefer to go to seed.

You can see goldfinches in the field flying with a somewhat bouncy style and hear them with their "po-ta-to-chip" flight calls. Males sing frequently in the spring, then later fly together with their mate before the female builds the nest, often high in a shrub or small tree. Paired goldfinches are said to make similar flight calls and are thought to be able to distinguish their mate from other paired calls. They sometimes nest twice in a season and have two to seven eggs per clutch. Their young hatch helpless with only wisps of down.

American Goldfinches are common across North America, breeding in the northern states, wintering in southern states, and year-round in between. They are therefore described as short distance migrants and move south as temperatures decline to below freezing. Cornell Lab reports the oldest known American Goldfinch to be 10 years 9 months old when recaptured and released.



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## Climbing Kilimanjaro

by Tim Propeck, Contributing Writer



Mount Kilimanjaro.

Submitted photo

A few years back my wife and I took a trip to Africa to do a safari in Kenya and Tanzania. This was our first visit to Africa, and the trip exceeded our expectations in all dimensions. There was something special about seeing all the wildlife in their natural habitat. One of the high points for me was getting to see Kilimanjaro. It is a very unique mountain. It is the highest stand-alone mountain in the world at close to 20,000 feet tall. It is the tallest mountain in Africa, which puts it on the list of the Seven Summits for mountaineers.

I was mesmerized. I had given up mountain climbing after a skiing incident that left me with very limited range of motion in one knee. My wife was thrilled when I dropped that sport. Now I had to figure out how to convince her that this was not a technical climb like my other ventures had been. This was merely a trail hike. Fortunately, our Safari guide had been on a couple of Kilimanjaro climbs, and he backed up my story about this being a trail hike. So, I started planning a return trip to Africa the next year to give the mountain a try.

We had such a good experience with the company who organized our safari, I decided to use them for the Kilimanjaro climb. That turned out to be an excellent choice.

I flew to Kilimanjaro International airport in Tanzania after a stop in the UK. I met the guide at the airport and accompanied him to a camp in Arusha National Park at 6,000 feet, where we would spend a day hiking and start getting acclimated to altitude. I was pleasantly surprised when I met the other members of our group—a family from Connecticut. I quickly found out the husband had graduated from the same college in California that I had attended. It was a small school, so it was not common to run into other alumni. His wife was a marathon runner, so I was sure she would be fine on the climb. Their two sons were teenagers, and I did not think they would have trouble. It was a good group to be part of.

A park ranger led us on a hike the next day to look for animals and help us acclimate. He carried a rifle for safety, but I hoped he would not have to use it. I am not a hunter and would not

enjoy seeing an animal killed. However, I also did not want to be a meal for a critter on our trek.

The accommodations at the camp were far beyond what I was used to on other climbs. They took really good care of us.

The next day we were off to the trailhead for the Machame route up the mountain. The hike for the day was eight miles with elevation gain of 4,000 feet. One of the interesting aspects of this trip was we would travel through multiple climate zones, each with its own type of vegetation. This first day was mostly through the forest.

We had a huge crew of porters who hauled serious loads each day. We would hike separately from them, and they would be waiting for us at our camp sites. When we reached Machame camp, the porters already had everything set up. We had a mess tent that accommodated all the climbers and our guides. We had two-person tents set up for sleeping. These were the same tents I used on Denali, so I knew they would work well. There was also a portable latrine that got hauled up the mountain. That was quite a luxury. All the food was fresh, and our cook was a professional chef in Arusha. His meals were outstanding. I made a point of eating a lot while we were at lower altitudes, because I knew from my Denali experience that my appetite would diminish as we got higher.

There were a lot of other climbing groups at the camp site. It was clear that we were the best cared for. One ritual I really liked was the appearance of a guide each morning at your tent with a large bowl of heated water. It was for a “passport” bath. You were able to wash everything above your waist. Thus, the name. What a great way to start each day.

Our next segment was a climb to the Shira Plateau at 12,650 feet. It was only a 3-mile jaunt, but things were getting steeper. We had some incredible views from the plateau. We also got our first view of the Western Breach, which we would be climbing through to get to the crater. There was a serious accident in the Western Breach a few years back when a rockslide killed some climbers. That shut the route for a couple of years. The guide company I was climbing with was chosen by the park to reset the route through Breach. They were the only guide company climbing through the Breach when I was there.

On day five, we headed east to the stunning Lava tower, piercing up from the mountain over 15,000 feet into the sky. The day’s hike was six miles and took six hours. We gained 1,650 feet and lost 1,300 feet to camp at a lower elevation of 13,000 feet, which helped adaptation to the altitude.

On day six we departed from the Machame route we had been on and took a less traveled route to the Arrow Glacier Camp. It took six hours to complete the three-mile hike with a gain of 2,300 feet. We slept at 15,300 feet. The next morning the teenagers were showing signs of altitude sickness. All of us were requested to bring medications that would help alleviate the problem, and they started on their meds.

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After breakfast, we took a hike part way up the trail to the crater. Our guide warned us that we would need “four-wheel drive” to complete this segment. In other words, use hands and feet to negotiate the terrain. He also told us that once we started up the next day, you had to make it to the crater. It was too dangerous to attempt to climb back down. It would require a rescue attempt with a hiker strapped to a gurney carried by a number of porters. We got the message. Don’t start unless you are confident you can finish the climb. He also briefed us on the need for supplemental oxygen. They brought some up the mountain, but if someone needed it, that would be the end of their climb. At this point I was thoroughly impressed with the knowledge and capabilities of our guides. They were every bit as good as the guides I had met in the US.

Day eight was the toughest part of the trek. It was very steep, and the altitude was draining everyone’s strength. Although it was only 2.5 miles of climbing, we gained 3,000 feet and it took about seven hours. I had given everyone a lesson on “pressure breathing” that I had learned about on previous trips. It consisted of a forced exhale before each breath. I found that it really helped on steep climbs at altitude. While we were climbing this trail, I was behind the marathon runner. She said it sounded like Darth Vader was right behind her the whole way. Everyone made it to the crater.

Our porters had taken a different route to the crater, which we would take on the way down. The trail up the breach would not be safe for them carrying their heavy loads. They had to travel a lot farther to get there, but they made it before dinner. All the other groups we had seen at various camp sites also took the alternative route, so were all alone when we got into the crater.

We did some exploring and hiked to the glacier that exists in the crater. It is receding rapidly, which is not good news for local water supplies.

We had an early dinner and headed for our sleeping tents. I knew from prior experience that it would not be easy to sleep at this altitude. You constantly wake yourself up gasping for air. If you do get to sleep, you have to be prepared for some wild dreams. I made a rookie mistake when I went to bed. It was getting pretty cold that night and I left my waterproof jacket on. I woke up and I was freezing. Our guide was making the rounds and checking on everyone. I told him my problem, and he said to get rid of the jacket. He said the sleeping bag warms up from body heat, and that will keep you warm. I followed his suggestion and slept well the rest of the night.

Everyone looked pretty haggard at breakfast the next morning. One of the members of the group tried to make it out of the mess tent before he vomited. He did not make it. We hit the trail before daylight. We had a relatively short climb to Uhuru peak at 19,341 feet. Everyone got a photo next to the sign designating the peak. It was a wonderful moment for everyone.

We then started the trek down. This was the route that all the other climbers used to reach the top, so we saw groups heading up all day. I was glad we were heading the other direction. The two teenagers had the technique for sliding in scree down pat, so they led the charge. I was a little more conservative in my attempts at sliding, so I was the laggard.

We had a lunch stop planned at Barafu at 9,000 feet. At some point during the descent we took a rest break, and I tried to sit on a rock. Unfortunately, I slipped and landed on my back on another rock. It was pretty sore, but I knew there was nothing to be done for a cracked rib. I had that confirmed the next winter when I had a collision with a tree and got an x-ray at the clinic in Whistler. The doctor told me I had cracked every rib on one side sometime in the last six months. That confirmed the Kilimanjaro ribs.

We had one last night to spend in tents. That was at the Mweka camp in a heavily forested area near the park exit. I slept soundly that night. I remembered my experience in Alaska when we got back to “thick air.” All I wanted to do was eat and sleep.

Before departing for the lodge where we would spend our last night, I gave a gift to our guide. I had some high-end climbing pants that I knew would not get used again. The guide looked to be the same size as me, so I asked if he would like them as a gift. He was thrilled. I told him he deserved them for doing a wonderful job on the trip. Everyone also kicked in for a nice tip for the porters who worked their butts off to make the trip a success.

So, I got to end my mountaineering career on my own terms.

Note: to see photos from the climb, read the article on *phvoice.org*. It is under “Sections,” “Features & Stories.”

## The Klondike Gold Rush and Seattle’s Rebirth

*by Milton Lum, Contributing Writer*

On the afternoon of June 6, 1889, a glue pot boiled over, igniting the wood floor of a factory on the waterfront in Seattle. The fire department arrived 30 minutes too late to prevent the fire from spreading to the adjoining saloons and liquor stores. Fueled by the alcohol, the fire burned out of control until it had consumed 120 acres (25 city blocks) resulting in over \$20 million in losses. A year later, aided by financial donations from Tacoma and San Francisco, the city had rebuilt itself with 465 new brick buildings replacing the wooden structures. Seattle’s growth was accelerated by the events in the Klondike which catapulted Seattle from a sleepy frontier town to a major metropolis on the world’s stage.

The Gilded Age at the close of the 19th century was a period of great economic disparity. Wealth was concentrated in the hands of railroad barons and industrial capitalists. For the

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common man, striking it rich was the only way he could get ahead. Prospectors combed the hills of the West searching for that elusive mother lode. They gradually moved north toward the Yukon Territory where such a vault was rumored to exist.

George Washington Carmack moved to the Yukon to seek his wealth. He was a second-generation miner who unlike most of his peers integrated with the local indigenous people. He hunted and fished with them, learned their language, and married a daughter of a local chief. In the late summer of 1896, George and his two Tagish companions, Skookum Jim and Tagish Charley, made their way over a mountain and through a swamp to the headwaters of Rabbit Creek, a stream the other prospectors neglected. They panned enough gold to fill an empty Winchester shotgun shell, staked their claims, and hurried downstream to record it. On their way they shared the news of their find with the other prospectors they knew. Some were skeptical but the more trusting ones soon discovered their own pot at the end of a rainbow.

Word spread quickly throughout the region and before long claims were being staked and gold extracted from the land surrounding the newly christened Bonanza Creek. In the spring of the following year when breakup finally freed the mighty Yukon from winter's icy grip, a group of eighty prospectors headed down the river aboard two steamboats, the *Portus B. Weare* and the *Alice*. They brought with them caribou-hide pokes, suitcases, crates, packing cases, and soup cans, all filled with gold dust and nuggets totaling three tons. At St. Michael's, an Inuit village at the mouth of the Yukon River on Norton Sound, the passengers and cargo boarded the *Portland*, an ocean steamship destined for Seattle, and the *Excelsior* bound for San Francisco. Ten days following the arrival of the *Portland*, 1500 people left Seattle bound for the Klondike. In the harbor nine ships were packed to the gunwales and ready to sail. The gold rush was on.

Fortune-seekers came from all parts of the globe as the telegraph and newspapers spread and exaggerated the stories of riches to be had in the North. From New Zealand, the Orient, Europe, and all the states in the U.S., they headed to Seattle and San Francisco, the major ports of embarkation for the gold fields. Many were too addled by gold fever to know what they would need or that they would arrive during the most inhospitable time of the year. The thousands flooding the streets of Seattle and San Francisco seeking passage to the gold fields were easy prey for the suppliers, hucksters, con men, saloon keepers and prostitutes who made their fortune without leaving the comforts of the city.

The madness abated a year later in the spring of 1898, tempered by the realization that America was going to war with Spain. Historians recorded that 100,000 people set foot on the trail to the gold fields, and 30,000 to 40,000 managed to get to Dawson, the closest town. Of these, perhaps 15,000 to 20,000 prospected for gold, and

a few hundred actually *struck it rich*. The richest claims belonged to those already there.

Seattle of all the port cities gained the most from the frenzy. Its population doubled in that one year and continued to grow. Twelve hundred new homes were built in 1899. Business earnings went from \$300,000 per year to close to \$10 million. John Nordstrom was one who returned from the gold fields with enough to buy a shoe store from a cobbler he met there. We know how that story turned out.

*Editor's note: This article is part one of two; be sure to see Part Two in our October Voice.*

## Euphorbia

by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer

*Euphorbia* (also known as Spurge) come in all sizes and shapes: trees, shrubs, herbs, even cacti-looking plants. Their flowers and foliage are just as varied, sometimes sporting weird shapes with colorful bracts that endure long after the flowers are gone. The good news is that they are drought tolerant, disease free, and avoided by predators. They do require full sun and well-drained soil, but the soil can be rocky or with few nutrients. That said, there is a Marsh Spurge that can even grow in shallow water. They all generally grow two to three feet tall and wide and have bright yellow-green flowers.

*Euphorbia* can be grown from seeds or cuttings but spread naturally from underground rhizomes. On the downside, they can be aggressive and are quite toxic. When cut, they exude a milky sap that causes blisters on the skin and blindness if gotten in the eye. Even when not cut it is a good idea to wear gloves when touching them and be forewarned, Christmas Poinsettias are members of the *Euphorbia* family.

Martin's Spurge 'Ascot Rainbow' has classic chartreuse flowers, but the leaves are variegated cream with a lime center. In cool weather, new growth has a flush of red, pink, and orange. It grows one to two feet tall and wide and is available at most nurseries.

*Euphorbia* 'Blue Haze' blooms in late spring and has chartreuse flowers on blue-green foliage, growing 18 inches tall.

*Euphorbia* 'Bonfire' has maroon foliage spring to fall with clusters of chartreuse flowers; it grows about one foot wide and tall.

*Euphorbia* 'Glacier Blue' has leaves that are gray and green with white edges. The spring flowers are cream with green centers, and the plant grows two feet tall and wide.

Your best chance of finding these and others is at: Dancing Oaks Nursery, 17900 Priem Rd., Monmouth, OR 97361; [dancingoaks.com](http://dancingoaks.com); 503-838-6058 or Joy Creek Nursery, 20300 NW Watson Rd, Scappoose, OR 97056; [joycreek.com](http://joycreek.com); 503-543-7474.



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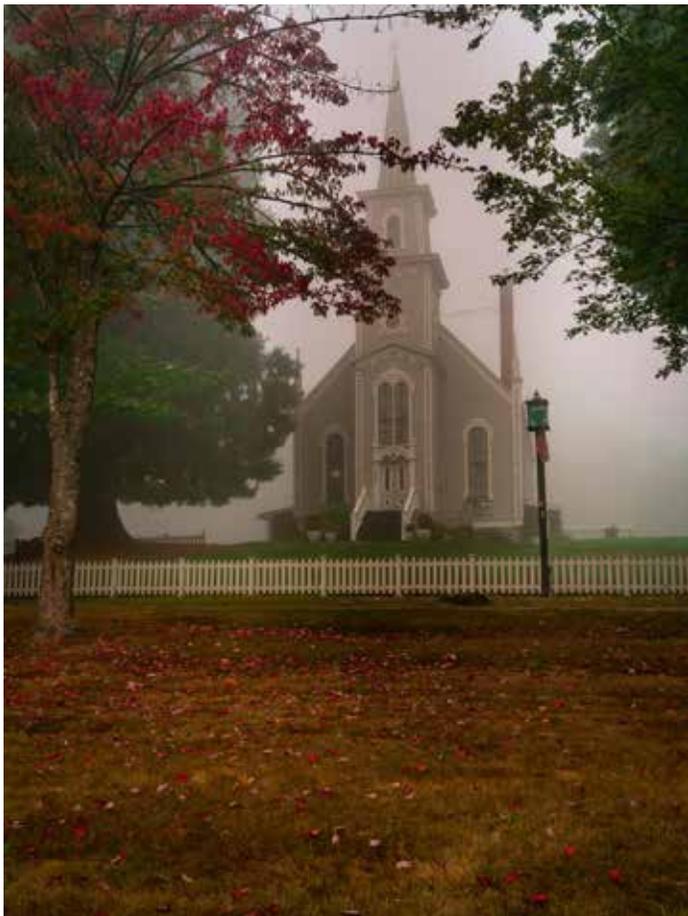
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## Port Gamble— The Company Town Remains

by Tim Rensema, Contributing Writer



*Church at Port Gamble.*

Photo by Brian Jennings Photography

Most of us have probably traveled through Port Gamble at some time, either rushing for the Kingston Ferry or taking the shortcut to Poulsbo. A few may have stopped in to sample the restaurant fare and walked the peaceful grounds, or visited the quilt shop in the old stables. As I wrote in an earlier article, many of the homes in Port Gamble were barged there in the 1950s from Port Ludlow, and most of those homes still remain today. In 1853, Port Gamble (then called Teekalet by the S'Klallam) was selected by Pope and Talbot as the site of the cornerstone mill for their lumber empire, and it remained so until 1995, when it was permanently closed. The last few years have been spent cleaning up the site where the log storage and sawmill had been located.

What makes Port Gamble interesting is the layout and the attention that Pope and Talbot paid to making it a nice place to live. There was a theater that is still in use today, a general store, the green painted water tower as you enter downtown, and the ceremonial/service support at the Hood Canal Vista Pavilion. Port Gamble also provides some access to the extensive trails network of northern Kitsap County, through lands managed/owned or donated by Pope Resources/Rayonier.

Buena Vista Cemetery sits on the bluff overlooking Puget Sound, and affords a very tranquil walk in the sun. Of particular note in the cemetery is the grave of sailor Gustavus Englebrect (USS *Massachusetts*), killed on November 21, 1856, during the Indian Wars, and the first grave in the cemetery. Visitors to the cemetery from the towns of Machias and Calais in Washington County, Maine (the area where William Talbot and Andrew Pope were originally from) will see many with familiar names like Longfellow, Holmes, Harmon, Keller, or Guptill buried in Port Gamble. Particularly interesting is the gravesite of William Hudson. Hudson was one of three (along with Hawkins and Cooper) who jumped ship near Port Ludlow in the late 1840s to start a new life in Washington. Hawkins settled in Mats Mats and Cooper between Paradise Bay and Port Ludlow.

Pope and Talbot also recognized the homes of mill managers and other important contributors to the operations of both the mill and the town. There are plaques located on many of the homes and buildings along the different streets of Port Gamble. In some cases, additional information is provided regarding the original family and the home. What many people may be impressed by is St. Paul's Church, seen on the way out of Port Gamble to the south. This church was built to replicate some of the key features of the East Machias Congregational Church in the town where Pope and Talbot both grew up. It was constructed in 1879 as the Union Congregational Church. While not as large in stature, this church has tremendous local support to exhibit its beautiful blue and white colors to all who pass. It is hard to miss St. Paul's!



*The Port Gamble Camperdown elm.*

Photo by Tim Rensema

The buildings and cemeteries are nice, as are the stores that provide great food and coffee as well as other services and goods. Key to seeing Port Gamble is to visit the Port Gamble Historic Museum, open 12:00 to 5:00 p.m., Friday through Sunday, May 28 through September 6 ([portgamble.com/museum](http://portgamble.com/museum), 360-297-8074).

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The museum contains many of the supporting pictures and historic documents that apply to both “Ports” (Ludlow and Gamble). There are artifacts including equipment, furniture, photographs, and extensive coverage of the 1885 marriage between Cyrus Walker and Emily Talbot, daughter to Captain William Talbot, one of the founders of Pope and Talbot.

However, not everything is inside the building. For those of horticultural ilk, the Camperdown elm from Dundee, Scotland is an impressive tree to see. A scion (cutting) from a mutated seedling of a Scotch elm was grafted to Scotch elm root stock and was planted in 1875. It is now the state champion, at 25 feet in height with a 26 feet diameter crown, and a seven foot trunk diameter—a truly beautiful tree. While walking through Port Gamble, be sure to observe the other unique and interesting trees that have been planted there.

A visit to Port Gamble on a summer’s day would be a great way to spend the afternoon—see how many of the old Port Ludlow homes you can find, or hike some of the great trails. Port Gamble remains a company town even today, only ownership is now with Rayonier.

## Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue Foundation

by Barbara Berthiaume, Contributing Writer

The Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue Foundation was created and designated a non-profit foundation in July 2011. The mission statement of the organization is to protect, educate, and care for our community. The vision statement is to be an organization that is enthusiastically supported in the community because of our commitment to serve with pride, respect, and confidence; to have fiscal discipline and accountability; to empower its members; to have regional approaches to service delivery; to have collaborative labor-management relations; and finally, to promote professional development. According to Gene Carmody, a Port Ludlow fire commissioner for over 10 years, the foundation does this by giving aid and support, assisted by donations.

Recently, one of our smoke detectors began to beep, and it was located in a very high part of our ceiling. This was not a task for the faint of heart, so we called the fire department, feeling a bit sheepish in doing so because they have so many other much higher priorities. Within 10 minutes they were on our doorstep, and they changed the batteries in all five of our smoke detectors. It probably saved them a more serious trip if we would have tried to do this ourselves.

We were so appreciative and asked if we could give them a donation—they said to make it out to the Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue Foundation. The fire department buys batteries on a regular basis to install in homes after calls like the one we had just made. The Smoke Detector Battery Replacement

Program is funded by the foundation. It is an amazing service, and we are so grateful to have such a dedicated resource in our community. If you would like to make a donation to the foundation, checks can be made out to the Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue Foundation and sent to 7650 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

## Great news from Ludlow Village Players

by Val Durling, Artistic Director

We’re back! We have missed performing for you and hope you have missed us too. As of this writing, our community clubs are opening up and so are we at LVP.

Readers Theater will be resuming our third Tuesday evening of the month meetings on **Tuesday, September 21**, at the Beach Club from 6:00 to 8:45 p.m. Mark your calendars! We sit around a table with a cup of coffee and sometimes a cookie or two and read a play each month. A wonderful way for new residents to meet their neighbors, lots of fun, lots of laughs. No dues, come when you want to. You’ll be glad you did!

Our performing Improv group, *Anything Goes*, under the direction of Nancy Peterson, has been meeting in a private home since May, practicing their comedic skills that keep their audiences in stitches. They have a scheduled performance on **Saturday, October 23**, at the American Legion Hall in Port Townsend, 7:00 p.m. Tickets at the door, \$10. Mark your calendar!

We were a month from the stage performances of *The Outsider*, by Paul Slade Smith, when shut down by the pandemic last year. *The Outsider’s* talented cast has stayed in contact and resumed getting together in May. These dedicated actors have been refreshing their lines and are determined to bring this side-splitting comedy to you in early March or April. We are awaiting confirmation of the performance dates at this time.

We had dates booked for a musical comedy night last fall that were also canceled. Our new director, Randy Powell, is just brimming with creative ideas for shows we can bring you. We hope to add an autumn or Christmas event and/or a Readers Theater performance in the future.

Our events will adhere to Covid restrictions current at the time of performance in accordance with the community clubs or other venues. We will advise whether masking is required closer to the event date.

There is always help needed behind the scenes with sets, publicity, hospitality, costumes, props and more. If you are interested in any of the above activities or have any questions, feel free to contact me, Val Durling, 360-437-2861 or [rkd@olympen.com](mailto:rkd@olympen.com). See you soon at Live Theater!

## Meet Your Firefighters

By Ron Dawson, contributing writer



Meet Richard Spellman, Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue firefighter and paramedic. He has been a firefighter for seven years and a paramedic for eight. Richard and his family moved from Chicago, Illinois, last May. He is very pleased that he has a position with Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue, as they moved before he had a job out here. His family consists of his wife Amy; a two-year-old son, Samuel; a six-month-old daughter, Penelope; and Cooper, the dog. They became interested in our area after a road trip from Chicago and have bought a house in Poulsbo.

Spellman decided to become a firefighter, when as a small boy he liked the lights and sirens of the equipment. As he grew older, he researched the job and liked the problem-solving aspect of the work. He likes the excellent teamwork with his peers, the lifestyle, and a chance to continually work on any deficiencies in his knowledge of medicine in his role as a paramedic. Richard says the hardest part of the job is seeing people in horrible situations, where the team works hard to correct the condition. He wants to continue building his skills, and in time, would like to become part of the leadership team.

Away from work his interests include team sports like baseball and football. He played football for one year at Bowling Green, a division one football program.

His most memorable event as a firefighter took place in Illinois. He had a 3:00 a.m. call for a man in critical condition due to cardiac arrest. One week later the man came to the fire station to personally thank those that had saved him. He made a remarkable recovery.

When asked about anything that people don't know about him, he stated that "he is now into baking, and has made some really good stuff, and had some major losers."



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# National Chicken Month

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer



Matilda enjoying a sunny September day.

Submitted photo

As many of you know, I have a dear (silent) traveling companion—the captivating French hen, Matilda. She and I have seen some amazing sights together across the US and Canada, and I value her friendship. And I fear her wrath. So it was with great trepidation that I undertook this writing assignment about National Chicken Month.

Did you know that the Smithsonian magazine recently called chicken “the ubiquitous food of our era, crossing multiple cultural

boundaries with ease.” Are you beginning to see my problem? Can you understand why I write this in a darkened room with the door closed?

Suggested celebrations of National Chicken Month center around activities such as hosting a chicken potluck where guests must bring a dish centered around chicken. Another encouraged activity is going out for chicken and waffles, whether it is part of your weekly Sunday routine or a new adventure in trying this sweet and savory goodness. Perhaps you can challenge yourself to learn a new chicken recipe as there are seemingly endless ways to prepare this staple.

Statistics tell us that the average American consumes about 83 pounds of chicken each year, and chicken is the most widely consumed poultry in the entire world. I used to think that guacamole was the most consumed food on Super Bowl weekend—but no, it’s chicken wings (pizza is a close second). Just about every mother in the world wants to share her chicken soup recipe with you, that bowl of healthy, steamy goodness that fends off colds and flu and warms the soul.

Chicken is also widely available and affordable in our supermarkets, high in vitamin B, which is known to help with memory loss, stress and anxiety, and it’s delicious!

And now, at the insistence of Matilda, I have to offer some non-food related reasons to celebrate National Chicken Month.

You might consider raising chickens, an endeavor with many benefits. In this era of getting back to basics and trying to live a more simple life, raising chickens ticks a lot of boxes. A supply of fresh eggs is a real bonus. If you are an egg lover, nothing tastes so delicious as fresh eggs gathered from your own chickens, and if you have an overabundance, eggs can be a source of extra cash. Chickens will eat just about anything,

so they are more than happy to supplement their diet of weeds and pests with your table scraps. They are also a never-ending supply of free fertilizer. Chickens (you don’t need a rooster) are quiet, generally well behaved, need no walking or training, and make good companions. Some chicken owners I know say they love to spend time hanging out with their chickens, value their companionship, and feel a sense of peace and stress relief when they spend time with them.

I found this quote from Maya Angelou, “I like chicken a lot because chicken is generous—that is to say, it’s obedient. It will do whatever you tell it to do.”

Clearly, Ms. Angelou never met Matilda.

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## Edibles - Salty Girls Seafood Bar

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

Well, it was a long time coming, but Salty Girls Seafood Bar opened their Port Townsend location in May. They signed the lease for their location at 215 Taylor Street in February of 2020, but Covid-19 caused delays and setbacks as it has with so many of our local businesses. The original Salty Girls opened in March of 2018 and is located on W. Washington Street in Sequim. Owners Tracie Millett and Lavon Gomes had been operating the Sunset Marine Resort on the east side of Sequim Bay for over 20 years. Guests would ask them where they could get great, fresh, local seafood and, unfortunately, the answer was there just wasn't that 'definitive place' for great food and fun. Gomes and Millett began looking for a site where they could offer great seafood in a no fuss, no frills, no reservations, fun environment. After a lot of looking, a location presented itself and Salty Girls was off to a very successful start. Right from the beginning, there was a desire to create the same haven for fun, friendship, fresh food, and drink in Port Townsend.

After three visits to Salty Girls Port Townsend, I think they are off to a great start. Patrons can choose to dine in with inside seating at tables or the bar, or choose outside seating at tables in front of the restaurant on Taylor St. On all three visits, I took advantage of the beautiful weather and sat outside. The service was fast and friendly, and the staff was knowledgeable. The oysters, a rotating selection, were fresh and delicious, served on crushed ice with a choice of tasty Mignonette sauces and fresh lemon. Baked oysters and oysters Rockefeller are options as well. The restaurant offers a selection of local craft beers, cider, and wine as well as signature cocktails and mocktails. The Big Girl Bloody Mary was a mini-meal complete with prawn, bacon, celery, and olives, and the raspberry lemonade was fresh and delicious. A note of caution: your server is your bartender and your oyster shucker, so if you want to enjoy your beverage and your oysters as a first course, be sure to tell your server.

Menu standouts for me were the clam chowder, not too thick, with a hint of bacon and thyme; the manila clam steamers, sauteed in white wine, garlic, butter and lemon and served with delicious toasted sourdough; the Ahi poke, amazingly fresh and a very generous portion with a side of rice; and the prawn cocktail, six extra large, perfectly cooked peel and eat prawns with cocktail sauce. A friend enjoyed the open faced Albacore tuna melt on sourdough bread, and the crab roll served cold on a brioche bun. We also enjoyed the fish tacos, but they are a different preparation than we were accustomed to—the rockfish is sauteed and chopped before being piled into corn tortillas with salsa, slaw and cotija cheese and chipotle aioli.

I keep telling myself that I will save room on my next visit for the Salty Girls Chocolate Chip Sea Salt Cookie—doesn't that sound amazing!

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How do you go about finding a Realtor? Drive around your neighborhood and look for repeat names on real estate signs (bonus if there's a "sold strip"). Talk to a Realtor in person at an open house. Observe how that person engages with potential buyers. Compare real estate agents on-line. Do a quick name search on-line for the real estate agents you've identified. Get a referral. There's nothing better than a personal referral from a friend or family member you trust.

Having good rapport with the agent you select is important, as you will be working as a team with the goal of getting your home sold. Are they a good listener? Do they communicate well? Are they tech smart? It is important that the Realtor you select to market your home has skills to effectively represent your home in our fast paced, on-line world.

The person you select should have good market knowledge as well as good marketing skills. Their marketing plan should be comprehensive and in writing. Do they know who your target buyer is and how to reach them? Work with a local Realtor, as they typically know the market better and are more familiar with county and city codes, procedures, etc.

Remember, choosing the right agent is not about selecting the person who gives you the highest price. It is giving you the price that is right for the market and having the courage and honesty to tell you even if it is not the news you want.

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### Port Ludlow Village Council

by Mike Towner – PLVC Board Member and Chair, Communications Committee

*Editor's Note: We would like to shine a spotlight on the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC). Those of you who have moved to Port Ludlow in the past two years may not be aware of what the PLVC does and how it serves our community. Others of you who have been here longer may also benefit from learning more about how the Board operates and the benefits we derive from its existence.*

First, a brief history. In the early 1990s, before there was a Master Planned Resort (MPR) designation under the WA State Growth Management Act, an informal organization of Port Ludlow homeowners' associations was formed. This organization, Council of Ludlow Owners Association (CLOA), with appointed representatives or presidents of the various lot and homeowner groups, operated primarily as an information conduit between the residents and the developer, Jefferson County, and the State of Washington on issues affecting Port Ludlow.

As Pope Resources, the former developer, began to face the reality of a finite number of years of operation at Port Ludlow, it called on a number of community leaders within CLOA to create a formal organization charged with being the governing entity for Port Ludlow. This group began meeting in May of 1998 and by early 1999 presented the concept of a "Village Council" to the community. The PLVC became a legal reality in 1999, subject to the Washington Nonprofit Corporations Act (RCW 24.03 et seq.) as a representative body whose function it is to foster and preserve the quality of life in Port Ludlow. The charter of the PLVC states that it was formed to "do as it determines to be in its best interest... to be a unifying force in the community... working towards building consensus among the residents, merchants, property owners and others." Among the goals originally laid out for the PLVC and that still exist today are:

- To obtain, control, maintain and preserve wildlife preserves, trails, wilderness areas, open spaces not owned by the two master HOAs - South Bay Community Association (SBCA) and Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC),
- To engage in lawful political and/or lobbying activities as permitted by a charitable entity qualified under Section 501(c)(3) of the Tax Code, and
- To sponsor and/or promote municipal corporations such as public utilities or port districts and/or charitable organizations qualified under 501(c)(3) of the Tax Code.

In short, its mission is to preserve, protect, promote, and unify the entities that make up Port Ludlow. The PLVC operates as a 501(c)(3) charity. Those major entities are the developer (Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) and the two master HOAs—the SBCA and the LMC. The PLVC represents the interests of the residents of Port Ludlow as well as the various businesses that operate here. (You can read more about the history of Port Ludlow and the PLVC at the PLVC Web site: [plvc.org](http://plvc.org).)

The PLVC consists of nine board seats and several committees that are made up of over 100 volunteers. Two of the board seats are filled by one representative each appointed by the two major HOAs. The other board members fill the posts of President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, with the remaining members serving as Directors. The officers are appointed by the Board. Each board member has a two-year term. Board seats whose terms are ending are filled by our election process as part of the Board's Annual Meeting in October and are voted on by the property owners and residents of Port Ludlow. The election packets are sent to all PLVC members prior to the election, so please fill yours out when you receive it and return it according to the enclosed instructions so that your vote will be counted. All Board and committee members volunteer their time and are not compensated in any way.

The PLVC and its committees are constantly looking out for the best interests of the community at large. The Trails committee maintains over 28 miles of trails to enjoy here in Port Ludlow, ensuring that this gem of our community is available to all to enjoy year-round. The Emergency Management committee oversees a network of Block Captains who assist our neighbors with emergency preparedness, as well as coordinating with Jefferson County first responders in case of a natural disaster. Other PLVC committees include Utilities, Community Development, Administrative, Maritime, Recycling, Roadway Safety and Holiday Lights.



*PLVC lights up the Village Center during the holidays.*

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Trails Committee at work.

Submitted photos

One of the activities that we were very excited about is VolksWalk on August 28. Even though it will have occurred prior to this month's publication, it is an excellent example of how the Board works with interested members of the community for the good of Port Ludlow as a whole. Jane Holmes, a Port Ludlow resident, informed the Board that the American Volkssport Association (AVA) planned to hold a 10k and 5k walk on some of the Port Ludlow trails on Saturday, August 28, 2021. The AVA is a non-competitive sports organization that promotes exercise and is committed to fun, fitness, and friendship for people of all ages and athletic abilities. Jane provided a visual presentation showing details of the organization and its proposed VolksWalk and said that PL residents would be invited to join the walk. The Board agreed that the VolksWalk could be an enjoyable event for the community and offered assistance to Jane in marketing the event using an article in the Voice and eBlasts and by providing some financial assistance for walkers' refreshments.

The PLVC has monthly meetings on the first Thursday of each month and workshops on the third Tuesday of each month and everyone is invited to attend either or both. The board meetings feature updates from the PLA and HOAs, our Jefferson County Commissioner and committee updates. We often host guest speakers who present topics of interest to the entire community. In 2021, we have had the privilege of hosting presentations about the VolksWalk, Rayonier Corp, the Department of Natural Resources Lands division (DNR), and the DNR Wildfire division.

In addition to its public meetings, the Board communicates issues of interest through its eBlast email service as well as the *plvc.org* web site, both operated by the Communications committee. If you are interested in receiving eBlasts, please sign up using the Sign Up For Community Updates link at the top of the main page of the website (again, *plvc.org*). You can also provide feedback on any topic by using the Contact Us link on the main page.

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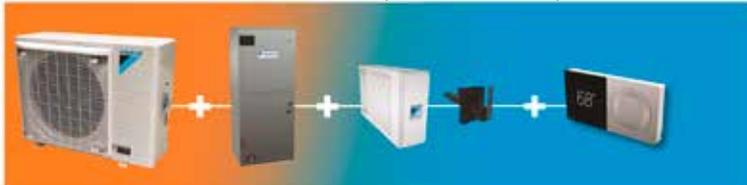
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## Arts & Entertainment

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

### Behind the Scenes: The Restoration of an Old Master Painting

*by Patricia Webber, Guest writer*

In 1989, “Madonna and Child”, a painting by Orazio Gentileschi, was on exhibit at the National Museum of Art in Bucharest when it and over 150 other paintings were severely damaged by bullets and shrapnel during the Romanian Revolution. The Gentileschi might have been deemed a total loss, but—at the request of a Romanian cultural delegation—the J. Paul Getty Museum’s conservation laboratory accepted the task of repairing the painting.

Leading the restoration team was Elisabeth Mention, an associate conservator at The Getty.

The Port Ludlow Art League is honored to welcome Elisabeth to their September 15 program at the Port Ludlow Beach Club. She will talk about the painstaking, fascinating, and innovative process of restoring “Madonna and Child” at The Getty’s conservation studio; the unique challenges of restoring this painting; and the art, art history, and science of restoring old masters’ work.

Elisabeth studied Art History and Fine Arts at the University of California at Santa Barbara and graduated from the University of California Berkeley. Her professional life was spent at the J. Paul Getty Museum in Los Angeles for over thirty years as a Painting Conservator and brief periods as a visiting conservator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Yale University Art Gallery.

The League’s Program Meeting is at the Beach Club, 121 Marina View Drive, Port Ludlow, **Wednesday, September 15**, 1:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to attend for a small fee of \$5. For information, contact Patricia Webber at [patricia98110@gmail.com](mailto:patricia98110@gmail.com).

### Art Fair and Outdoor Concert

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, September 5**, so you don’t miss the biggest events of the year in Port Ludlow—the Art Fair at the Port Ludlow Inn from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and the free outdoor concert near the Grace Christian Center from 1:30 to 5:00 p.m.

To get your day started, stop by the Port Ludlow Inn (front lawn) and the deck below the Yacht Club for the Port Ludlow Art League’s Art Fair. You’ll be able to browse unique works for sale by local artists, including jewelry, watercolors, acrylics, photographs, woodworking, ceramics, books, cards, and baskets, all while enjoying views of the Port Ludlow Marina and the Olympic Mountains.

Then make your way to the lawn area near the Grace Christian Center to attend a free outdoor concert sponsored by the Port Ludlow Performing Arts. The outdoor concert will feature outstanding local musicians from the Pacific Northwest, including Next Up, Black Diamond Junction, and Kelly Carpenter. For more information, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).

### Port Ludlow Art League’s Group Art Exhibit



3 Crows by Fran Bodman.

Submitted photo

After a long hiatus, the Bay Club will once again host group art exhibits sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. The theme of the current group art exhibit is “Feathered Friends.”

Birds in art can symbolize freedom, hope, and peace. Birds also evoke images of flight, song, caring for young, hunting, and as pets. There will be more than 47 works of art on display, ranging from watercolors and mixed media to photographs—all featuring the virtues of our feathered friends.

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The art exhibit is available for viewing in person at the Bay Club during **September**. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).

## Port Ludlow Art League

**Artist of the Month – Susan Cavanaugh**



Tormented Ruffles by Susan Cavanaugh.

An accomplished painter, Susan Cavanaugh’s work is often inspired by nature, reflecting upon a childhood spent outdoors in the Pacific Northwest. She selects her medium to best suit her chosen subject matter using watercolors to provide a calm respite and oil paintings to sing and shout with texture.

Susan is also a fiber artist, stitching colorful bits of fabric together to make free-form pieces and then cutting them up and rearranging them into blocks, sometimes incorporating reproductions of her paintings. This combination of materials adds a new level of excitement to her creative process.

This September, Susan’s artwork will be on display at the Port Ludlow Sound Community Bank and online at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org). There will be a reception for her work from

4:00 to 5:00 p.m., on **Wednesday, September 8** in the lobby of the bank, followed by a meet and greet from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery next door. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

If you’d like to purchase Susan’s artwork, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org) to make a sales appointment or stop by the Gallery between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. For more information, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).

## Jeweler of the Month – Nancy Aikman

After a lifelong career as an accountant, Nancy Aikman found herself drawn to a new passion: the world of beads and cabochons. Cabochons are natural gemstones that have been shaped and polished rather than faceted; typically flat on one side and domed on the other.

Using only high quality, natural elements, Nancy embellishes the cabochons with glass and semi-precious stones. She also creates earrings, bracelets, and necklaces using glass, natural stones, and sterling silver.



Necklace by Nancy Aikman.

Submitted photos

You can view Nancy’s jewelry online at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org), and in person at the Port Ludlow Art Gallery and at the Sound Community Bank. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

If you’d like to purchase Nancy’s jewelry, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org) to make a sales appointment or stop by the Gallery between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. More information, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).

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## Board Meeting Summary

by Sally Franzel, PLVC Secretary

At the August 5, 2021, Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting the following reports were given:

### Dan Toepper—Commissioner, Public Utility District 3

Based on the results of their consultant’s report, the Jefferson County Public Utility District (PUD) is considering a full replacement program of its electrical metering system by installing Smart or AMI (Advanced Metering Infrastructure) meters. The project will take approximately four years with an anticipated cost of \$5 million. An “opt out” program will be available.

PUD is pursuing a \$12.5 million grant to fund installation of fiber optic internet from Quilcene to Discovery Bay and surrounding areas. As part of the grant application, PUD had asked residents within the project area to fill out a survey and received overwhelming support for the project. The total project will build more than 160 miles of optical fiber to connect more than 1,600 homes and businesses in Quilcene, Discovery Bay, Gardiner, and part of Chimacum. The project was submitted to the state Broadband Office requesting partnership and matching funds. If accepted, it would be bundled within a statewide application to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Broadband Infrastructure Funding program. PUD’s involvement in expanding broadband access within the county is dependent on obtaining grants. PUD was also considering applying for a grant under the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) ReConnect Program which offers federal financing and funding options in the form of loans and grants to facilitate broadband deployment in rural areas that don’t have sufficient access to broadband. This program will require a 10 to 25 percent match depending on qualifying factors. Mr. Toepper thanked the county for the \$150,000 from the Federal Relief Funds given to PUD for broadband expansion.

PUD is considering exercising retail authority to be an Internet Service Provider (ISP) for connections built in the grant project area; however, all PUD fiber will be “open access,” meaning any eligible service provider could use PUD fiber to connect to a customer and provide an additional service option.

The budget review process for 2022 will begin soon and will include discussion on how best to utilize income received from property taxes. The commissioners will also initiate a strategic plan update to cover the next three to five years. These meetings will be open to the public and input from interested residents will be appreciated.

## Village Council Meetings

### Board Meeting

**Thursday, September 2**

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

### Workshop Meeting

**Tuesday, September 21**

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

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### Greg Brotherton—County Commissioner, District 3

The commissioners had made a commitment to the Jefferson County Fairground Board to supplement their loss in revenue during the summer due to the homeless encampment at the fairground and to look for an alternate location. A contract has been signed for a 30-acre parcel at Mill Road and Highway 20 for an emergency homeless center to be managed by OlyCAP. This location can also be used for parking for the Larry Scott Trail.

Brotherton testified at a hearing in Quilcene that discussed a proposed Inter-Trust Exchange. The exchange would allow for the future transfer of 826 acres of State Forest Land Trust forestland near Quilcene into the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). This would be managed by Dabob Bay Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA) for recreation and wildlife habitat. The exchange would be for equal-valued parcels of Common School Trust forestland in the same area, and all parcels involved in the transaction will remain in state ownership. Under state law, only Common School Trust properties may be transferred through the Trust Land Transfer program, but state law permits DNR to propose inter-trust exchanges to meet the needs of the trust beneficiaries.

The County had instituted a new budgeting process where each department explained their budgetary needs and issues directly to the county commissioners at meetings which were open to the public. In this way, the commissioners hoped to achieve a transparent budgeting process.

In March 2021 a resolution was passed by the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) commissioners to suspend the commission. There were no plans for expanding beyond the current drainage systems and no capital improvements to be considered for at least four to five years. The commissioners felt that suspending the commission would potentially

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alleviate most of the overhead expenses while still providing the needed on-going maintenance of existing drainage systems. The PLDD commissioners petitioned the county to request a public hearing. After consultation with county Public Works, Audit, and Legal, the county commissioners denied the request. There was currently at least one open position on the PLDD commission, and a meeting will be held in mid-August to explain the role and responsibilities of commissioners. Residents who own property within the PLDD and are interested in serving on the commission should contact Mr. Brotherton at [G.Brotherton@co.jefferson.wa.us](mailto:G.Brotherton@co.jefferson.wa.us).

The Jefferson County Assessor's office recently sent out the property assessments for assessed year 2021 and tax year 2022. Residents with questions about the recent assessment process can submit their questions to Greg Brotherton, through Jim Moffitt at PLVC. Jeff Chapman, County Assessor, will then be invited to attend the September PLVC Board meeting to respond to those questions.

#### **Administration Committee/Election Sub-Committee Report—Tam McDearmid, Chair**

The election of directors for the PLVC Board will take place at its Annual Meeting **October 7, 2021**. Members of the Election Committee have prepared an election packet containing the President's letter, volunteer honor roll, ballot, and candidate statements to be mailed to all owners of real property within the Port Ludlow Master Plan Resort (MPR) around **September 1**. Incumbents Jim Moffitt, President, and Paul Hinton, Treasurer, will be running for re-election to the Board; Sally Franzel, Secretary, will not be running. Two excellent candidates, Jane Holmes and Ken Sondergard will also be running. Residents are asked to look out for the election package and to submit their votes as soon as possible.

Being a non-profit organization and not able to assess dues or taxes, the Village Council is totally dependent upon the generosity of Voting Members' donations. Despite virtual meetings, expenditures continued for overhead such as insurance and resources for committee activities that benefit the community. Residents' donations to the PLVC are very much appreciated.

Each year, PLVC creates a Volunteer Honor Roll which credits and thanks all its volunteers that served on committees, the trail stewards, and emergency management block captains without whom none of the organization's objectives could be accomplished. Several of these individuals volunteered for more than one activity.

#### **Utilities/Maritime Sub-Committee—Phil Otness**

The Port Ludlow marina continued to host a large number of vessels of different types in the bay including kayaks and paddle boards. The "No Wake Zone" and "5 mph" signs put up last year have been effective in keeping the bay safe and allowing return visitors to enjoy the peaceful smooth waters. Plans have been made to add more signs to extend the area covered.

In the past, the committee had a second challenge of controlling violation of the state anchorage rules. One vessel that had continued to violate the rules despite warnings, discussions with the skipper, and letters from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) finally moved out in April. No new violators were encountered this summer.

**Emergency Management Committee—Bill Dean, Chair**  
Mike Towner gave a detailed report of the Committee's activities during the last quarter.

The Block Captain Training Curriculum has been updated to make it fully searchable and was posted on the Emergency Management (EM) page of the PLVC website. The Communication Plan content has been updated and is available on the EM page as part of the Neighborhood Emergency Plan (NEP). As reported in last month's *Voice*, back-up locations have been identified for the Beach and Bay Clubs in their role as designated EM Communication Centers. The Port Ludlow Fire Station at 123 feet above sea level had the radios and antennas needed to perform the functions of the Beach Club. The terrain in the North Bay area has been challenging due to the hill that runs down Swansonville Road. The terrain interrupts communication and a repeater location needed to be found to enable communications to jump from the Fire Station to the rest of the community. Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) had given permission for a repeater GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) radio station on top of the water tank in the RV storage lot. The repeater will operate remotely without personnel onsite and will be powered by solar panels and batteries. It is anticipated this installation will cost about \$700 and could be finalized in the fourth quarter 2021. The Port Ludlow Brokers real estate office at 151 feet above sea level has the radio equipment and antennas installed to perform the communication functions of the Bay Club.

PLA's operations at the Golf Course, the Inn, the Marina, and Olympic Water & Sewer, Inc., will also need to communicate their needs in an emergency situation. EM was in the process of setting up each of these locations as a unique Block Captain location. They will be provided with an FRS (Family Radio Service) radio and given information and training in order to communicate should a disaster occur.

On July 22, 2021, the EM Committee held its fourth Annual Block Captain Fair with the objective of providing wildfire information for the community. More than 70 residents attended. County speakers were David Codier from the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management (DEM), Wicus McGuffey from Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, and Sheriff Joe Nole. Pat Lohrey, Bill Dean, and Rick Schurman from the EM Committee also participated. Residents who could not attend the Fair can access the presentations on the EM page of the PLVC website. Wildfire materials were provided by the county and some national sources and surplus documents have been donated to the Beach and Bay Clubs. Any non-HOA residents requiring the documents should contact the PLVC EM Committee at [plvc.org](http://plvc.org).

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## Update From the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Effective July 26, the Beach Club hours of operation were extended two hours per day Monday through Saturday. Our current facility hours are now:

### Monday – Saturday

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### Sunday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

With all the Covid restrictions, pool usage started off slowly this year. Now that the State of Washington has removed usage restrictions on facilities such as ours, Beach Club hours have been extended, and our members' comfort level has increased, the latter part of the outdoor swim season is looking more like a typical summer. I cannot say how nice it is to see and hear people enjoying themselves in and around the pool again. The outdoor pool will remain open through September 30 and will reopen mid-May next spring. Of course, the indoor pool and spa are open year-round as is the Beach Club gym.

From the beginning of the Covid pandemic, the LMC Board of Trustees have been diligent about learning about the virus. Board members have read numerous reports from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Washington State Department of Health and Jefferson County Public Health so that they could make informed decisions regarding LMC's facilities and amenities. At times, the Board has had to make difficult decisions for the good of the homeowners' association and its members. Recently the Board had to make another one of those difficult decisions when it was decided to again require face masks for all individuals over the age of 2 years when inside any LMC building regardless of whether they are vaccinated or not. The only exception is when our members and guests are in the water or eating. As long as Jefferson County's case counts keep increasing, as they have done for the past several weeks, I would expect the masking requirement to stay in place. The Board feels strongly that this action was needed in order to help keep our members and staff safe while in the building.

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

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## South Bay Community Association Update

by Gil Skinner, President, SBCA Board of Directors

**A heartfelt thank you.** The first thing I want to do is thank the hardworking members of last year's SBCA Board: Bart Clark, Bruce Birch, Dick Grieves, Dave Jurca, Christine Spagle, Bill Wight, and Tom Sprandel. If there ever was a difficult year, this Board had one. Kudos to all of you for working through the pandemic and keeping the Association on an even keel.

At the July 28 Annual Meeting, three new members were elected to the SBCA Board: Janet DeDonato, Joe Guillien and Gil Skinner. The newly constituted Board then met and decided to fill the current vacant Board position. Two excellent candidates were discussed, and Bert Loomis was selected to fill the vacancy by a 5 yeas, 1 abstention vote. Officer positions were then chosen.

The 2021-2022 SBCA Board and Officers.

Gil Skinner, President  
 Bill Wight, Vice President  
 Christine Spagle, Treasurer  
 Janet DeDonato, Secretary  
 Joe Guillien  
 Bert Loomis  
 Dave Jurca

**Welcome back.** The first week after the Annual Meeting, the SBCA welcomed members back to the club with morning coffee and pastries on the patio. Members stopped by all week, drank their coffee, consumed their calories, and renewed friendships. Many members commented on the beautiful back patio venue.

**What lies ahead?** One important initiative being contemplated by the Board is a special New Member orientation. New members sometimes have issues due to misinformation or a misunderstanding about the SBCA and how it operates. At the New Member orientation, we tentatively plan to discuss: SBCA and its Committees, the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and how it affects the member, why we need a reserve fund, the interface between SBCA and the individual Villages, and a brief overview of all the benefits of membership. Currently this program is in the concept phase and more information will be coming your way. Any member may attend but our focus audience will be members who have joined the SBCA in the past two years. If you are in this group, you will be an important voice for helping us steer our way forward.

## SBCA Important Dates

### Monthly Board Meeting

**Thursday, September 9, 9:30 a.m.**

Plans are for a virtual meeting.

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Online meeting ID: *bayclubgm*

All SBCA members are welcome

### Committee Meetings

All committee meetings are held virtually.

To keep informed of meeting dates and times,

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Meeting minutes are posted at [sbca.club](https://sbca.club),

then click on Board Minutes Page



**A pitch for volunteers.** We have a lot of things that get done only by members volunteering. Being a volunteer is a great way to meet people, find new friends, and receive by giving. SBCA members volunteer all around the community and one area for your consideration is volunteering right here at the SBCA. We need you.

If you are willing to volunteer, we ask two things:

1. Attend the meetings. All committees usually meet only once per month.
2. Be additive. Come prepared to contribute both mental and physical effort to help achieve your committee objectives.

Below are the current SBCA Committees. Additional information is available from the Club General Manager, Mark Torres.

**Activities and Amenities.** These are really the heart of the Bay Club, the reason why we gather. The goal of this committee is to plan both fun and interesting events to bring members into the club, foster a sense of community, and make the Club a vibrant resource.

**Architectural Review Committee.** The only Committee mentioned in the Governing documents. Reviews all ARC applications and assists Village ARC committees as appropriate.

**Communications.** The name says it all. We look forward to continuing to grow and fine tune Club communications.

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## Recreation & Sports

### Port Ludlow Women's Golf League News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA and Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson

Port Ludlow Lady Niners' Captain, Sharon Russell, welcomed three new members to the Lady Niners' league. These three individuals are currently playing rounds with experienced members of the Lady Niners to obtain their GHIN handicap. When their handicap is secured, they will participate in the Lady Niners' weekly competition for prize money. The Lady Niners "Best of Three Rounds Captain's Cup Tournament" is being held this year. The winner will be announced at the end of the year Lady Niners' luncheon.

The August 26 Niners' Couples golf event was well attended. Chairpersons Mike and Barb Burke have put a lot of effort into thinking up monthly games that generate winners while still allowing participants to post their scores towards their GHIN handicaps. Members will be notified by Golf Genius email about the games scheduled for Niners' Couples' events in September and October. If members are interested in playing, they should sign up on Golf Genius.



Sue Fechner, Ann Nugent, Linda Bloemeke, and Diane Kobz.

Submitted photo

PLWGA Captain Meryl Friedman has held in-person regular business meetings and shared her vision of a successful season via emails to all members. At the midyear luncheon, Sue Fechner, Sue Carlson, and Linda De Forest were unanimously elected to the Nominations Committee for next year's slate of board officers.

Elaine Girard and Beth Weaver, Chairpersons of the Mexican Fiesta themed midyear luncheon, planned an authentic event that featured yummy margaritas and a colorful donkey pinata loaded with sweet treats and golf themed items for all attendees. Diane Kobz, Dana Durasoff and Bonnie Vahcic, chairpersons of the ongoing Captain's Cup Tournament,

introduced the individual pod match play winners: Diane Kobz (Bodacious Birdie Babes Pod), Sue Fechner (GHIN Gin Girls Pod), Ann Nugent (Pod People Pod) and Linda Bloemeke (Peas in a Pod). These four golfers will play matches against one another until an overall winner is determined. At the end of the year luncheon, this golfer will be honored and crowned Queen of the Captain's Cup.

In August, some members of the PLWGA played in the Washington State Public Links one-day event at Port Ludlow Golf Course. Participation in this event qualified these PLWGA golfers to play in next year's three-day Public Links Championship Tournament scheduled to be played at Port Ludlow. These Public Links events allow players from across the state of Washington to compete against women golfers with similar handicaps.

The PLWGA Club Championship will be held on **September 13, 15, and 17**. Play-away days to local courses and a Gal's Getaway (multiple days playing a group of area courses) will also take place this fall.

Port Ludlow PLWGA Captain Meryl Friedman and Lady Niners' Captain Sharon Russell welcome new prospective members to play with the PLWGA on Tuesday mornings or the Lady Niners on Thursday mornings. To play as a guest on Tuesday and/or Thursday, women should contact the pro shop desk at the Port Ludlow Golf Course.

### The Ryder Cup Comes to Port Ludlow

by Tim Propeck, Sports Editor

The Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (PLMGA) completed a tournament in July modeled after the Ryder Cup played by a team from the United States against a team from Europe. It is played every two years and the location cycles between courses in the US and Europe. Players in the tournament are selected by their team captains based on the player's performance in tour events.

The first modification used by the PLMGA was to invite all the members who were interested in playing to sign up for the three-round tournament. The team captains were the club Pro's, Adam Borrows and Tyler Sweet. The captains went through a selection process where they took turns selecting players for their team. Once the teams were selected, the captains were also responsible for pairings against their opponents for each round.

The formats for the three events, held on July 14, July 16, and July 19 were different each day, including team play, match play, alternating shots, and stroke play. The captains also varied the pairings for each event.

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When the dust settled after the last round, the team headed up by Adam Borrows was the overall winner. Congratulations to the team members for persevering over three rounds of golf.

I am sure we will see a return of this tournament next year.

### Port Ludlow Yacht Club Cruising Season and New Members Galore

*by Lori Longo, PLYC Commodore*



*The Commodore's Dinner at Buck Bay Bistro, Olga, WA (Orcas Island). Submitted photo*

PLYC members and guests are enjoying a beautiful summer on the water and from the deck of the Club. Summer cruising season has been a pleasure with gorgeous weather. The Commodore's cruise to the San Juan Islands hosted fourteen boats. We enjoyed wine tasting from Madrone Cellars at Roche Harbor, a delicious BBQ dinner at Matt's Smokehouse at Deer Harbor, and a delightful outing to Eastsound followed by a fresh seafood dinner at Buck Bay Bistro while moored at Rosario Resort. The days were filled by kayaking, paddle boarding, walks through the islands, chatting with friends, and enjoying a good book. Anchoring out in Echo Bay, Sucia Island, and Hunter Bay off Lopez made great bookends to a relaxing cruise.

PLYC has welcomed a record breaking 23 new memberships to date this year. The positive energy at the Club is contagious. Half of these folks are boaters and the other half are joining for the social connection. Please consider joining, and your first meal will be free with one of the Flag Officers as your host. To express your interest in visiting PLYC, please complete the form on our website at [plyc.us/visit](http://plyc.us/visit).

### Duplicate Bridge Opportunity

*by Dan Darrow, Bridge Group*

Keeping an active mind is essential to good health. A study by the University of Wisconsin found that playing card and board games can help people maintain their mental sharpness. Researchers discovered that the frequency of playing games is associated with greater volume in several brain regions that are affected by Alzheimer's disease. Those who played more often also scored higher on cognitive tests.

The Port Ludlow Bridge Group is now playing every Monday at the Bridge Deck. They are a casual group that is American Contract Bridge League (ACBL) sanctioned. ACBL membership is not required to join the games. In duplicate bridge, cards are dealt once and placed in boards. All boards are played by each team and then the results are compared. Thus, you don't need a "good" hand to do well. Often the team that plays well on defense gets the top scores. If you are new to duplicate, don't worry; the Port Ludlow group is friendly and is happy to help newcomers.

Meet at the Bridge Deck every Monday at 12:15 p.m. and play until approximately 4:30 p.m. You will need to bring a partner. For questions and more information, contact Dan Darrow at 360-437-9208.

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## Port Ludlow Hiking

by John Nuereberg, Hiking Club

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

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

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

### Friday, September 10 – Grand Valley/Moose Lake

This hike begins at the 6,000-foot Obstruction Pass trailhead and descends via the Badger Valley trail to Grand Lake and Moose Lake. The flowers will be gone by September, but it is still very much a first-class descent to the lakes, both of which are equally perfect wilderness jewels. The hard part begins on the ascent up and out of this setting to the Lillian Ridge trail. This is a trail that is very difficult both in amount of elevation gain and scree-covered hillsides. Please take stock of your limitations if they include steep climbs and lots of scree. This is not an easy hike. We will meet at 7:45 a.m. and depart at 8:00 a.m. from the Bridge Deck.

National Park Pass or another Interagency Pass is required. The hike leader is Burt Peterson: 360-437-0849.

### Friday, September 24 – Lower Gray Wolf River

The Gray Wolf Trail is 5.4 miles roundtrip with 800 feet of elevation change. The turnaround point will be a bridge that was washed out several years ago. The hike to this point is some of the best riverside hiking in the Olympics. It is considered a moderate hike. National Park Pass or another Interagency Pass is required. The hike leader is Jack Rigen: 360-437-0370.

**Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop.** Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a no-leader hike. Meet other walkers at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive at 9:00 a.m.

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 8:00 a.m.** Join the “Trail Club Group” that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led walk on the abandoned golf cart path trail or other alternative route.

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

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**Facilities.** A Committee of great importance to the Club’s maintenance/appearance. Its overall charge is to continually evaluate and maintain our physical plant, its environs, and to look to the future.

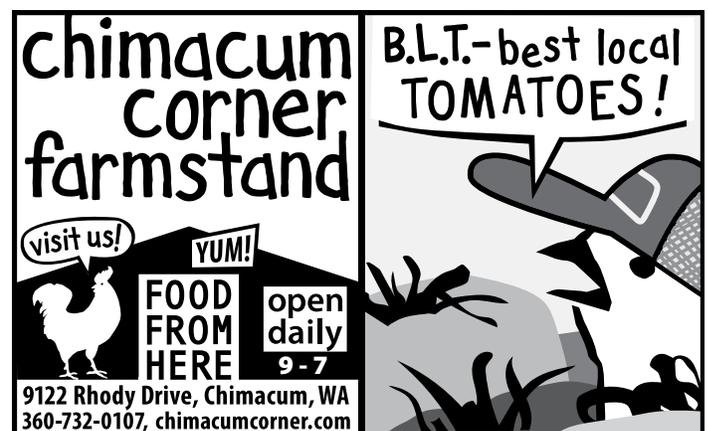
**Finance.** This committee provides financial planning and oversight for the Club. It’s a combination of looking at the future and identifying alternative revenue streams, as well as ensuring our money is used wisely.

**Health and Fitness.** This committee looks out for the health and well-being of our membership. Please come and see our workout area—one word, impressive. This committee is extremely active and dedicated to helping you in your overall fitness plan. One area being considered is having a physical therapist on site for a yet-to-be determined amount of time each month. Stay tuned.

**Human Resources.** Writing policy and procedures, hearing member complaints (other than ARC), enforcing the rules.

Activities on the immediate horizon include restarting the Pancake Breakfast, Friday member socials, and a potential concert on the back lawn. All these activities will be done, if at all, following safety recommendations from our health authorities. Important to note is that ideas for Club activities need to come from you.

Most everyone is looking forward to getting past this horrible year of discontent and while we must do things safely, we must also move forward. We have been presented a golden opportunity to reimagine what the Club should be. The Board, guided by valuable **input from members**, is ready for the challenge.



## No-Shoe Nomad

by Jim Gormly, Contributing Writer

He was the eccentric barefoot wanderer of the Northwest. No, I don't mean the unconventional star of the National Geographic reality series, *The Legend of Mick Dodge*, who lives off the land in the Hoh Rain Forest. I refer instead to Jonathan Chapman, a quirky itinerant who wore no shoes or socks, clothed himself in cast-off feed sacks, slept under the stars, and planted apple seeds in the *Old Northwest* (Ohio to Illinois) during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. Though more commonly known as Johnny Appleseed, this outlandish, yet humble, man was more complex than the simple image presented in the 1948 Disney cartoon.

Chapman was born this month nearly 250 years ago in Massachusetts. His youth is a mystery, but he became an orchardist, and by the early 1800s was solo trekking across the Northwest. At an early age he became not only a convert, but an evangelist of a Christian sect called The Church of New Jerusalem, which influenced his lifestyle as well as his apple-tree husbandry. While the Church forbade its members from harming God's creation, Chapman took that tenet to the extreme. He was known to extinguish campfires at night so that insects would not be attracted to the light and perish in the flames. Pertinent to his style of husbandry that prompted his alias, he also refused to graft his apple trees, believing that this growing technique physically hurt the source plants. Instead, all his trees were derived from seeds he planted, which turned out to be an expedient solution since the European-grafted trees did not initially thrive in American soil.

Grafting, a form of cloning known for 3000 years, and commonly used in Europe at the time, is an integral part of cultivating apples, since planting the seed of an apple is essentially playing botanical roulette with prohibitively long odds. For example, the seed of a Red Delicious apple will produce an apple tree, but the fruit will be neither red nor delicious. This characteristic classifies apple seeds as "extreme heterozygotes", which means they have intense genetic variability. Fruit grown from apple seed often turn out to be inedible, but Chapman wasn't trying to produce the Red Delicious, as implied in Disney's movie. Instead, his apples were typically small tart "spitters" – named for what you'd likely do if you took a bite of one. Since he had ulterior motives, he didn't care how the fruit tasted as long as they grew on apple trees.

Starting in 1792, the Ohio Company of Associates in the Northwest Territory made a deal with potential settlers: anyone willing to form a permanent homestead on the wilderness beyond Ohio's first permanent settlement would be granted 100 acres of land. To prove their homesteads to be permanent, settlers were required to plant 50 apple trees, since an average apple tree took roughly ten years to bear fruit. A clever businessman, Chapman realized that if he could do the difficult work of planting these orchards, he could turn them around for profit to incoming frontiersmen who didn't

want to spend time waiting for the trees to mature. Wandering from Pennsylvania to Illinois, the unmarried Chapman would advance just ahead of settlers, cultivating orchards that he would sell them when they arrived, and then head on to more undeveloped land. When he died in 1845 the homeless vagabond owned more than 1200 acres of land, mainly apple orchards, of course.

Although his apples were usually unfit for eating, they were ideal for making hard apple cider which provided those on the frontier with a safe, stable beverage. In a time and place where available water could make you sick, cider could be imbibed without worry, making Johnny's apples a far more valuable crop than edible apples. However, after decades of tending their orchards, apple growers, usually by serendipity, eventually discovered the odd tree with the precise combination of traits that produced a good eating apple in the New World. During Prohibition, unfortunately, overly zealous FBI agents often chopped down trees that might be used for cider, likely erasing some unique botanical gems from American soil. Nonetheless, from Chapman's planting of nameless apple seeds came some of the great American cultivars of the 19th and 20th centuries, including the Delicious and perhaps the McIntosh in Ontario. However, receiving praise for those developments would have embarrassed the unassuming Chapman and, no doubt, knocked his socks off, if he had any.

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