

Fall Can Be Squirrely

By K. Mowbray,

Are you going critter crazy? It could be because the raccoons dig up daffodil and other bulbs and leave holes everywhere; or because the deer prefer to eat the landscaping plants over the natural feast; or because you've been chasing moles for three years now. But, probably it's the squirrels!

Squirrels here seem to think they should move into the attics of the houses. All that wonderful insulation to burrow in makes a cozy nest for raising the next squirrely generation or for winter.

When it happened in our home we first tried to call exterminators. Did you know that regular exterminators can't get rid of squirrels in the State of Washington? The closest permit-authorized exterminator for squirrels was in Kingston, and he won't come this far.

Next came a Hav-a-heart trap w/squirrel food. This squirrel was far too smart for that to work.

Someone suggested moth balls. Even though it says on the side of the package not to use moth balls for squirrel abatement, we tried it. The moth balls worked for awhile but then they dissolve.

In a magazine there was a product advertised that put out a sound that would run off the little monsters. It worked for about a year, but the sound was audible to humans as well. Plus, after a year, Ms. Squirrel either got used to the sound or became deaf and it did not run her off anymore.

Finally, a real solution! We had metal vents that look like floor heating vents installed over the little holes between the joists. They have to be placed all around the attic rim, but the animals are finally denied entrance. The gentleman installing them said Ms. squirrel sat on a rock and chided him. It was the first time he'd been scolded by a squirrel.

If you have squirrels driving you squirrely, I suggest you skip the other steps and get the vents. The damage squirrels can do is serious.

Fire District 6 Update

By Mark Bowes,

Jefferson County Fire District #6 is in the news again, on a positive note. You may have caught the joint meeting with the Port Townsend City Council and the Fire District Commissioners at which they received a briefing on the current operations levels of both agencies.

Fire District 6 relies on volunteers to respond to fire and emergency medical calls. Port Townsend starts most calls with paid firefighter/EMTs. In both agencies it takes time for additional resources to respond and assist.

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The Good, The Bad, & The Reasonable

By Judie Lewis, Editor

In last month's issue of To The Point, it was mentioned that the Architectural Committee had sent out a survey to those with whom they had interacted over the previous two years. It asked the resident to grade the Committee on how they were treated and on the results. The survey being sent was viewed as an improvement in that it showed that the Architectural Committee was expressing an interest in finding out if people felt they were being handled fairly or not.

As it was related in the August Board meeting, there were four grading levels: excellent, good, okay and failure. The results reported were: those who graded the Committee interaction as okay or better constituted 85% of the surveys returned. 15% of the surveys returned expressed serious dissatisfaction with the Committee's work.

This was presented at the August Board meeting as a very positive thing because 85% of the surveyed people were satisfied.

It is hard to imagine that anyone would think that a 15% serious negative return was positive. If this were a simple vote, the majority rules even if it is only slightly over 50%. This is not such a

simple vote. The Architectural Committee, like all other committees in Kala Point, is a group of neighbors, who are working with other neighbors to build the best possible houses in keeping with the community's and future residents' wishes. If all decisions and actions were viewed from a neighbor-to-neighbor aspect, fewer unhappy results would be reported. Rules that are set up rigidly and applied that way are always going to fit like too-tight shoes.

One excellent suggestion put forth by Sylvia Bowman was that the specification for products be the requirement (i.e. roofing that is rated for 50 years, fire retardant, etc.) and let the resident and builder pick a product that fits the specs. That would free the committee from having to update lists of approved product names as they change. It would also give the future resident the feeling of having more control over his/her own home.

Spending some time on line with legal services, it appears that CC&Rs are coming into question all over the country. The term "reasonable" keeps coming up. According to these legal eagles, the courts (who are handling a huge volume of these cases, as we appear to not be alone in this quandary) are basing their decisions on what seems "reasonable."

Would a court think it was reasonable to fine someone for roofing that was 1/8 inch thinner, but rated for the same 50 years, the same color, the same fire-retardant level, etc? Would a court think it was reasonable to not have a roofing on the approved list that had been approved for the condos and 4-5 houses in Kala Point?

As neighbors, we all need to return to the golden rule and treat those with whom we interact the way we would like to be treated ourselves. This is certainly worth a try. It is unlikely that anyone on the committee would enjoy being dictated to about their own house either.

If you have comments, suggestions or ideas, you may respond to lewis@olympus.net; or mail your comments to: To The Point, P.O. Box 816, Pt. Hadlock, WA 98339. Comments should always be in writing for clarity.

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Up-date On Issues

By Judie Lewis, Editor

Are They Listening

The September Board meeting included a serious discussion on the power the Board has to purchase land without a vote of the community. Many expressed discomfort with this power. Jeff Hartman said, "If indeed the CC&Rs give us the power to purchase land without a community vote, I am not comfortable in exercising that power."

The rest of the members nodded in agreement. In the long run it was agreed that for the Johnston property just outside the gate they would not purchase without at least a simple majority vote. This does not cede the power to the electorate for all possible future purchases, but at least it covers the current consideration. It's a good start!!!

KPOA Land Acquisition of Johnston Property

The public meetings that were held in September on the Johnston property acquisition were very informative. People seem open minded about possible purchases, but whether the Johnston property is a way to start was up for grabs.

If the land were for a buffer, land on the other side of Kala Point Drive would be a better option because of the zoning differences and possible land use. If the purchase were for future development, we need to clarify what the use would be and whether the community agrees.

Seminar on Water Issues

The second group discussion that will be held this fall to get the community's input on issues will be on our water system. The date has been changed to November 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Clubhouse. Whereas there are some restrictions on what will be allowed to be discussed by the planned speakers, it is at least a start.

Questions you would like to see addressed can be e-mailed to lewis@olympus.net or mailed to Judie Lewis, 356 Fairbreeze Dr. Pt. Townsend, WA 98368.

We Get Letters

By Judie Lewis, Editor

At a recent meeting, Tony Costa posed an excellent question regarding the fine levied regarding the roofing on 50 Nantucket Place. The question asked what were the differences between the approved tile roofing and the tile roofing used. For an answer, we went to Mabel Campbell, GRI who presented the information at the hearing.

To Answer Your Question-- The roofing put on the home at 50 Nantucket Place is 1/8th inch thinner than the approved roof. Both roofing materials are the same color and have a 50-year life. The 1/8th inch is the only difference. The fine was for non-compliance.

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Fire” continued from page 1

Current state law requires at least four equipped firefighters on scene before any firefighters can enter a burning structure. This means valuable time is lost when the burning structure has people trapped inside. The delay could be any where from a few minutes to several minutes. How many minutes are there in a life of a loved one or a friend trapped in a fire.

Unlike television or a metro area where several trucks pull up to a burning building within three minutes those of us who live in Port Townsend or Fire District 6 don't have that resource. On Sunday, September 23, a fire broke out on the waterfront in Seattle at pier 55. Within in a short time over 100 firefighters were battling that blaze. That still left enough firefighters for other calls.

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we have around forty-six total responders. That is provided they are all in the area and healthy and not working and able to drop what they are doing to respond. A large fire would take all of the responders we could muster. That would be for the initial attack on the fire. If the fire were a large or stubborn fire we would need to take firefighters away from the flames and give them a break.

We have mutual aid agreements with surrounding districts and counties to make their resources available when needed. However it would take valuable time to come from Quilcene, Discovery Bay, Sequim or Poulsbo. And, they would still have to keep enough people and equipment to meet their own needs if they arose.

So, you can see that we are under staffed in both Port Townsend and Fire District 6. One way to solve that would be to raise taxes and have the taxpayers of both pay more for better fire and emergency medical protection. Neither the City Council nor the Fire District Commissioners feel that is the best way to go.

What we are exploring is combining resources in some manner to benefit the residents of both areas. While no one at this time knows how that will ultimately look, but we Fire Commissioners of District 6 want to explore all of the possible options and see what is in the best interest of the residents of District 6.

I personally think that the residents of the fire district would like to have a better fire and EMS system especially if it doesn't cost any more. We need to hear from you. We need for you to have all of the facts to make the best decision for you, your family and the community. I would like to personally invite you to attend a Fire District Commissioners meeting to ask questions and get the information from the Commissioners. We meet the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Fire Station out a Cape George. If anyone wants to attend, but is uncomfortable driving at night, give me a call. I can take six riders. I offer door-to-door service! I can be reached at 379-3146. We welcome you to find out more about your Fire District.

Kala Kwips

By one of our funnier but shy residents

Great Truths About Life:

That Little Children Have Learned;

1. No matter what, you can't baptize cats.
2. When Mom is mad at Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
3. You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
4. You can't hide broccoli in a glass of milk.
5. The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

That Adults Have Learned;

1. Raising a teen is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
2. Wrinkles don't hurt..
3. Families are like fudge . . . mostly sweet with a few nuts here and there.
4. Laughing is good exercise. It's jogging inside.
5. Middle-age is when you choose your cereal for fiber rather than the toy.

Truths About Growing Old;

1. When you fall down you wonder what else you can do while you are down there.
2. Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.
3. It's frustrating when you know all the answers but nobody bothers to ask you the questions.
4. You're getting old when you get the same sensation from a rocking chair that you once got from a roller coaster.
5. Forget the health food. We need all the preservatives we can get.

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Dear Judie (Editor)

I noticed there is nothing yet in "to the point" about the critical issues with District 6. I hate to say it, but it appears to me that you are in someone's pocket!? I thought you wanted information on critical issues. What's more critical than our Fire District, Taxpayer dollars, and lives and property?

Tomorrow night the Chairman presents his proposal to the City. They can agree and move ahead - and will. Who will be there? Who knows? I hope I don't have to say "told you so". Grey Pohl
Editors Response - Grey, I feel so uninformed on the Fire District issue that instead of printing what couldn't be confirmed, I asked Mark Bowes to write an article to catch the community up on the facts. I know there have been serious problems in the recent past - so this seemed to be a way to get current information.

Neighbors With Needs

By Mary Ann Verneuil

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Rose Morrison on the loss of her Father.

Kala Point's wishes for a speedy recovery go to Betty Kuller and Nellie Dunnet.

Thinking of you cards were sent this month to: Baikie Dunnet, and Jude and Jim Davies.

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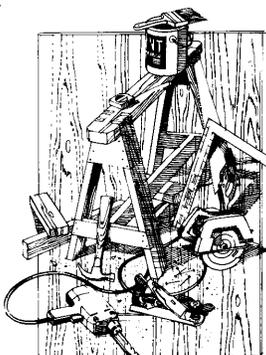
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Just A Click Away -Recommended Web Sites-

By Daphne Kilburn

www.networkforgood.org

Network for Good is a nonprofit organization dedicated to using the Web to help people get more involved in their communities - from volunteering and donating money, to speaking out on issues you care about. The website can match you with an area to either donate to, volunteer for, or just get involved with. The categories are Animals & Environment; Arts & Culture; Civic and Community; Education & Research; Health; Human Services; International; and Religion.



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West Nile Virus Coming

It appears we will have to concern ourselves with the West Nile Virus in the State of Washington in the very near future. We've all heard reports of this mosquito-spread disease. Information is available from the Center for Disease Control and from the USGA National Wildlife Health Center's website www.nwhc.usgs.gov.

Skeeterbites.com Cutter homepage states, "The West Nile Virus was first detected in New York City in September of 1999. Since then, the disease has been detected many more times throughout the United States and parts of Canada. The West Nile virus is a strain of encephalitis which, when contracted, can cause a fatal inflammation of brain cells. The Culex species of the mosquito that carries the virus spreads the disease to mammals and birds, including crows and gulls. There is no evidence so far that the virus can be transmitted from person to person, animal to animal, or animal to person."

Skeeterbites.com also shows how much mosquito activity is expected where you live or visit, based on zip code. The site recommends the following steps to decrease the likelihood that mosquitoes can breed in your back yard:

1. Keep your gutters clear and free flowing.
2. Keep child-size swimming pools drained when not in use.
3. Continually refresh and replenish the water in swimming pools and birdbaths.
4. Store unused flowerpots, watering cans, and empty plastic containers in your garage or shed.
5. Keep your lawn and shrubs trimmed to minimize breeding habitat for mosquitoes.
6. Level your yard in low spots to eliminated puddles and pooling water.
7. Remove old stumps.

The most likely scenario for this virus in Washington is that it will arrive next spring/summer. If we all follow the above guidelines over the winter and spring, we can help keep it from Kala Point.

Calendar October Events

By Bev Green, Events Coordinator

Oct. 1-13... Quilters, a Musical of Pioneer Women, Key City Playhouse, PT.

Oct. 3-6...Landscapes: Beyond the Literal, Fort Worden SP.

Oct. 5...Gallery Walk, Uptown/Downtown Galleries, PT.

Oct. 5...PT Shorts, Pope Marine Bldg., PT.

Oct. 5-6...Kinetic Sculpture Race, PT.

Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26...Protection Island Fall Migration Cruise. Point Hudson Marina, PT.

Oct. 11-20...Enhancement Days at Fort Worden 2002 Centennial, Fort Worden SP.

Oct. 12-20...Art Port Townsend, Point Hudson Pavilion, PT & surrounding area.

Oct. 13-April 13...Sundays at One, Poetry Series, Rose Theater, PT.

Oct. 25...Fashion Show Luncheon, Elks Lodge.

Oct. 26...All in All Animal Ball, All My Relations, Port Townsend.

Oct. 31 . . . Downtown Trick or Treat, PT.

For further information, call the Port Townsend Visitor Inform. Ctr., 385- 2722; Marine Science Ctr., 385-5582; Centrum, 385-3102; or Jefferson Cty. Library, 385-6544. Website, www.ptguide.com.

Gershwin Gala

On Sunday, October 27, at 2 p.m., a Gershwin Gala will be presented as a Turtle Bluff Orchestra fundraiser. The concert will feature duo-pianists Moore and Hinchliff. They will be playing "Rhapsody in Blue," and "Concerto in F."

Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served.

The performance will be at Turtle Bluff, located on Marrowstone Island, 5162 Flagler Road. Tickets are \$25. They are available by calling Turtle Bluff at 385-3626.

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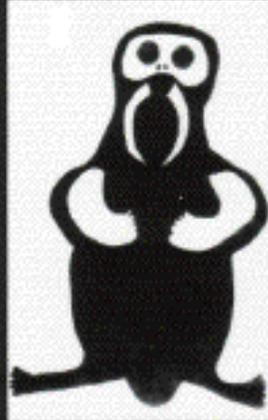
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KP Holiday Chorus Possible

by Daphne Kilburn

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Art Port Townsend Opportunity to View Great Art

by Daphne Kilburn

The fourth annual art festival ART PORT TOWNSEND kicks off its celebration on October 12. In conjunction with Fort Worden's Centennial Celebration, festival events include a Juried Arts Show featuring works from Washington, Oregon, Alaska and Montana, several lectures, a slide show of Clallam and Jefferson County artists and a two-day Artist Studio Tour (the weekend of Oct. 19 and 20). Sponsored by the Port Townsend Friends of the Art and the Jefferson County Art Commission, it all begins on October 12th with an Awards Ceremony and Reception at 7 PM at Fort Worden State Park. Jim McDonald, Curator of the SAFECO Corporate Art Collection, will give a lecture on "The Persistence of Nature in Northwest Contemporary Art" on October 13th. The exhibit closes on October 20th. You can find out more about the festival, exhibit, and studio tours by calling 360-437-9579 or by emailing artist@olypen.com.

Turtle Bluff Orchestra's Ninth Season

Turtle Bluff Orchestra will kick off its ninth season on Saturday, October 5, 7:30 p.m., at Chimacum High School. The concert will feature Gustave Holst's "Green Suite;" Maurice Ravel's "Pavane pour une infante defunte;" Claude Debussy's "Danse sacree et danse profane;" Aaron Copland's "Old American Songs;" and George Bizet's "Symphony No. 1 in C Major."

Conductors are Jim Horne and Sharon Snel. Artistic Advisor in Nico Snel.

Tickets are \$8 each. They are available at Quimper Sound in Port Townsend, (385-2454), at Turtle Bluff, (385-3626) or at the door.

Centrum's Gala Annual Event

On Saturday, October 19, in McCurdy Pavilion at Fort Worden State Park, Centrum will hold its annual Gala Event to support Washington's center for the Arts & Creative Education.

The Pavilion will be transformed into a Tuscan hill town for The 2002 Centrum Gala Dinner & Auction. This event is considered by many to be one of the Olympic Peninsula's most elegant annual events, as well as Centrum's most important annual fund raising event. The festive benefit funds Centrum's program costs and ongoing efforts in the arts & creative education.

Last year's Gala was a rousing success, and this year's event promises to be even more fun. The evening kicks off at 5:30pm with the start of the silent auction. Appetizers and wine will be served, accompanied by strolling musicians Roy and Chrissie Marshall and Barry Schultz playing guitar, mandolin and accordion.

A sumptuous Italian feast catered by The Belmont follows at 7pm, along with the Live Auction, featuring KIRO-TV's Margot Kim as the Celebrity Emcee.

At the end of the Auction, get ready to dance, as one of Port Townsend's favorite bands, The Delta Rays, puts together a special performance designed to cap off a stellar evening under the Tuscan Moon.

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During October's Gallery Walk, Holly's Fine Flowers on Water Street will feature the recent pastels of Marianna Sullivan, a Kala Point resident. She has painted watercolors for more than thirty years in Utah, where she exhibited widely. During the last three years she has been exploring the exciting medium of pastel. This exhibit includes recent paintings of the high country woods and streams of Montana, as well as local Port Townsend gardens. She will be on site to visit with you on Saturday, October 5 for Gallery Walk at Holly's.



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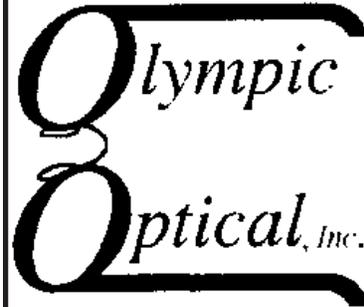


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Playhouse Workshop

If you've ever wondered how an actor develops a character from the introduction of a script through performance, you'll enjoy attending Key City Players' two hour workshop on character development, Sunday, October 20, 2 to 4pm. It is free to 2002 members of Key City, or \$5 for others.

The director and several actors from Key City Players' production of the musical "Quilters" (in performance at Key City Playhouse through October 13) will offer examples of monologues and discuss how they approached developing their roles. For those who attend "Quilters," the workshop should prove even more intriguing.

Call the theater at 385-7396 after October 13 to reserve a seat, as space is limited. The workshop will take place at the theater at 419 Washington Street, Port Townsend.

UGN Needs You

by Jim Pate, Kala Point UGN Representative

United Good Neighbors of Jefferson County (UGN) supports programs that benefit people of all ages who have needs they cannot meet without help from the larger community. Funds distributed by UGN are raised from the Jefferson County community, and are used within the county.

Because UGN makes extensive use of volunteers, about 85 cents of each dollar raised by UGN is returned to support the needs.

Kala Point has been generous in supporting UGN in previous years. Last year more than 100 donors participated. If you have not contributed to UGN before, this is a good time to start. Every donation of any size helps. If you have questions please call me, Jim Pate, at 385-9788.

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Commonalities, Concerns and Caring

By Bob Morrison,

What do Windship Dr., Trafalgar Dr., Wellington Ct., Blenheim Pl., Kala Point Village, Shorecrest Ct., Pinecrest Dr., West Ridge Ct., Terrace Dr., Kala Lagoon Ct., Kala Point Condos and parts of Kala Point Dr. have in common? They are either **not** represented or **under represented** by the (EPC) Emergency Preparedness Committee's Damage Assessment Team, (DAT).

As the DAT Team Leader, I have a responsibility to carry out an assessment of damaged structures in the event of a disaster. The speed with which the assessment can be done is directly related to the number **and location** of the volunteers on the DAT. Some areas of Kala Point are well represented with caring volunteers who have been trained to complete their area assessment and to communicate their results. Other areas, such as those above, have few or no volunteers prepared.

Why is this assessment so important? Not only will it help complete the picture of accessibility, structural damage and persons injured, it will help pinpoint areas of high need for emergency services. Perhaps the most important reason for conducting an assessment, it will allow the EPC to forward the collected information to FEMA, the Red Cross, and emergency services (fire department, EMTs, ambulance) who will place Kala Point on a priority list with what services will be sent, as well as how soon they will be sent.

So the question is, are there concerned and caring Kala Pointers in these areas who are willing to help themselves and their neighbors if a disaster occurs? It doesn't take much. A little of your time for training and practice, one meeting each quarter, an occasional training session and a few bucks for safety gear and a radio.

If you want to help, or have questions, call or e-mail me. Or, come to our next meeting, October 17, 10 a.m. in the Clubhouse. 379-0532, Morrison3@cablespeed.com.

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Oct. 1 & 15 - Mixed Nuts Games Group, every 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., clubhouse.

Oct. 4, 11, 18, & 25 - TGIF, held Friday evenings, 5:30 p.m., clubhouse.

Oct. 7, 14, 21, & 28 - Play Bridge, every Monday, 11:30, clubhouse.

Oct. 14 -Kala Point Readers' Club, 10 a.m., clubhouse.

Oct. 8 - Computer Users' Group, 1:30 p.m., clubhouse. Don McClure will give a demonstration of PaintShop Pro to both groups.

Oct. 15 & 22 - Friends of Old Fort Townsend clear forest trails, 9 a.m. Call Steinbergs for info.

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