

Where Do They Stand

Four neighbors are candidates for the three open positions on the KP Board of directors (vote is in July). They are Tony Costa, Bill Mayhall, Janet Morgan and Bruno Richter in alphabetical order. We thought it would be helpful to you, as the voter, if pertinent questions were asked of the candidates. The questions were prepared by 3 people. All of the candidates were invited to participate in answering the same questions. Their answers are presented without editing or change in any way. The Q & As are presented here in the order received back.

Janet Morgan- declined to answer.

Dr. Bill Mayhall -

Q-1 What do you see as the biggest issues facing KPOA now (and in the next 12 months). What possible measures would you take to deal with them?

A-1 Communication. After attending some of the meetings of the past few weeks and months, I believe that the communication between the leadership and homeowners needs to be vastly improved. Likewise, we all need to share in this responsibility. A more informative and thorough reporting of Committee and Board meetings is indicated. More detail in printed and electronic media would help. Adequate notification of important issues and developments and adherence to the rules is needed.

Q-2 What do you think happened when the building

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Old Glory Has Its Day

by D. Kilburn

Flag Day is Saturday, June 14. Given the events of the past 21 months wouldn't it be great to have an American flag flying from every home in Kala Point? Flag Day - the anniversary of the Flag Resolution of 1777 - was officially established by a Proclamation of President Woodrow Wilson on May 30, 1916. It was celebrated in various communities for years after Wilson's proclamation, but it wasn't until August, 1949 that President Truman signed an Act of Congress designating **Continue "Flag" on page 9**

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On
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By Judie Lewis, Editor

Two incidental things happened this week. One was a KP resident objecting to the cost and efforts of the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC); and watching the aftermath of the nights of tornados in and around Oklahoma City.

The TV reporter indicated that there was no loss of life from one of the tornados because people there have been trained on how to take cover, and to stay alert during tornato season.

Each person listening probably agreed that it is important to be prepared for such storms in "tornado alley." If this is so, doesn't it equally make sense that we would prepare for things that are strong possibilities here in KP?

We live in a forest setting. While all of us would praise the beauty of this setting, it makes us vulnerable to forest fire. Secondly, we live in a techtonically unstable area because there are three techtonic plates here vying for positioning.

In both of these cases, no one can guarantee you that such events will happen in the next 12 months. Likewise, no one can guarantee you that these things won't happen. Getting prepared seems like the only logical choice.

As for cost, governance usually covers emergency services through taxes. Of the things that are funded through our HOA dues, the EPC seems to fit the usual role of governance.

In answer to this same question, we received this article from Mark Bowes, one of our residents and **Jefferson County Emergency Management Preparedness Coordinator as well as Fire Commissioner for Fire District 6:**

Many people ask me what's all of this hoopla about Emergency Preparedness? Is it really important? Should we prepare?

One of the nation's largest liability insurance providers is looking to buy tens of thousands of disaster kits for their facilities in major US cities. If **they** are convinced it is a wise fiscal plan based on carefully calculated immanent risk, what does that tell you about **your** emergency strategy?

There is no better way to say to anybody that you truly care about their safety than to prepare for an emergency. Training of many neighbors to be part of the help and plans so KP can survive for several days with no local services is important.

There really is an URGENT need for shelter-in-place supplies: the US Dept of Homeland Security recommends all of us prepare for "shelter in place" ... requiring at least a 3 day supply of food, water, purified air, medical, sanitation, light, warmth, and search & rescue tools. (see links)

Questions:

- 1) Is there sufficient risk to obtain emergency supplies?
- 2) How prepared is your emergency team for a natural disaster or terrorist attack?
- 3) Do you have adequate supplies and tools for emergency response: everything you need immediately after a disaster and for 3 days without local services? What does an emergency response kit need to contain?
- 4) Is protecting the lives of our loved ones worth a bit of money? Is the alternative of not being prepared irresponsible?

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2) IBHS: "Living with Earth's Extremes: Natural Disaster Reduction" <http://www.ibhs.org/docs/ppp2000.pdf>

3) RED CROSS Brochure: "Personal Workplace Disaster Supplies Kit" <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/workkitfinal.pdf>

4) HOMELAND SECURITY, The National Strategy: "Emergency Preparedness & Response" <http://www.whitehouse.gov/homeland/book/sect3-5.pdf> "Past experience has shown that preparedness efforts are key to providing an effective response to major terrorist incidents and natural disasters."

5) OSHA's Guidelines for Airborn Chem-Bio-Radio Attacks <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/bldvent/pdfs/2002-139.pdf> Home/Family Preparedness:

6) US Dept of HOMELAND SECURITY Brochure: "Be Ready" http://www.ready.gov/readygov_brochurev3.pdf "Terrorism forces us to make a choice. We can be afraid, or we can be ready" —Secretary Tom Ridge

7) RED CROSS Brochure: "Terrorism: Preparing for the Unexpected" <http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/terrorism.pdf>

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9) FEMA Guide FULL: "Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness" http://www.fema.gov/pdf/areyouready/areyouready_full.pdf

If you would like to respond via an op-ed article to this or any KP issue, do so at: lewis@olympus.net; or write KIN, P.O. Box 816, Pt Hadlock, 98339; or you may call Judie at 379-8961. Articles must be submitted in writing.

What Do They Do?

Many residents in KP that have not chosen to be part of the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) do not know what they do. Lee Koch, who is chairman of the committee quoted the mandate as, "We assess the conditions in Kala Point and report those conditions to County/State emergency management officials so they are aware of the needs of our community."

There are several teams that are part of the EPC that have specific functions. The Damage Assessment Team (DAT) members have the job of evaluating the structures within their defined area. They are the ones who are "first on the scene" who organize how those needing first aid help will get to the first-aid station. Then they evaluate and report in the conditions of the housing, roads and utilities in their assigned area. The information they supply gets the needs of their street/area on the docket for help. The housing condition evaluation goes to the Red Cross so they will know before they arrive how many people will need temporary housing, etc.

The First-Aid team, (after they secure their own family and immediate neighbors as all team members do), move to the Clubhouse to establish an

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Earthquake Preparedness

by D. Kilburn, Jeff. Co. Dept. of Emergency Management Public Information Officer

We had a moderate earthquake Friday, April 25. Most of us didn't feel it because it was very deep in the ground near Mt. Olympus and happened in pre-dawn hours. In fact, mild earthquakes happen in our region **every day**. Major earthquakes are a very real threat. It's important to know what to do when you feel the earth move under your feet.

Obviously, it's dangerous to exit your home in the middle of the shaking. Get into a doorway or under a heavy table or desk. Cover your head, and wait. Remember too that there can be aftershocks. There are people within the community, as well as county-wide, who will check on your wellbeing after the danger has passed.

We could see major delays in food supplies from Seattle and Tacoma if trucks can't come across the Hood Canal Bridge after a devastating quake. It's critical that we have a 5 to 7 day supply of food and water, along with a disaster kit which should include a radio and batteries, flashlights, clothing, a first aid kit, and prescription medicines.

If you are uncertain what steps you should take in a major quake, take the time to ask. Call the KPOA office; or members of the KP Emergency Preparedness Committee; or call the Jeff. Co. Preparedness Information Line at **385-9161**.

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aid center for those needing various levels of medical help. Those who need serious aid are reported to outside emergency aid people for transport. "It is not within the mandate of the first-aid team to provide a major care facility. We do not have the medical equipment, facilities, or necessary training to fulfill that function," says Mr. Koch.

The truth is, every home needs to have **at least one** person who has taken the Red Cross training that is given at the Clubhouse. If you prepare, you live! If you don't, there is a strong possibility you will have written your own fate.

There are other EPC teams that man the communications, go with chain-saws, etc. to open blocked streets, secure loose pets and the community from looters.

In April, the EPC held a full range disaster drill. Besides 36 of the EPC members of the various teams, about 14 KP residents who showed up to play the roles of victims or observers. The trained volunteers had a chance to use their skills in a simulated disaster and learn in what areas they may need more training. The drill was a wonderful learning experience. Training in a classroom setting is one thing, in a real disaster, things come up in an unexpected way. Learning to calmly think through the problem and find a solution in a time effective way takes training also.

The Observed needs were:

1. We do not have enough volunteers!!!! Some areas of KP do not have even one volunteer on the DAT. That means that some DAT members, who first secure their own families and immediate neighbors, and secondly check out their assigned area and call for help where needed, will lastly be reassigned to areas not covered. One of the major uncovered areas is Foxfield. If you live there, you better prepare to help yourself because "help on the way" will be delayed. OR, you could be the new volunteer to serve yourself and neighborhood. In the drill, the non-covered areas had people acting as victims who were not found because

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Dear Editor,

Your column on a Kala Point Bill of Rights is interesting. After living here almost five years, and having dealt with the Board/committees my first year, for constructing a treehouse for my daughter to play in (that I had to dismantle because it was an unauthorized structure), gave me first hand knowledge of what this community was like.

My co-workers at Indian Island Naval Base warned me about purchasing a home in KP; that it had more rules than the Military. Sadly they were right. I'm not bitter about taking down the treehouse, but about the general idea here that no change in the By Laws is best for all.

Then, also my first year here, I noticed property values declining. I was very concerned about this. I'm not retired without a mortgage. I need my equity in my house and By-Laws that supposedly protect my property value. (My neighbor across the street sold his house for \$40,000 less than he built it for; then I hear another home going for 20% less and homes becoming marked down in price after a few months on the market). I paid full price for my home (not that I didn't try to bargain, I did).

Then I began to get to know my neighbors and they were great. We all get along fine. Retired people are great neighbors. I never hear dogs barking or loud parties on the weekends as I did in California, where my neighbors were all my age. So I like retired people, I hope to retire some day if Bush does not bankrupt the government.

Here is what bothers me most. The rules are for everyone to follow not just a few no matter how stupid the rule is. But, after talking to many residents who want to leave here (saying it is because the Board of directors are like Dictators)

it appears the rules were to protect our property values yes,but they go to far.

For Instance, I saw a house that had an outdoor fireplace and I wanted to put one in so on those beautiful nights here my family and I could sit outside and enjoy the stars with a cozy fire. I went to the K.P. office to inquire about putting one in. I was told I can't do that because there is no outdoor burning allowed in K.P. whatsoever. When I saw the gentleman who had the outdoor fireplace, I asked how he did it. He said since it was hardly visible from the street he was able to get away with it. He went on to tell me that other neighbors had outdoor fireplaces that the board did not know about, and if they can't see what you have from the street I could get away with having one also.

I have not pursued this because I'm not sure if I will stay here or sell my house (even though it is only worth what I paid 5 years ago). I feel that the outdoor burning rule is too stringent. It was intended for outdoor burning of rubbish, but it is extended to all outdoor burning. Since I know the execution of the rules is so rigid, (at least for those like myself who ask permission or those not in the "connected group") the only way I could get my outdoor fireplace is to SUE the Board of Dictators.

That's how ticked off I am. No wonder they're referred to as the KALA-BAN. Kala Point is more restricted than the Military I work for.

Thank You, Richard J. Maxwell

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Editor’s Note - First, Richard, you need to realize that when you go to the KPOA office and ask a question, you get Brian Belmont’s opinion. He is our employee, not one who should make such judgements! You would never win a law suit if you haven’t gone through the complete process of filing plans for your outdoor fireplace. Here is what you should have been told by the KPOA office: First, you file plans with the Architectural Committee (AC) for permission to build your fireplace. Then if you get a denial of your request, you need to file an appeal to be heard by the KPOA Board (to which you should bring pictures of other nicely made outdoor fireplaces in Kala Point). This request for a hearing must be made within the 30 days following the AC’s decision.

If you are turned down again, you could then consider a law suit. However, there is another legal method you might consider that falls short of going to court unless one or more of the parties wishes to get difficult. It is called Declaratory Judgement. You file with Superior Court and pay a relatively modest fee for the court to review the CC&R’s (or whatever document holds this particular restriction) and make a judgement, that is binding on both parties, as to whether they followed or overstepped the meaning of the regulation. Financial judgements (to return your fee) makes this more complicated. This process is completed much faster than going to court.

Dear Judie, 4/13/03

Sadly, I must step down from my position with To The Point after the June issue. Occasionally I may submit an article. It has nothing to do with you, and more to do with not wanting any more confrontation etc. like I have experienced over the past months. Daphne Kilburn

Assistant Editor’s Note: Due to personal reasons, I will no longer be involved with To The Point. It is time for someone else to step up and assist Judie Lewis with this “alternative newsletter” in my place. I have enjoyed being a part of this effort and I believe To The Point serves the community well in providing pertinent and timely information about issues and problems affecting homeowners. I would like to say that I always made every attempt to verify my information and present fair and helpful articles. Also, let me say that people should remember that they must get involved and fight their own battles with the Board or committees and not leave it up to the staff of TTP, or others such as the Garthwaites. It can take a tremendous toll. Kala Point will continue to be a great community only if many people get involved and only if people communicate their issues clearly to the relevant governing bodies. Thank you for the support that some have shown me. -Daphne Kilburn

Editor’s Note - Daphne, you have been a great help and I will miss you greatly. I know that some normally nice people have lost their cool. You have been the brunt of serious rudeness. I apologize for the community for the pain this caused you.

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Kala Kwips

Submitted by Grey Pohl and Nancy Leeds

WE MADE IT! And it feels good!!!

According to today's regulators and bureaucrats, those of us who were kids in the 40's - 70's, probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cribs were covered with bright colored lead-based paint.

We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, doors or cabinets, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. (Not to mention the risks we took hitchhiking.)

As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags. Riding in the back of a pickup on a warm day was always a special treat.

We drank water from the garden hose and not from a bottle. Horrors!

We ate cupcakes, bread and butter, and drank soda pop with sugar, but we were never fat because we were always outside playing.

We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle, and no one actually died from this.

We would spend hours building go-carts out of scraps and rode down the hill, only to find we forgot the brakes. After running into the bushes a few times, we learned to solve the problem.

We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. No cell phones. Unthinkable!

We did not have Playstations, Nintendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all. No 99 channels on cable, video tape movies, surround sound, personal cell phones, personal computers, or Internet chat rooms. We had friends! We went outside and found them.

We played dodge ball, and sometimes, the ball would really hurt.

We fell out of trees, got cut and broke bones and teeth, and there were no lawsuits from these accidents. They were accidents. No one was to blame but us. Remember accidents?

We had fights and punched each other and got black and blue and learned to get over it.

We made up games with sticks and tennis balls and ate worms, and although we were told it would happen, we did not put out very many eyes, nor did the worms live inside us forever.

We rode bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell or just walked in and talked to them.

Little League had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn't had to learn to deal with disappointment.

Some students weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade and were held back to repeat the same grade. Horrors! Tests were not adjusted for any reason.

Our actions were our own. Consequences were expected, no one to hide behind.

The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers and problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past 50 years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas.

We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility, and we learned how to deal with it all. And you're one of them. Congratulations!

Important Things To Know

1. Rubberbands last longer if refrigerated.
2. Peanuts are one ingredient in dynamite.
3. There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
4. Sharks are the only fish that can blink both eyes.
5. Two-thirds of the world's eggplant is grown in New Jersey.
6. The longest one syllable word in the English language is screeched.
7. Almonds are a member of the peach family.
8. Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.
9. A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
10. Tigers have striped skin, not just striped fur.
11. Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.
12. A dragonfly has the life span of 24 hours.

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Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 17
 1:30 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

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13. A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds.
14. A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.
15. There are 336 dimples on a golf ball.
16. It is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open.
17. In England, the Speaker of the House is not allowed to speak.
18. The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.
19. The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

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June 14 of each year as National Flag Day.

In 1923 the National Flag Code was adopted by the National Flag Conference which was attended by representatives of the Army and Navy (who had their own procedures), and some 66 other national groups. It was not until June 22, 1942 that Congress passed a joint resolution which was amended on December 22, 1942 to become Public Law. Exact rules for use and display of the flag were included.

“Here, in this society, the very winds carry freedom. They carry it everywhere from sea to shining sea....”

-U.S. District Court Judge William Young

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all of the DAT and Security Team (ST) members were occupied with the injured and damage in their own areas and never got freed up to go check out the other areas.

2. Areas that are covered with a DAT or ST member must realize that if there is no backup volunteer, your assigned person could be away at the time of a disaster. You should call Lee Koch and inquire about the situation in your area. You could at least be a backup helper. Remember, many hands make light work!

3. Residents need to keep alert for the training classes that are offered (many are free) in the Clubhouse. Even nonmembers need training!

The bottom line is YOU NEED YOU! You need to not be the ostrich with your head in the sand. Mark Bowes sent in an interesting story:

“Last Friday evening the Tornado sirens sounded from atop the Tunas, MO volunteer Fire Station. My aunt who lives across the street from the fire station got up out of bed and went to the storm cellar, just as she has for the past eighty-four years. She takes each Tornado Warning seriously no matter the time of day or night. As the all clear sounded she came out of her shelter to find bricks in her back yard. She rushed (as much as an 84 year-young can), to find the brick house across the street destroyed and both of her neighbors dead. They viewed the warnings as a nuisance and stayed in bed, at least they went together. The moral of this is, we each make life and death decisions in life.”

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EPC Chairman, Lee Koch

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plan for the property on Trafalgar was submitted that got us all in this very tight spot? What would you suggest as improvements that would keep this from happening in the future?

A-2 I sent a letter to the Board about this situation. I got a copy of the file on that lot and sent my letter to your paper. I think my position is clear. You may reprint that letter or have your readers refer to that letter.

Q-3. What do you think of the reform movement? Do you think it is appropriate for some in KP to tell others to “just move” if they don’t like the governance the way it is?

A-3 I have no problem with healthy investigation into the way we run our business. I think there are a lot of people in Kala Point who aren’t “political” and don’t want to worry about governing themselves. I think that was my view until about 18 mos. ago. I still don’t want to be political but I think some more of us need to be involved in our system. So some probably think reformers” are bad or threatening. I think some good points have been raised and need to be addressed. Would we have had the “Town Meetings” without some of these issues being raised? I think some progress and some improvements can occur.

Q-4. Do you see changes and “upgrades” to the existing CC & Rs as necessary (and urgent in some sections) at this time since so many things have evolved from when they were first developed?

A-4 Yes. Attention to rules on Committee membership, water issues and ACC rules may be necessary.

Q-5 What do you think of the current APP’s? The idea of raising the fine level to \$10,000 per infraction (from the current \$1,000 per infraction) has been tabled for now. What do you think should be done regarding this?

A-5 I am generally opposed to the very high fines that were suggested. We need to develop a system that doesn’t get out of control such that we are required to have such punitive measures enforced. I have some concerns about the recent changes in the Architectural Standards (APPIII-2)

Q-6 What do you think about KPOA purchasing additional land? Please address specifically the possible purchase of the Johnston property just outside the gate as well as possible others.

A-6. I answered this in a letter or response, which will appear in the Kala Pointer. Briefly, I’m not opposed to it but would suggest it only be done after a consenting vote of the community.

Q-7. Do you think the perception by many that governance via the committees (especially tree and architectural) is fair? How would you change the perception or make the structure user friendly?

A-7 Overall. I think the Committee System is fine. Attention to detail and accurate reporting of the minutes is necessary. Attention to detail such that decisions don’t conflict with the CC&R is essential.

8. What do you think would make good Board goals for this next year?

A-8 I addressed this in my “campaign” statement and will email a copy of that.

Q-9 Many in KPOA are unhappy with our water system (and only drink bottled water). What do you think would either change the current system to improve the situation; or what do you think could be done by the Board to help the residents feel more confident in the current system, as it is?

A-9 I addressed that water issue in my letter- see no. 8. The expense, monopolistic structure and cleanliness have to be assessed. We were lucky when it was contaminated that no one apparently got sick. I think I would consider any and all options regarding the water system.

Q-10 What other changes (besides what is addressed above) do you hope to influence or bring about during your tenure on the Board if you are elected?

A-10 Please refer to my statement in the Kala Pointer. **Tony Costa** - My first response is to the general nature of half of the questions, which seem not to be questions, but rather thinly veiled statements of a position held by the questioner, pointing to what would be the “correct” answer. Having said that, I will still state my position.

Q-1 What do you see as the biggest issues facing KPOA now (and in the next 12 months). What possible measures would you take to deal with them?

A-1 My guess is that some of the biggest issues to face KPOA in the next 12 months have yet to surface and what to do about them is to be as informed as possible so as to make responsible and judicious decisions. Some that are currently on the scene are covered in some of the other questions.

Q-2 What do you think happened when the building plan for the property on Trafalgar was submitted that got us all in this very tight spot? What would you suggest as improvements that would keep this from happening in the future?

A-2 I have researched this issue and even though I have formed an opinion on it, I think it is inappropriate

to give an opinion on an issue that is currently in litigation.

Q-3. What do you think of the reform movement? Do you think it is appropriate for some in KP to tell others to "just move" if they don't like the governance the way it is?

A-3 This question reveals a bias in favor of the reform movement so I will have to go against the grain here to say I'm not particularly in favor of the current reform movement headed by Jay Garthwaite which has left me wondering what his motivation is for doing what he does in the way he does it. I am not against reform per se and would be an active reformer if I believed the current system were corrupt, out of touch, or not functioning for the common good of all. No system is perfect and improvements can be made about anything and I think that is true about our current

system; however, I do not think our current system of governance needs "reform" in order for change to happen. A process is in place in the system to affect change. I especially think the people who are governing deserve appreciation for doing as well as they do and encouragement to even do better. I think it is unfortunate that some one said "just move, etc." to another KP resident, however, it is equally unfortunate that the label "Kalaban" was used to describe our governing board. These are examples of poor communication that only serve to inflame rather resolve issues.

Q-4. Do you see changes and "upgrades" to the existing CC & Rs as necessary (and urgent in some sections) at this time since so many things have evolved from when they were first developed ?

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SARS- a Travel Concern

By D. Kilburn

SARS, or Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome, has been in the news lately. We thought it might be helpful, since many Kala Point residents do travel abroad, to update you on this health threat.

The Centers for Disease Control states on their website: The primary way that SARS appears to spread is by close person-to-person contact. Most cases of SARS have involved people who cared for or lived with someone with SARS, or had direct contact with infectious material (for example, respiratory secretions) from a person who has SARS. Potential ways it can be spread include touching the skin of sick persons or objects contaminated with infectious droplets and then touching the eye, nose, or mouth. This can happen when someone who is sick with SARS coughs or sneezes droplets onto themselves, others or nearby surfaces. It is also possible that SARS can be spread more broadly through the air or by other

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ways that are currently not known.

CDC has issued various levels of advice for people traveling to areas with SARS. For some areas, CDC has issued travel advisories, recommending against nonessential travel. You can learn more about SARS at the CDC's website at www.cdc.org following the links to SARS. Locally call Jefferson County Community Preparedness Information Line at **385-9161**.

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A-4 I intend to become better informed on the CC&R's and if it appears as though some are in need of change, I will work to bring that about. I am certain if there are some sections where change is “urgent” that will become quite apparent when the time comes.

Q-5 What do you think of the current APP's? The idea of raising the fine level to \$10,000 per infraction (from the current \$1,000 per infraction) has been tabled for now. What do you think should be done regarding this?

A-5 The APP's is an important document for our community. It's a huge document and I plan to become better informed on it. Until then I will withhold my judgment. The question on fines is misleading because it asserts that all infractions

will be assessed a \$10,000 fine, which is not true according to the way I read the proposal that was sent out by the board, which outlined fines from minor (up to \$500) to irreparable damage (up to \$5,000 for the first offense and up to \$10,000 for additional offenses). I question the motives of the questioner to present as fact something that isn't. I understand the rationale for the proposal, however I am inclined to think the amount of the fines is problematic and I would be in favor of ones that are lower.

Q-6 What do you think about KPOA purchasing additional land? Please address specifically the possible purchase of the Johnston property just outside the gate as well as possible others.

A-6 I attended the informational session on the possible acquisition of the Johnston property and came away from that with the belief it would be wise to purchase it. The reason to purchase is to have control over how that land can be used in the future. I do not think we need to know now for what purpose that property would be used. That can be determined at a later time when needs become more clear. The power to choose what to do with the land will not be ours if we don't own it.

Q-7. Do you think the perception by many that governance via the committees (especially tree and architectural) is fair? How would you change the perception or make the structure user friendly?

A-7 If in fact that is the perception of some, it is incorrect. Committees are not independent entities answerable unto themselves. All committees are under the jurisdiction of the board and the governing documents and have no authority that is not given to them. The board and the governing documents are the governance. The only way I can think of to change

this perception is to communicate better with homeowners. The Communications Committee, which I chair, will have met with all committee chairs (by the time this is read) to specifically deal with this issue because we believe this is so important.

Q-8 What do you think would make good Board goals for this next year?

A-8 Communicate, communicate, communicate.

Q-9. Many in KPOA are unhappy with our water system (and only drink bottled water). What do you think would either change the current system to improve the situation; or what do you think could be done by the Board to help the residents feel more confident in the current system, as it is?

A-9 This year I attended two informational seminars on our water system and based on the information that was presented by representatives from the utilities co., the State Dept. of Health and the State Dept. of Ecology, I conclude that the quality and quantity of our water is very good. These seminars were a concerted effort to get relevant and accurate information on topics of concern to residents; however, it is unfortunate that some chose not to attend or read the information reported in the newsletter. There is some truth to the adage, “You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink.....and in some cases you can't even make him thirsty.”

10. What other changes (besides what is addressed above) do you hope to influence or bring about during your tenure on the Board if you are elected?

A-10 If I can influence only a fraction of what I have outlined above, I will think I have done a lot.

Q-11 What is your concept of the role of an Owner's Association specifically in regards to the scope of authority and fiscal responsibility?

A-11 I recently attended a seminar for board members of community associations. Basically what I learned is that the role of the Owners Association through the elected board is to manage the community. The scope of authority the board has to act is determined by the governing documents and the law; generally that would be to set goals, standards and policies, to enforce the governing documents, to maintain the common property, to maintain the association's financial stability, to purchase adequate insurance, to enter into contracts for services, to create and supervise committees, and to conduct annual meetings and board meetings.

We received no reply from Bruno Richter. It is possible that he is away and did not receive the questions yet, in which case, we will publish his answers in the July issue of To The Point.
