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“Who Is This Guy...” an Interview with Jay Garthwaite

By: To The Point Editorial Staff

At a recent “town meeting” at the clubhouse, someone asked “Who is this guy that has moved here and created these issues...?” Well, issues existed long before Jay Garthwaite moved here; Jay just brought them more into the open and into focus. Most of us first learned that the Garthwaites had moved to Kala Point at last summer’s annual meeting. The questions Jay asked then were very interesting. Now we’ve asked a few of him, since many have judged the man without understanding his motives or perspectives. While To The Point is not connected with any specific group, is not a mouthpiece for any segment’s views, and seeks to provide an avenue for discussion of issues from as many angles as possible, we feel it is important to share what we’ve learned about the Garthwaites and their involvement here. (Jay and Susan have formed a reform movement for Kala Point. You **Continue “Garthwaite” on page 8**

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Subscription Renewal Time

This To The Point begins our second year of publishing. We thank you for your support. For those of you who were kind enough to send in the \$10 subscription last year, it is time to renew. More than ever before, we do need your subscription donation because of the loss of some of our advertisers due to the harassment by some in KP who would like to silence this one-and-only independent voice.

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Daniel Webster



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A Guide To Supporting Our Troops

By D. & L. Kilburn

We have a family member serving in the theater of war in Iraq, as a Navy sailor, and we know how to contact and support him. But many citizens across the country have been seeking information on how to show their support for the troops. We’d like to share with our Kala Point **Continue “Troops” on page 11**



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Swiftly Speaking

On Filling In The Blanks.....

By Daphne Kilburn, Asst. Editor

One day, sitting at the computer, I typed the word "stereotype" to see what it would return after a search. I found on one web site the following:

'We develop stereotypes when we are unable or unwilling to obtain all of the information we would need to make fair judgments about people or situations. In the absence of the "total picture," stereotypes in many cases allow us to "fill in the blanks." ' (source: remember.org)

That little paragraph really struck a nerve with me, not only because I have been guilty of filling in a few blanks in my lifetime, but also because I have been on the receiving end of stereotypical discrimination. Furthermore, I have witnessed several people in our community suffering unfavorable judgment as well.

Why anyone in this lovely community would feel superior to others to the point where they fill in the blanks without obtaining all of the information is a mystery. Yet I've done it. We've all done it. We don't like to admit it. But it disguises itself in something as judgmental as "those new people that moved in are so _____".

Three examples of hasty stereotyping/judging

come to mind: I remember the Life cereal commercials ("Hey, let's get Mikey. He won't eat it, he hates everything....He likes it!! Hey Mikey!") Obviously these older, wiser, siblings did not have the total picture but had decided that Mikey would automatically hate this new taste sensation based on what they had seen Mikey do in the past.

The second thing is more recent when a dear friend of mine heard that she was judged to be "very liberal" because of her position here at Kala Point. In fact, this person is very conservative!! The person making such a judgment or stereotype just doesn't have all the facts or has limited experience with this individual.

My third example is how the Garthwaites have been received/perceived/judged in a hasty manner as 'part-time residents' and 'those reform people'. (We hope this issue's neighbor feature on the Garthwaites will be enlightening).

Human nature seems to lend itself well to first making such hasty judgments, then discriminating or even persecuting those we judge. We excuse this in our own minds and hearts with all sorts of justifications, plastic smiles and insincere neighborliness. It is hoped that folks here can rise above that, catch themselves in this repugnant act, and resolve to first make things right with those they've stereotyped or judged, then resolve to not give in to that temptation again. As one of the guilty, this seems a good goal. The bottom line is this: who am I (or who is anyone) to judge ??

No one has that right. Throughout history, when some have felt they have the right to judge others on flimsy information, it has usually resulted in catastrophic, harmful, negative, or persecuting outcomes. That quote that I cited above, in fact, comes from a web site about the Holocaust.

The moral of this little story is that we all need to *know* our neighbors, get *all* the facts, don't just "fill in the blanks" and fool ourselves into believing we are correct in our judgment of another person.

If you would like to respond 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 Daphne at 385-1119 or Judie at 379-8961.



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“I Have An Issue With That...”

There have been many informative meetings lately that have dealt with a number of issues, and we will give you an update here on the major ones. We encourage you to seek more details or clarity as needed, from Board members, the KPOA office, or by attending future meetings and asking questions. These matters affect all of us.

Property acquisition is a major concern at Kala Point right now, because the Woodland Hills II phase 2 lots are being designed and platted between now and October of 2004, and many residents feel that KPOA should be seeking land there that would provide a second gate or a new emergency exit from Kala Point. Such an exit would shorten the emergency transit time to the hospital because of where the road would join the main highway into town. Other options could be explored with that land as well; but some residents tell To The Point that all the details of the land up behind Pinecrest was to be explored and described in full by the Board prior to **any** vote on any land acquisition, and they don't feel that has happened. Instead we are being directed toward only the property matter outside the main gate. Announced at Wednesday April 9's Town Meeting, the KPOA attorney is reviewing the wording of a ballot and accompanying materials that homeowners will soon receive regarding the possible purchase of the Johnston property outside the gate. By the time you are reading this issue, you may already have such materials and hopefully it contains more details on other properties. If not, we need to pursue more details. Meanwhile, If the simple majority of ballots returned say “yes” then the Board will move forward with the next step. Many residents have questioned the purpose of acquiring this property, and Board members have stated it would be to control what happens on that piece of land in the future and for now maintain the aesthetic quality of it at a time when aesthetics are suffering in that area. Some people speculate there would be a future use of it decided upon by a future Board,

including a new clubhouse or storage of more RVs. The idea right now is to purchase the land, and not annex it in yet, which means real estate taxes and liability insurance would have to be paid on that property. Many steps have been taken by the Board leading up to this possible purchase, and if you want to know more or have questions or concerns you need to contact a Board member.

Other highlights and issues from recent meetings here at Kala Point :

- There are currently two legal actions underway, (and one that just settled), in which KPOA is named (and therefore homeowners share an interest in): the Vogt matter, involving the building of a new home that blocks others' views, and does not conform to the previously enforced CC&R rules (as enforced consistently for more than 25 years) and the FCC issue filed by Jay Garthwaite. That's a lot of legal activity in which we all share a concern. Board President Ray Kemery pointed out that KPOA has insurance for such matters. To The Point has been told that “there is ample coverage for the current suits and any other suits that might come from these.” Some residents are concerned that if an underwriter determines that a policy should not be renewed because of numerous claims, it could be difficult to get coverage again. At the very least, it is likely that our **Continue “Issues” on page 4**



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He Said, She Said, They Said - OR Did They?

By Mabel Campbell GRI

Much has been said, and written, about the appeal hearing with the Board on January 27. Unfortunately there is no video, so the taped version will have to suffice. We should not take rumor as gospel. If you are interested in knowing the truth, listen to the tape, read the minutes of the Architectural Committee meeting that gave approval of the building plan for the home, Lot 139.

Read the files on lots 139 and 82, particularly those pages signed by the Developer/Architectural Committee member and subsequent Architectural Chairpersons, (a names list would be available in the KPOA office). The facts are there and they agree with the articles and letters in To The Point. Information should come directly from the records and not the grapevine.

To be informed, take time to attend board meetings, including appeal hearings like the one in question. Please remember that this pending lawsuit is merely a member using judicial process to enforce the covenants in the manner they have been enforced for over 25 years. This is an act, as allowed by law. This is not a Civil War and in no way should divide the community.

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premiums will increase. As with any increase, this would have to be passed on to residents via increased assessments.

- A proposal was passed at a KPO (reform group) meeting to encourage the engagement of a facilitator to help resolve issues in KP. Recently, a homeowner suggested that we do our own “**dispute resolution**” and facilitation internally, on a quarterly basis, with a non-biased moderator, rather than spending a lot of money for a professional facilitator. Board members had recently attended a seminar on dispute resolution and mediation and had met with a professional facilitator/mediator to discuss the approach. So far, the Board has declined the idea.
- It was disclosed that the **Kala Point Development Co.** holds 19 lots with 19 voting rights, and the original CC&Rs granted privilege that the developer not be required to pay any assessments on those lots; those lots become assessed when first sold. There appears to be some ambiguity regarding such rights in the CC&Rs. But, assuming it is there, some residents feel CC&Rs should be amended to say those 19 lots should not represent votes until they are assessed, since those 19 give an imbalance in power and could produce a different outcome than the majority of the residents desire and vote for.
- The **fine schedule** (or what you could be assessed if you top a tree or violate other tree and architectural rules) is still being discussed, considered and revised, so as to provide enough deterrence yet not be unreasonable to homeowners. It is important that we all check the wording and realize the possibility of “up to \$10,000” for an infraction could still be passed. Your input is still important! Keep on letting the Board members know your views.

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Dear Judie, (Editor)

I can't wait any longer, so I decided to send you my opinion about what has been going on here in Kala Point. I apologize for not signing my name but you can see from the nature of my comments that I cannot.

I have been a resident of KP for many years. I guess I can be considered to be conservative in my politics and in my general outlook on life. Most of my friends are of a similar persuasion.

I must, however, disagree strongly with the way they are carrying out their campaign against those Kala Pointers that think some changes may be in order. For example, to intimidate advertisers in "To The Point" so that they cancel their ads, in an effort to bankrupt the paper, is surely a violation of both civil and constitutional rights. Trying to get someone fired because you don't agree with them must be viewed the same way. Breaking up meetings and denying a speaker the right to express his views is clearly a violation of his constitutional rights. I have heard that some ... are questioning the ethnicity of those that are sometimes referred to as members of the reform movement.

We are currently involved in a war to dislodge a totalitarian regime which has, among others, the same characteristics described above. I am sorry to say that I am ashamed to be a member of Kala Point at this time. I will only feel whole again when this awful behavior comes to an end. The effect of this kind of behavior will have a far, far greater negative effect on property values here than what should be a simple disagreement between old liners and people more tolerant to change. For us to be known as a bigoted community that denies its members their basic human rights will be a mis-

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take of major proportions.

Editors Comments: Very interesting letter. First, it is sad that you feel uncomfortable expressing your real views to those who are supposed to be your friends. -some friends!- Also, it is rather weird that the issues here in KP are now being referred to in terms of national labels like liberal and conservative. As one who has studied such things for many years, it gives a good laugh. After all, is it not true that it is a conservative principle that government should stay out of our lives as much as possible? If we are going to apply those terms, we'll have to redefine them in the same terms as the Russians do - conservative=those who want to keep the old status-quo, Communism; and liberal=those who want change, not Communism.

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In 2002, this fire district responded to 216 calls. 109 were EMS, 43 were fires, 12 were false alarms and 49 were mutual aid assisting other fire districts. There are 24 volunteer firefighters. Soon we will have 2 full-time and 1 part-time firefighter/EMTs. This is worthy of your support.



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Want to help keep small farms alive and thriving in Jefferson County? Then volunteer for the Port Townsend Farmers Market! We need volunteers to help get new projects off the ground, including working with local chefs to participate in chef demos and help to organize farmers market 1st annual farm tour. "This is an exciting time for the market, with lots of fresh projects and new ideas to promote local sustainable agriculture in our community," says Harvinder Singh, market manager. "We've partnered with some great organizations, but really need the volunteers to make it all happen."

To find out more about becoming a volunteer for the market, call Harv at 379-5610 x 230.

Aero Museum Sale

FLASH! The Port Townsend Aero Museum is having it's semiannual HUGE rummage sale Saturday May 3rd from 8AM to 4PM. Fire sale prices as usual. Sale will be in the big hangar at the Jefferson County airport.

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Centrum Funding Falls Off

by D. Kilburn

The Centrum programs face serious budget cuts due to budget constraints at the state level; I contacted the Governor's office and they responded with this explanation: "We had to make extremely difficult decisions and painful cuts to balance the projected \$2.4 billion budget deficit, but we are still moving forward with education improvements. The Governor is proposing that \$10.6 billion be spent on K-12 public education during the next two years. That is more than we spent in the current biennium. Under his proposed budget, public schools, colleges, and universities would receive 56% of the General Fund budget.

Unfortunately, we had to cut funding for the Gifted/Highly Capable program to \$11.3 million for the biennium. The Centrum program is funded as an individual item in the Gifted/Highly Capable program. It was eliminated in his budget proposal. However, the Legislature is working hard to include some of these programs back into the education funding package."

-Constituent Services, Governor's Office 4/15/03

To The Point would like to encourage everyone to take advantage of the many offerings of Centrum this year and next, and is committed to keeping you updated on happenings there. We also encourage you to write your legislators and encourage them to fund more programs such as Centrum's offerings.

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Book Sale

The Friends of the Library are sponsoring a Book Sale on Saturday, May 10, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Jefferson County Library, located at 620 Cedar, Port Hadlock. The Book Blitz, (\$1 per bag of books) is from 4-6 p.m.

Kala Kwips

Submitted by one of our shyer residents

The Elderly Wedding

Jacob, age 92, and Rebecca, age 89, are all excited about their decision to get married. While strolling to discuss the wedding, they pass a drugstore. Jacob suggests they go in.

Jacob addresses the man behind the counter: "Are you the owner?"

Pharmacist: "Yes."

Jacob: "We're about to get married. Do you sell heart medication?"

Pharmacist: "Of course we do."

Jacob: "How about medicine for circulation?"

Pharmacist: "All kinds."

Jacob: "Medicine for rheumatism, scoliosis, arthritis, jaundice and memory problems?"

Pharmacist: "Definitely."

Jacob: "How about Viagra?"

Pharmacist: "Of course."

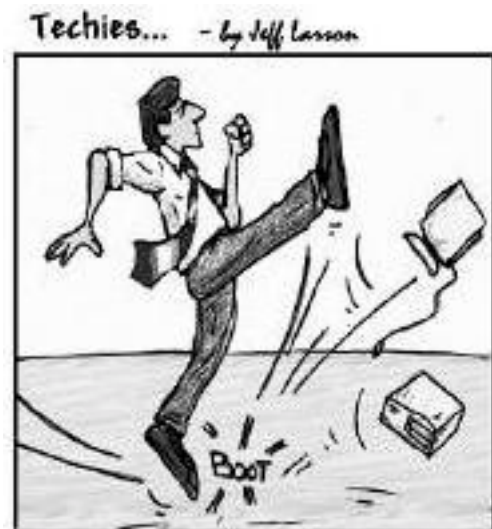
Jacob: "What about vitamins, sleeping pills, Geritol, and antidotes for Parkinson's disease?"

Pharmacist: "Yes, the works, a large variety."

Jacob: "You sell wheelchairs and walkers?"

Pharmacist: "All speeds and sizes."

Jacob: "We'd like to use this store as our Bridal Registry."



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can find more at www.kpowners.com, including the complete interview).

Here are the highlights of the interview:

TTP: Why did you move here? Have you lived in communities like KP? How well did they work?

Jay: Susan and I bought our home and second lot here for a “weekend getaway” initially, with plans to move to KP full-time within the next 2-3 years. We enjoy saltwater recreation (boating and crabbing) and found KP offered an attractive combination of amenities in the PT area. Over the years Susan and I have lived in four “planned” communities before, where CC&R’s applied. One was very small where everyone just worked out issues informally and the other three worked fine with balanced, friendly enforcement and a truly accessible HOA process.

TTP: How does your background make you more able to evaluate the problems here?

Jay: My work, as a technology and utility infrastructure consultant to real estate developers and building owners, including to developers of master-planned-communities like KP, helps me better understand a broad range of issues applicable to common-interest-developments and HOA operations. As a contractor for 22-years I constructed water systems, electrical distribution systems, cable TV systems, telephone systems and related infrastructure. I am generally very familiar with the “nuts and bolts” as well as legal structures and day-to-day operations.

TTP: What do you see as the issues in KP? What do you think could be possible solutions?

Jay: Sadly, KPOA, like so many other HOA’s in maturing communities, has evolved itself into a parent-child posture focused on control and conformance well beyond what is necessary to satisfy the intent (and the letter) of the CC&R’s. Continually shaped by lawyers churning out incomprehensible rules, with the elected representatives deferring to these lawyers and “general management”, we (owners) have lost our voice in the association. Through these evermore

oppressive rules, restrictions, and elitist control behaviors of a zealous self-righteous few, the volunteer “ruling core” seeks to define their brand of Nirvana and force it upon the delightfully diverse and eclectic owners in this community that came here (for the most part) because of the natural setting magic of the place and potential for a “true community”. Few I have talked to came here because they sought to have some committee of “the power clique” supervise their existence and manage their property in every detail much as depicted in the classic film STEPFORD WIVES. Several current board members are pushing that this agenda continue under threat of \$10,000 fines (with 18% interest, monthly penalty, and threat of an expedited Trustee Sale) for choosing the wrong shade of paint on your porch railing, or clearing a diseased alder from your own property without making proper application, awaiting committee majority vote, and proper blessing from the “tree police.” Possible solutions include significant changes in how KPOA operates. Judging from their responses to date, changing how KPOA operates is clearly not going to be accomplished from within the current power structure. It is going to take time, considerable effort by those of us favoring reform, and likely (in the short term) further engagement of courts, judges and “higher authorities” imposing behavior change, (just as the FCC has arising from our petition) to enforce the laws that protect HOA members from the abuses occurring here. The Vogt case and other recent cases against KPOA, arising from ACC actions, are examples. More litigation can be expected. In the longer term it is going to take the election of a much more diverse board that truly represents ALL the classes of membership, requires the association to follow it’s own rules, takes back control from lawyers and positions management to serve ALL members, not just the agenda of the few.

TTP: Many of us moved here to be protected by the CC&Rs, after all, we do not want trailer homes moving in next to us and affecting our property values. How can we still have these

protections but not the tyranny?

Jay: The CC&R's are (for the most part) not the fundamental problem. They provide a level of protection from "unwanted" influences that we have all agreed to upon purchasing property here. Each of us is entitled to enforce these CC&R's through the local courts. We do not need KPOA to do that for us. The problem is the continual extrapolation and reinterpretation of what the CC&R's say by the board, its committees, management, and board lawyers. This process produces the ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES (APP's). These APP's are the body of regulations that KPOA uses to enforce it's interpretation, to establish rules, fees, fines, etc. KPOA is not (by law) entitled to violate state and federal laws through these APP's, nor are they entitled to establish greater authority and control than the CC&R's actually endow. I believe they are, in fact, doing both (violating state and federal laws and far exceeding CC&R endowments). The FCC action (ruling against KPOA) has just proven that with respect to federal regulations, the present court cases are likely to further clarify this.

TTP: What do you mean when you say, "rules should be reasonable?"

Jay: Reasonableness is one of those things that you "know it when you see it" and, while subject to interpretation, is what makes rules truly enforceable, and able to be written without volumes of clarifying text. Having the ability to fine someone tens of thousands of dollars and take their home because some committee member fancies a particular tree on your property is NOT reasonable. Fining a KP resident \$3000 for three instances of speeding is NOT reasonable (actually happened). Under the proposed new fine structure that could be \$30,000. (A level of fine applied by the state for serious felony criminal offenses). There is actually a state statute (Homeowners Rights Act—RCW 64.38) that demands this reasonableness test. Neither KPOA's "old" (\$1000) nor "new" (\$10,000) fine levels have ever seen a courts interpretation of reasonableness. That is likely to change soon.

TTP: You mentioned a disconnect between the KPOA Board and the residents. Do you think it is important for all board members to read correspondence from residents to the board?

Jay: KPOA board members are elected representatives. That means they are elected to represent the interests of all members, not to just promote and pursue KPOA actions from their own personal perspective. In fact there is a specific state statute (RCW 64.38.025) that imposes a representation duty upon elected board members..." directors shall exercise the degree of care and loyalty required of an officer or director of a corporation." Thus all board members (and committee members) should be reading (and responding to) all correspondence from ALL members, perhaps especially from those with differing opinions and perspectives. There is clear evidence this is NOT happening. We ALL pay the same assessments and (theoretically) have equal "say" in KPOA. Some, however, appear "more equal" than others.

TTP: What would you say to the KP citizen who says, "I have lived here for a number of years, and never had any problems?"

Jay: I would say "good for you." I am happy for you. Each of us has his own expectations of responsiveness from (and access to) organizations that tax, regulate, and purport to be acting in our best interests. Just because SOME "never have any problems" does not mean that ALL are being served fairly, equitably and in accord with the associations own rules and the law. If this was the case there would not be three legal actions currently underway, a reform movement, an alternative publication, scores of letters to the board, and members speaking out at every meeting. It is interesting that much of the demand for reforms is coming from those who have gone to KPOA for assistance and are enormously dissatisfied with how they were treated by their own association, which they financially support.

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Trees vs. Views

By Judie Lewis, Editor

Recently, interesting things have been said concerning whether those who purchased view property have a right to a maintained view.

The CC&Rs are often quoted. The applicable part says, "Views from all lots will be safeguarded to the greatest extent reasonably practicable."

The last word, "practicable," is the sticky point. It doesn't even show up in Random House Webster's College Dictionary. In the long run it is two words jammed together to mean what is both practical and able to be done to maintain the view.

The problem is that the Tree Committee has some members who think no view is worthy of cutting a tree. Therefore, those buying view properties in KP should assume that the view for which they are paying a premium is not permanent.

In the January/03 Board meeting, Board Presi-

dent Ray Kemery addressed this issue. He said that he had viewed photos that were taken when Kala Point was first being developed. He said that the area that is terraced for views, that is between Kala Point Drive and the water, was clear-cut. The area on the other side of Kala Point Drive continued to have some trees. Then he indicated that he agreed that those buying view properties had a right to expect the view to be maintained within reason. Lastly, he said, "We won't be taking out 150 year old cedars to do this." Seems odd that anyone could find a cedar that is 150 years old in an area that was clear-cut less than 30 years ago.

There are NO old growth trees within the area that was advertised and sold as view property. In addition, when a property is advertised as "view" it better have one. If it doesn't, the Attorney General of the State of Washington could and should take action against those who advertised that way

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- The point was made at a water meeting recently that the Kala Point Utility Co., our **water company**, has 99% of its customer-share in Kala Point, yet a KPOA/homeowners’ representative has never appeared before the utility commission that regulates it. Homeowners could pressure the Commission to cause the utility company to buy insurance for things such as equipment failure, in order to keep rates from having “add-on surcharges”. (The Commission does not allow small utilities to have reserve funds, so the water company charges the customers for things like a new pump.)

And finally, one resident said that **this newsletter** is unnecessary and “increases divisiveness” here in Kala Point. They and others also doubted reports that advertisers have pulled their ads due to threatening calls and letters from a few Kala Point homeowners, threatening to boycott their businesses. We maintain that it is a vehicle for the many different views and issues to be expressed for which the ‘official’ newsletter would not likely have room and by Board demand can not included. Its purpose is Board information. Sadly, we did lose more than a half dozen advertisers after they told us they’d been contacted and threatened. (They even gave us names. We choose not to here). Others have stated they will not be intimidated by such people. We find it hard to believe that people who live here would behave like this, but it is a fact. We sincerely thank those scores of residents who continue to support To The Point and see it as a value.

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neighbors the official word on the subject. The Department of Defense recommends that people not send letters, cards and gifts to just any service person. Instead, it says you should:

- 1) Donate a calling card to help keep service members in touch with their families at Operation Uplink at www.operationuplink.org
- 2) Send a greeting via e-mail through Operation Dear Abby at <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil> or www.OperationDearAbby.net Sign a virtual thank-you card at the Defend America Web site at www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html
- 3) Make a donation to one of the military relief societies:

- * Army Emergency Relief at www.aerhq.org/
- * Navy/Marine Relief Society at www.nmcrs.org/
- * Air Force Aid Society at www.afas.org/
- * Coast Guard Mutual Assistance at www.cgmahq.org
- 4) Donate to “Operation USO Care Package” at www.usometrodc.org/care.html
- 5) Support the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services at www.redcross.org/services/afes

Here in Kala Point, signs in your yard are a no-no. But, you can certainly fly your American flag to show support!! Please light it if flying it at night, and do not fly it in the rain that we get this time of year.

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without making provisions to maintain such.

At the seminar on the Tree and Architectural Committees held in January, one resident indicated that she had the most glorious view through the woody surroundings of her home. Her contention was that such a view was a joy and everyone should be happy with the same. It is true that views through trees can be lovely. However, just because some like that type of view does not mean that those who wanted a water and Port Townsend view, and paid more for their property, fees and taxes to get this, should be willing to give it up.

Should a view be guaranteed to the degree as is possible? Many have said, “NO.” However, one could argue that the original intent of the CC&Rs wording was to say “yes.” If that were not so the developer would have been in breach of advertising laws.

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