

This photo, taken by a Kala Point resident in mid-February in the mountains near Leavenworth reminds us winter will be here for a few more weeks. This year's winter weather has provided enough snowpack to give some encouragement to officials monitoring the state's overall drought problems.



GoMarch !!

by Ann M. Bassador

This month, I'd like all of you to understand some interesting things about ...the month of March. A special month. A time to celebrate the anniversary of the patent for the telephone. It's also the month that Oreo cookies were sold for the first time in 1912. And, paper money was first issued in March. Rubber bands were patented in March to hold all those paper bills together. March

contains the Peace Corps anniversary, and National Pig Day. There's National Goof Off Day, and a whole week for National Procrastination Week. The pencil with eraser was patented. Johnny Appleseed Day is followed less than a week later by St. Patrick's Day, and Spring begins before you know it.

The first walk in space occurred in March, and pancakes were first served, too. We bought Alaska and probably toasted the event with Coca-Cola, which was invented in March. It's American Red Cross Month, National Noodle Month, and Music In Our Schools Month. It's Frozen Food Month, but don't worry: it's also National Nutrition Month. March contains Bubble Gum Week and Clean Your Closet Week. So...are you up to anything this month? Oh, wait, I know: I'll bet you're really preoccupied with Make-Your-Own-Holiday Day (March 26) while you also study about National Women's History Month. It's National Craft Month, and to top it all off, so to speak, it's National Sauce Month.

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Value of Being Reasonable

By Judie Lewis, Editor

Having been gone on vacation much of the last month, the exposure to the pruning controversy was a bit of a rude re-awakening. The angst and anger in both of the letters was a sharp contrast to peacefully watching the ocean tides while cuddling grandbabies.

However, the board meeting held Friday, February 20, was equally a surprise. Each of the board members were asked to give their opinion regarding the situation. Most indicated that they felt both sides of this issue were expressing uncharacteristically hostile emotions. Ray Kemery, the author of one of the letters and the current board President, very graciously accepted the criticism of his peers and gave a sincere apology.

This was a very reasonable and neighborly end to a situation which appeared to be spinning out of our solar system. Does this mean that all the questions this situation exposed will completely go away? Probably not. And, there is good reason for that as you will learn by reading additional articles in this issue.

The issue involving trees has been one of the

biggest controversies in Kala Point for a long time. There are those whose views are nearly gone who think their own community has not protected them as promised in the CC&Rs. Others view Kala Point as a forested community and want the trees left untouched.

There is room here for both ideals. The area on the ridge has a wonderful ambiance of a peaceful forest. Those who bought in the terraced area to take advantage of the views of waterways and Port Townsend's evening lights paid more for their properties to get that view. They deserve the protection offered in the CC&Rs, Article IV, Section 9, "All owners shall restrict the height of improvements constructed on their properties and the height of planted trees and vegetation growing thereon to the end that the view of other owners within the project shall be preserved to the greatest extent reasonably practicable."

In each case, the CC&Rs require the home owner to maintain the vegetation on his/her property. The CC&Rs, Article IV, Section 7, "Care and Appearance of Premises, "...shall maintain the grounds of such premises in a neat and attractive manner, and in particular, shall keep the grass and weeds cut, shall control the growth and spread of alder trees, shall keep the shrubbery pruned, and shall promptly remove dead trees, shrubbery and plants. In Section 8, it says regarding property that is owned by KPOA members rather than the membership, "No clear cutting or removal of trees shall be undertaken without the prior written consent of the Architectural Committee."

Besides the "look" of Kala Point, with all the forest area within KP and the forested park adjoining our community, one always must keep fire hazards in mind. Any tree branches that extend over the roof of a dwelling are considered a hazard according to the state booklet on fire safety. If that limb is less than 15 feet from the roof, the hazard increases greatly.

With the CC&R rules being so specific, can any of us require others to not prune branches close to or above a roof and chimney? Again reason needs to prevail.

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Stay Alert

By Editorial Staff

Sixteen months ago, the KPOA Board mailed out the proposed changes in APP I, which deals with enforcement of the rules and regulations. Within the changes was one that would raise the possible maximum fine from \$1000 to \$10,000.

The board was correct in thinking that the membership might have a few things to say about this change. They received 43 letters in response. In an earlier article, written by Lou Martel, the letters were analyzed and reviewed. They probably represent the best thought-out views expressed by general members ever. Forty of the 43 were very much against the idea of such a dramatic raise in possible penalties.

Soon, you will receive another draft of the APP, Article I document for your review. In addition, it was agreed by the current KPOA Board in the February 20 meeting that the draft document of the APPs that deals with maintenance of trees and vegetation should be mailed to the membership for their review and comment.

If you have strong opinions and wish to express your ideas, the KPOA Board is very graciously giving you that chance. They are obviously interested in your opinion. This is not the time to go to sleep or be otherwise occupied. He/she who does not take advantage of the chance like this when it is offered, really has no leg to stand on if later he/she is unhappy with the results.

Please, this is a time to remain alert.

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Just A Click Away

Focus on Vancouver B.C.

By Daphne Kilburn

<http://www.vancouver-bc.com/> Travel to Vancouver in the wintertime can be exhilarating and beautiful, and this website gives helpful tourist information and maps to an extensive directory of accommodations, dining, shopping, local businesses and Vancouver's colorful night life.

<http://www.tourismvancouver.com> This official website by the Convention & Visitor's Bureau shows you what is happening in any given week in Vancouver and describes activities for the surrounding 18 municipalities as well. They also give you a link to some great winter hotel packages and a convenient currency converter.

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To the Editor, To The Point

In response to your correction in the February issue of To The Point, you suggested that I had misinformed the Board when I indicated that the path to the beach was part of the greenbelt system required by the County when the Kala Point plat was approved by the Commissioners. You indicated that you had checked this with Brian for validity and that he indicated he was unaware of such a requirement. You then checked with the county documentation and also found no such requirement.

As the developer here at Kala Point, I would like to suggest that firstly, Brian was not at Kala Point in 1973 when we started the process of platting the community. Having become involved with Kala Point many years later, he would certainly not have any knowledge of the platting process. I would also suggest that whoever checked the county records of that time might have also found that records of any kind were practically non-existent. It might surprise people to know that when my first house at Kala Point was built, there was no building inspector in the county. Also, wells in the area were not required to be recorded as we discovered to our dismay when trying to evaluate the existence of water in the area. Ours was the first required Environmental Impact Statement made in the county. Nonetheless, as I correctly stated, we were required by the county to have ten percent of the plat be greenbelt for plat approval. The path to the beach was part of that ten percent and it is why you will find several greenbelts adjoining lots which, in fact, go nowhere.

Quite apart from the accuracy of my statement, I am dismayed by the suggestion that an amenity **Continue “Letters” on page 9**

Monetary Matter\$

By Patsy Mathys

“Is there a Board policy to carefully control expenses to limit assessment increases?” Lou Martel submitted this Monetary Matter\$ question.

One KPOA mission is “to continue providing the current level of operating maintenance services with a minimum increase in regular assessments by implementing an annual cost containment program.” (APP Article II E). Unfortunately, there seems to be no APP detailing this cost containment program. Thus this question and APP requirement will be forwarded to the Finance Committee and Board to define, document and implement. If you have any specific cost containment ideas, please send your suggestions to the Finance Committee and Board. Great question Lou.

Per our CC&R’s the Board determines our regular assessments. If the proposed assessment increases over 15% from the prior year, it must be approved by a majority of the members (CC&R Article VI, section 3 and APP VII-2).

Interestingly, Washington state law places a higher restriction, thus superceding the above CC&R. State RCW 64.38.035 requires that the owners vote and approve “any budget or changes in the previously approved budget that result in a change in assessment obligation...” Thus, members would vote each year on our budget whether it increased or decreased. Per state RCW 64.38.025 the budget would be ratified (approved) unless “owners of a majority of the votes in the association are allocated or any larger percentage specified in the governing documents reject the budget...”. Homeowners’ association state law is now published on KPOA’s internet site for your review thanks to Brian and Tami.

We look forward to answering any of your KPOA budget, assessment, expenses, reserve or tax questions. Please send your questions to mathys@hotmail.com or mail to P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock 98339. Please include your name and phone number in case we need to clarify your question. Names will be published if requested.

Kala Kwips

Submitted by the original shy neighbor

Are You Older Than Dirt? Continued

Last month we gave you an article by a woman relating her conversation with one of her grandchildren regarding fast food and how things have changed. Here is the rest of her list of things remembered that proved she was "older than dirt."

How Many Do You Remember?

1. A Royal Crown cola bottle with a stopper in the top. The stopper had a bunch of holes in it and it sat at the end of the ironing board. My grandson thought it was a salt shaker. He wasn't positive what the ironing board was.
2. Blackjack chewing gum.
3. Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water.
4. Candy cigarettes.
5. Soda machines that dispensed bottles.
6. Party lines.
7. Telephone numbers with a word prefix (i.e. Butler 4277)
8. Newsreels before movies.
9. Pea shooters.
10. Howdy Doody.
11. S&H Green Stamps.
12. Metal ice trays with a lever.
13. Mimeograph paper.
14. Blue flashbulbs.
15. Roller skate keys.
16. Drive-in movies.
17. Wash tub wringers.
18. Inkwells.
19. Due date stamped on library books.
20. Milk with cream on the top.
21. Milk boxes on the side of the house.
22. Side doors. Front doors were for special guests. All "regular friends" and the kids' playmates used the side door.
23. Parents who called their children in for dinner

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24. Tar bubbles on the street during the summer-time.
25. Packards, Studebakers and Nash cars.
26. Walkie-talkies made with tin cans and string.

if you remember 0-5 = you're still young
if you remember 6-10 = you are getting old
if you remember 11-15 = don't tell your age
if you remember 16-25 = you're older than dirt.

This is a good place for the "Senility Prayer"
God grant me.....

the senility to forget the people I never liked, the
good fortune to run into the ones that I do like,
and the eyesight to tell the difference.

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Ask The Doctor

Medical Treatment of Arthritis

By Richard Canaan, MD, Diplomate of American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.

The various types of arthritis can, quite often, be treated successfully, but treatment is symptomatic, not curative. Osteoarthritis is treated by reducing the pain and "inflammation."

There are general measures that a person with arthritis should follow. As previously stated, arthritis pain comes from joint damage. Along with joint damage, there is loss of elasticity in and around the joint, as well as a loss of tone and strength of the musculoskeletal system which accompanies aging.

An individual should try to stay flexible and fit. Achieving or maintaining this state requires staying active. One should try to walk two miles a day. Use of a cane, if helpful, should be encouraged, not avoided. A few minutes of daily stretching is advised. A few minutes daily of resistive exercises is worthwhile. A person should remain active, but not overexert or over-tire, get sufficient sleep, but not excess bed rest.

As would be expected, one's general health and well being will affect arthritis. Weight may have a dramatic influence on arthritis, especially arthri-

tis of the knee. It is not unusual that ten to fifteen pounds will make the difference whether a person has knee pain or is pain free.

A small percentage of arthritis sufferers will get relief from Tylenol (acetaminophen.) Tylenol relieves pain to the same degree as aspirin, but is a much weaker antiinflammatory agent. This lack of antiinflammatory power is what reduces its efficacy. However, it is relatively safe, so it should be the initial medication used.

High doses of acetaminophen can cause liver damage and death. The daily consumption of more than three ounces of alcohol while taking Tylenol may be fatal.

Aspirin is usually the next drug used. It is an antiinflammatory and an analgesic. It is usually much more effective than Tylenol. Sometimes a moderate dose of over the counter aspirin gives relief, or a long acting aspirin will work well.

Aspirin may cause gastrointestinal, (GI), bleeding, and almost always inhibits platelet function which leads to prolonged bleeding.

When aspirin does not work, or the dosage needed for relief is too high, the next type of drugs used are the nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories, (NSAIDs.) There are quite a few chemical classes of NSAIDs, but in this discussion the general terms "Cox 1 specific inhibitor" and "Cox 2 specific inhibitor" are used. An example of the former is Alleve. Examples of the latter would be Vioxx and Celebrex. The Cox 2 specific inhibitors are newer, and are supposed to be gentler on the GI tract than the older Cox 1 specific inhibitors.

The NSAIDs are fairly effective antiinflammatory and analgesic agents. The newer NSAIDs dosage is less than aspirin or the older NSAIDs, and they probably are safer, but should be taken in the smaller doses. In the use of all NSAIDs, untoward effects do occur, (i.e. gastrointestinal problems, including ulcers, fatal bleeding as well as allergic reactions and organ failure.)

It cannot really be said if any one of the available NSAIDs is better than another. All the current NSAID drugs are probably equally effective. (Certain drugs will act differently in different indi-

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viduals). However, Butazolidin, one of the first NSAIDs, is probably the most powerful NSAID. Unfortunately, one in 100,000 patients have a serious side effect. Butazolidin is no longer recommended for human use, but is used by veterinarians, especially for race horses, and is probably still being widely used by professional athletes.

Shortly after World War II, "cortisone" was developed for medical use. It gave dramatic relief and was given very frequently. After a few years, it became apparent that it also caused dramatic problems, especially when injected into arthritic joints. It acted as such a strong antiinflammatory agent in the joints that it caused destruction by softening and thinning the cartilage covering of the bones, as well as the cartilaginous joint structures, in addition to other adverse effects.

Nowadays, a form of cortisone is sometimes still used. If a patient has arthritis only in one joint (so called monarticular arthritis) an intra-articular injection may be very beneficial, but should not be given more than two or three times a year.

In the last few years a new injectable medication has been introduced. It is usually only used for knee osteoarthritis. This substance made from cocks' combs is a hyaluronic acid similar to the natural occurring human joint fluid. When given, more than several months of pain relief is expected. However, this medication is expensive and not completely predictable.

Recent research indicates that perhaps certain people with osteoarthritis might have a precipitating agent. If this is so, then perhaps in the future there would be a cure for arthritis. But, at this time there is only symptomatic treatment.

Next, further treatment of arthritis diseases.

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by D. Kilburn

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is the site to visit to get the latest information on the upcoming 8th Annual Port Townsend Victorian Festival. This year's event is slated for March 18-21st, and will utilize venues all over Port Townsend. The festival's website is continuously being updated with more details as the events become more finalized, so check back often.

Ticket proceeds from the '04 festival will benefit the Old City Hall Restoration project. This year the festival has come under the auspices of the Jefferson County Historical Society, and they are still looking for volunteers to get involved. (Several Kala Point residents are already involved in the 2004 planning.) They would especially like to have people sign up to be docents at some of the Victorian homes for the tours and parlor teas. You can call 379-0668 to leave a message/volunteer.

**The Victorian Festival is still seeking
volunteers to help at various venues
during the Festival, March 18-21. To
participate call Jane at 379-5697.**

WAIT! Don't Toss Those Old CD'S!

In September, 2004, a pilot music program, called the Pi Program, was set into motion through the efforts of Marci van Cleve in conjunction with the Chimacum School District. The program has two main components: the Pi Orchestra, whereby youngsters receive an opportunity to learn a musical instrument in a group setting, and the one hour Cookie Concerts on Friday mornings presented by Gwendolyn Moore of Turtle Bluff II and her piano partner, Barbara Hinchliff. These concerts are an attempt to fully acquaint the students with various composers and their works through live piano performances by Gwendolyn and Barbara.

A music library has been established for student and faculty use. Our appeal is for CD's and tapes of any classical music. The present trimester will focus on Beethoven and Mozart, the third, Ravel and Gershwin. Each CD or tape you donate will display your name as a donor.

If you have CD's or tapes you'd like to donate, please call me and I'll pick them up, Karen Pate **385-9788**. Thank you for any help you can give!

Part of the support for this program comes from the Turtle Bluff Scholarship Fund.

Inquiring Mind Lectures JC Library

The lecture in March is "Immigrants in the Puget Sound." It will be held Thursday, March 18, 2:30 p.m. Margaret Hopstein will present the changing demographics of immigration to the US and discuss how immigration at the beginning of the 21st century affected American society as well as our Puget Sound area. As an immigrant to the area and a social worker, her perspective is particularly broad.

Inquiring Mind lectures are held at the library, 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock. They are free to the public. For more info, call 385-6544.

Dear Friends of Habitat



Since the completion of our first house in 1999, many exciting things have happened for Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County and the families with whom we partner. Eight houses have been completed. Ten adults and eighteen children inhabit secure, affordable housing that they are purchasing. The homeowners pay property taxes and are active members of the community in which they now have a stake.

Habitat is beginning a project to construct four houses on 20th Street in Port Townsend, completing two in 2004 and two in 2005. The houses, built with volunteer labor, have estimated construction costs of \$39,500, excluding the cost of land, infrastructure and in-kind contributions of materials or professional labor.

Our success is inspiring groups to partner with us. Five churches in our community have pledged at least \$5,000 each toward costs of the first 20th Street house and will cooperate to provide volunteer labor to construct the home.

Recently, the Real Estate Professionals for Affordable Housing (REPAH) joined us in committing to the 20th Street Project. REPAH provides financial assistance to promote and sustain affordable home ownership for those in need in Jefferson County. In this spirit, REPAH will match donations received, dollar for dollar, up to \$5,000. A deadline of April 1 is set to meet this challenge.

Please meet REPAH's challenge by giving or pledging what you can. Your tax-deductible contribution is a strong statement that a community taking action and working together values all its members and the right of each to live in a simple, decent home.

If you have questions about a pledge and volunteer opportunities, please feel free to call Gray at 379-2827, or Christine at 385-9344, ext. 32.

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that has been a part of Kala Point from the start of the community should be singled out for disposal. The bridge has never been maintained since 1976 so that having to replace it at this time, some 28 years later, does not seem extravagant. If the few owners who are disputing the need for the bridge have their way, I wonder when we shall see the end to the upkeep of the tennis courts and the pool. These costs are considerably greater and, particularly in the case of the courts, are not used any more than is the path to the beach.

Sincerely, Renate Wheeler.

Editor’s Note: Thank you, Renate, for your letter. What we checked for was the stipulation that the set-aside 10% greenbelt had to have any particular amenity within it. The entire path system is not stipulated, only a 10% greenbelt. However, the history lesson was very interesting. Perhaps you would like to occasionally submit an article on interesting points of Kala Point history. It would be a welcome addition to our ever-growing group of established articles. And, it is a sure thing that the readers would enjoy hearing about their own community’s past. Thanks again.

Dear TTP Editor:

Maybe YOU have some insight for us. We recently heard from several residents that certain streets that contain older homes in KP, down toward the gate, are referred to as “the other side of the tracks” and “the undesirables” by some elitist homeowners here. We were quite surprised at that kind of attitude and disposition. Have these people ever considered that not everyone wants to be flagrant or flashy with their wealth or partake of social snobbery but that doesn’t mean they are of a lower class? Or that if someone rents a home in KP it doesn’t necessarily mean they don’t have social graces or respectability? For example, our family background comes from multi-million-dollar Texan oil industry wealth, yet we prefer a very simple, smaller, older home here at KP. Should that matter, though? In fact, we choose to give

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away our money quite often. Do these others do the same? If so, why is the Rhody Festival floundering and seeking funds? Why are so many non-profits in town struggling? Does one have to belong to a country club around here to be part of the “in” crowd? Why does KP tolerate such social elitist attitudes and status ranking? Is this all these retirees have to do with their time and money? Why don’t they accept families with children, either? No one ever said this was strictly a retirement community! What do you make of this?

We think there really is a “good ‘ole boys club” or something.....that these same people make sure their handpicked people are elected to the Board and make all the decisions that affect all of us. We think there’s a somewhat disguised effort to chase off people they perceive as being on the other side of the tracks. But...we think we are richer than any of them in the only ways that matter. We’ll know for sure when we get to the REAL ‘other side’ won’t we? — “KP Other-sider”

Editor’s Note: Thank you for your letter. It is hard to imagine who would make such distinctions here in KP. I am sorry that anyone would hurt the feelings of others by making such a characterization. Frankly, I heard a similar reference recently, only repeated by a resident in the area being bismirched. I have never heard it said by someone for real. I hope this is just a rumor. If it is not, keep in mind that such opinions are held by only a few.

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Hi Fellow Kala Point Owners,

Thanks for so many of you showing up for moral support at the board meeting on Friday, February 20. It helps for the gallery to not be stacked by the board’s handpicked “amen choir”.

Unfortunately, as many of you saw, the board only gave me three minutes to present what is a fundamentally important matter. I have asked for an opportunity at the March 16th meeting to make a proper presentation. We shall see.

Something else very important has arisen. For those of you that stayed through the hours of detail you noted that the board does not think it is

necessary to do anything more than post at the gate notices of rule changes. It turns out that the CC&R’s are crystal clear about this. Any rule changes have to be noticed to the full membership by personal or US Mail delivery before they take effect. “Posting at the gate” is not notice. Attached to this email is the relevant parts of the governing documents for your references.

Again, your letters to the board on these subjects remain the most effective influence, along with meeting attendance to show support. Thanks again for your continued concern. If we stay at this we will be able to get this association acting more FOR its members than AGAINST them.

Jay Garthwaite (attachment, page 11)

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2. CC&R's, ARTICLE XX, GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 8. Notices - Notices to any Owner/Member shall be deemed to have been properly delivered when delivered personally or placed in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, to the most recent address furnished by such Owner in writing to the Association for the purpose of giving notice or if no such address shall have been furnished, then to the street address of said member's Lot, Unit or TSU. Any notice so deposited in the mail within Jefferson County, Washington, shall be deemed delivered Twenty-Four (24) hours after such deposit. In the case of Co-Owners, any such notice may be delivered or sent to

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any one of the Co-Owners on behalf of all Co-Owners and shall be deemed delivery on all such Co-Owners.

3. CC&R's, ARTICLE XX, GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 9. Hierarchy of Project Documents - In the event of a conflict amongst any of the provisions of the Project Documents, this Master Declaration shall prevail over the Articles, Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, the Articles shall prevail over the Bylaws and Rules and Regulations, and the Bylaws shall prevail over the Rules and Regulations.

Editor's Note: Thank you for your input, Jay. This does appear to be an oversight on the part of our operations. We should at least conform to the strictness in our own documents, considering the state law is even stricter than our CC&Rs (and our CC&Rs are subject to the state law).

A thanks is due to you for your great idea presented at the February 20 meeting regarding the July 4 fireworks in Woodland Hills. This has been a serious fire concern here in KP. If we could get the two communities together for a big barbecue and move the fireworks onto a barge out over the water as you suggested, we might solve two problems: 1. the fire danger from hot debris falling into our community; and 2. possibly improve our relationship with this neighboring community.

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