

Community Forum's First Survey!

Great Response from Community!

By Michael Tobias

The Results:

#1: Would you use the KP boat ramp if it was restored to usable condition?

Yes: 32
No: 70
Total: 102

#2: Would you find it more convenient to attend board meetings if at least some were held on Saturdays or evenings?

Yes: 41
No: 61
Total: 102

#3: Would you prefer to conduct KP annual board elections by the use of mail-in ballots, eliminating the proxy system?

Yes: 92
No: 9
Total: 101

#4: Would you prefer to have annual meeting resolutions directly voted by membership using a mail-in system after the annual meeting?

Yes: 88
No: 12
Total: 100

The purpose of the survey is to have a way for members to communicate with each other on a large scale about how they feel on issues in the community. Thanks to everyone that responded to the survey. There were over 100 turned in! Not every question was answered which is why some of the totals are different for each question.

Community Forum has plans to have quarterly surveys, so please send in your questions for the next survey to: contact@ttpnewsletter.com or P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 98339.

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Judge Learned Hand

Submitted by Sylvia Bowman

From Speech to the Board of Regents, University of the State of New York. October 24, 1952.

"That community is already in the process of dissolution where each man begins to eye his neighbor as a possible enemy, where nonconformity with the accepted creed, political as well as religious, is a mark of disaffection; where denunciation, without specification or backing, takes the place of evidence; where orthodoxy chokes freedom of dissent; where faith in the eventual supremacy of reason has become so timid that we dare not enter our convictions in the open lists, to win or lose."

[Learned was a greatly respected judge on the federal Appeals Court for NY, Conn. Vermont.]

What is the Rainshadow?

Port Townsend lies in the rainshadow of the Olympic Mountains. Rainshadows occur, in



simplest terms, because cool air holds less moisture than warm air. When moisture-laden air attempts to travel over a mountain

range, it rises in altitude and subsequently cools. At this cooler temperature, the air can then hold less moisture, so the excess moisture condenses (just as dew does in the evening) and falls down as precipitation. Rainshadows can be found east of the Cascade mountain range in Washington and Oregon, the northeastern side of the Olympic mountains and east of the Sierras in Califor-

nia and Nevada.

It is very common on a summer afternoon to see enormous rain clouds billowing up on the far side of the Olympics, but they rarely succeed in making their way over the range. Instead, they condense, precipitating over 200 inches annually on the southwestern side of the Olympic mountains, creating the Hoh, Queets and Quinault rain forests. Port Townsend, by contrast, receives an average of 18.2 inches per year. Port Townsend has many more sunny days than most of Western Washington, and it's not infrequent to have sunshine here while Seattle or Port Angeles have clouds and rain.



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By Hank Krist

Stock Market Cycles

Stock market investors have probably been looking for a fool proof, automatic investment strategy for 100 years. One approach which has had a remarkable degree of success is the "Best Six Months" strategy. This switching system (discovered in 1986) calls for buying the Dow Jones industrial average (DJIA) on November 1st and selling on April 30th. On May 1st, the invested funds are put in a money market fund, a six month CD or a similar fixed income investment until October 31st at which time the funds go back into the DJIA. This is very easy to do with an exchange traded fund which has the symbol DIA. \$10,000 invested in the DJIA during the best six months starting in 1950 would have grown to \$482,060 by the end of 2003. The same \$10,000 invested in the DJIA during the worst six months (May 1-October 31) would be worth \$9,682 at the end of 2003 for an aggregate loss of \$318.

To use this mechanical system, an investor should follow it every year because there will be some years in which it will result in a loss. Since

1950, there have been twelve years in which the strategy produced a loss with the largest being 14% in 1969. It showed a profit for sixteen consecutive years from 1984 through 1999.

Imbedded in the analysis of this strategy is the fact that the August 1-October 31 period has historically been the worst with September as the worst month. In fact, it is the only month that has shown an aggregate loss from 1950-2003.



Hank is a Kala Point resident who is a registered investment advisor in Washington, Oregon and California. He has 30 years of experience in commercial banking, has a BA in accounting, a MBA in finance and was the best typist in his 8th grade class!

Hank will be writing a monthly column for Community Forum called "INVESTING TODAY" focusing on current and timely approaches to today's investment strategies.

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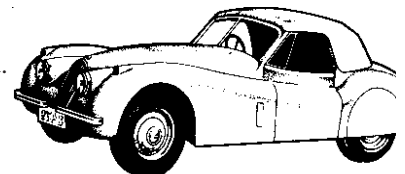
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Another Annual Appointment

How much was the election effected by blank ballot voting?

By Jay Burcham

The governing documents call for an annual election, by the members of the Association, to fill three Board positions. In practice, the Board positions could have been filled by appointments by the Board. Let us look at the results of the last "election."

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Total "Votes"</u>	<u>Board Proxy Votes</u>	<u>"Popular Votes"</u>
Sylvia Bowman	190	0	190
Margaret Boyle	306	- 264 *	42
Dave Evans	332	- 264 *	68
Hank Krist	123	0	123
Don Meister	114	0	114
Kathy Shumate	270	- 264 *	6

* This is the maximum votes possible based on the total proxies voted by the Board Secretary at the annual meeting. There is no record of how many blank ballots were voted by the Board Secretary. A substantial number of blank ballots were received to be voted by the Board Secretary.



It is evident that the new Board members could have been appointed to their positions by the then current board acting through the then current Board Secretary.



This discussion is meant in no way to cast doubt concerning the qualifications of the Board appointees, including their stated philosophies of governance and their dedication to the best interests of the Association. We were fortunate, for this election, to have six excellent candidates who are well qualified to provide, fair, equitable and knowledgeable representation for all Kala Point Owners. They are to be commended for their willingness to serve on the Board and they deserve our support.



Why do we have an "appointment" rather than a democratically elected form of government? Much of the fault lies with owners who are unwilling to make the minimal effort required to personally decide

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who they want to represent them on the Board. Instead, they submitted blank ballots with their proxies. There was no lack of information available to all owners regarding the individual candidates. Candidates Night presented the candidates to the community and provided an opportunity for owners to ask them specific questions. The *Kala Pointer* and the *Community Forum* presented extensive information on the qualifications and governing philosophies of each candidate. The *Kala Pointer* provided statements from each candidate and reported on Candidates Night. The *Community Forum* reported the candidate's responses to questions posed by the *Forum* and also reported on Candidates Night. In addition, several of the candidates mailed letters to all owners explaining their positions on issues and their concept of governance.

Let's look at the election process used by the Association for 2005. The members of the nominating committee are approved by the Board. The Nominating Committee then obtains candidates who they approve as being suitable to serve on the Board. The Nominations Committee only chose three candidates to fill the three open Board positions. Not much need for an election. Complaints by a group of owners allowed three more candidates to run for the Board. The "popular" vote, (as qualified by the table), favored the three additional candidates. But the Board Secretary voted her proxies, which could have represented more than 60% of the total votes, in favor of the three candidates initially picked by the Board's Nominations Committee. The resulting Board approved appointments would then have disenfranchised those owners who actually cast ballots. Without complete records there is no way of knowing how much the election was affected by the blank ballot voted by the Board Secretary but the potential effect could be very great.

The other fault for governance by appointment is the Board's concept and use of the proxy system. Members who do not vote for candidates submit blank ballots with their proxies. They usually designate the Board Secretary as their proxy

holder because of the format of the proxy document. The Board Secretary then assumes the right to vote the blank ballots. Voting the blank ballots is contrary to the practices followed by most corporations and homeowners associations. The proxy is usually applied only to establish a quorum and vote on issues which come up during a meeting which are not submitted for a vote prior to the meeting. Proxies are generally not used to vote blank ballots.

RCW 64.38.025 (2), paraphrased, states in part: The board of directors shall not act on behalf of the association to elect members of the board of directors or determine their qualifications. Voting blank ballots by a member of the Board is certainly contrary to the intent of the Revised Code of Washington for Homeowners' Associations and is perhaps illegal.

Every political division (federal, state, county, city) prohibits a person voting for another person. Corporations use the proxy system to reach a quorum. The Kala Point community operates like a political entity, not a corporation. The Association requires a quorum of 20% in order to conduct business at the annual or a special meeting. Since the 2005 annual meeting only had about 25% representation present there seems to be a continued need for a proxy system. Election of Board members does not require that the total votes have to meet the 20% requirement. Therefore, there is no need to use the proxy system to have a valid Board election.

It is suggested that Kala Point could return to a democratic form of governance, with respect to Board elections, by adopting the following:

1. Allow every owner, in good standing as defined by the CC&Rs, the right to be a candidate for the Board. Treat all candidates the same.
2. Limit the proxy system's applicability to only meeting quorum requirements and the conduct of the meetings.
3. Conduct Board elections and all other member votes only by mail.

Fall Gutter Tip

By Patsy Mathys

Living in this beautiful treed community is glorious. However, our famous madrones, firs and cedars also create a perennial maintenance chore. Their cute leaves and needles clog the gutters which can cause serious drainage problems.

For anyone who doesn't relish teetering on his or her ladder to fish out gutter sludge, there is an inexpensive solution. A mail order company, Improvement, sells mesh gutter screens which virtually eliminate gutter cleanout. They are 5-foot panels which snap onto the top of a gutter.



The vinyl screen has holes which allow rainwater into the gutters. However, the secret is in the fiberglass mesh which screens out fir needles and smaller debris.

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Some hardware stores carry similar gutter screens, but without the mesh. It may be possible to retrofit these screens by attaching a mesh material to the underside.



Red Hot Twirlers Dance Club of Chimacum

Submitted by
Fran Shelton

Learn to dance and meet new friends
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Hot Twirlers Square Dance Club of Chimacum will be dancing on Sunday nights at 6p.m. at the Tri-Area Center. This exercise is very inexpensive and superb fun for any age. For long-time exercisers, square dancing emphasizes smooth moves, with low-impact and less intensive, joint-friendly workout. It does not feel like work, but it gets the heart rate up and burns 400 calories an hour.

Summer activities of members of the Red Hot Twirlers Square Dance Club of Chimacum included: dancing to California Caller Mike Seastrom at the 54th Washington State Festival at Enumclaw, Wash., and also at the 54th National Convention at Portland, Or. They enjoyed round dancing, clogging and square dancing, with 1500 happy dancers at the State Festival and 16,000 dancers from the entire USA at the Portland Festival. This new Club has danced at Chimacum Tri-Area several years and visited other Clubs and Festivals on the Olympic Peninsula.

The Square & Fold Dance Federation of Washington has a Heritage Center at Spokane, Washington, perserving the history of Washington state dancing since 1948. Clubs active on the Olympic peninsula area include Gardiner, Sequim, Port Angeles, Silverdale, Gorst and Gig Harbor.

Come kick up your heels at the Tri-Area Community Center starting at 6:00p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11th. Couples or singles - everyone is welcome! Contact 385-4517 or email sckleser@cablespeed.com for information. The first class is free! Also, a class will start at Gardiner Community Hall in September on Tuesdays.

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If you are new to our area, Bainbridge Gardens Nursery is one the state's pre-eminent nurseries and has been the professional home of Anne Lovejoy, Seattle-Times garden columnist and noted author of many popular gardening books. Bainbridge Gardens is justifiably famous for its extensive collection of plant materials. In addition, the grounds of the nursery showcase many wonderful water features which members could build themselves using statuary, pots, pumps, tubing and pond liner fabric.

Lunch and beverages are available at the New Rose Café on site or members may wish to bring their own lunch. Participants may also ask to see the 18 station, assembly-line, wreath making equipment which nursery patrons may reserve to create seasonal fall wreaths or those for the Christmas holidays.

The program for October 12th will be at the Bay Club and the feature a presentation will be on fall planting for year-round interest. Mark your calendars for the November 16th field trip!! A holiday shopping extravaganza and visits to the Edgewood Garden Nursery and Peninsula Gardens. This is a shopping trip not to miss. Watch for details on the pricing for this field trip.

Please call Linda LaCroix, 437-7790 to if you wish to join the garden club or just show up at the next meeting!

Classic Book Club

The Classics Book Group will meet on the second Sunday of each month, starting in September, 2:00 p.m. at Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock. For September, we are reading an 18th century comedy by Oliver Goldsmith, "She Stoops to Conquer." This is available for 98 cents on Amazon.

In October and November we are reading Homer's Odyssey. All are welcome to come whenever a book selection interests them.



Gospel Music and Hymn Sing-Along

Submitted by Carol Childs

DATE: October 9th at 3 p.m.

LOCATION: Beaver Springs Lodge

Join us for a Gospel Music and Hymn Sing-Along featuring organist Carol Childs and Tery Reitz flutist Sandy Curtiss and "Good News" women's sextet from San Juan Baptist Church on Sunday, October 9th at 3p.m. at Beaver Springs Lodge, 2924 Beaver Valley Road (Hwy 19) in Port Ludlow. It is 6.2 miles south of the 4-way stop in Chimacum, on the left. There is a large totem pole on the property. Bob Schlade, proprietor, is making his Austin Console 1935 pipe organ available to those who love great hymns and wonderful organ music.

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Wildfire Preparedness Seminar Recap

I attended this seminar and hope that in future seminars more Kala Point Homeowners will attend. Having my house burn to the ground makes this critical to me and when you have lost everything that is not the time to think about landscaping & vegetation around your house!

- Hal Glanz



KP resident putting out a "live fire" during hands-on demo

Speaking at a privately organized homeowner fire awareness seminar August 25th, fire officials say that although recent August rains have dampened wildfire awareness, history tells us this is but a temporary condition. Typical dry conditions, and winds, in September and October create primetime for the fire threat. Heavily wooded Kala Point, surrounded by much standing timber, brush and accumulated ground fuels, is, say officials, particularly at risk. Many homes within the development are vulnerable according to WSU FireWise Specialist Julie Knott, as are homes in other areas.

Showing digital photos taken earlier in the day during a Kala Point tour, Ms. Knott and fire department personnel pointed out heavy brush close to homes, dense uncleared woods along roadways, and untrimmed trees that would support rapid fire spread. The Kala Point Owners Association, according to Ms. Knott, has been contacted repeatedly and offered assistance from the WSU program, including homeowner seminars like the one privately arranged by concerned residents on August 25th, but KPOA has declined help. "I really don't understand that, but I even

talked to individual board members, without success," said Knott.

Several of the KP owners present at the seminar questioned WSU and fire officials what reason the association, claiming representation of all owners, gave for its noninvolvement. No reason was reportedly offered. Ms. Knott showed before and after photos of organized fire risk reduction brush and tree clearing efforts in other area developments, accomplished in cooperation with WSU and DNR, along with local fire districts.

Resident Jay Garthwaite, himself a former rural volunteer firefighter and licensed designer of fire protection systems, gave a presentation on the fire fighting water supply situation at KP, using figures published by the KP Water Company and statistics from the NFPA, (National Fire Protection Association). Attending residents were concerned that there is still (after years of KPOA discussions) no generator backup for the KP water system, and that expected home hose and sprinkler use by owners to water down their homes and trees if wildfire threatens, could empty storage tanks in less than an hour.

Fire Dept. personnel confirmed that a single fire truck could consume 1500 gallons a minute, approximately four times the total pump recharge capacity of the KP Water System (see annual report). It was also noted that more than 300 homes in the higher elevations of KP require electric pumps for their home (and hydrant) supply, thus unavailable during power outages that frequently accompany wildfire. Thus, firemen expect to bring in water tenders (tankers) to supplement hydrant supplies at KP.

During the two-hour evening program at the Chimacum Tri-Area Center, Fire Chief Mike Mingee, himself a KP Resident, spoke on fire safety issues and also made a presentation on the merging of fire districts, to be on the election ballot this fall. Several firefighters and command officers stationed as first responders to Kala Point attended with their fire trucks. Steve Brunette (along with his daughter as assistant), owner of Tarboo Ridge Extinguishers, a Chimacum fire pro-

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tection company, also demonstrated proper selection and use of home fire extinguishers with a live fire demonstration. Several residents took the opportunity to use the extinguishers on a controlled fire.

Another seminar may be scheduled this fall if there is sufficient homeowner interest. There are many things that an individual homeowner can do to help protect his property and much of that does not have to include tree cutting. Much can be done with landscape planning, keeping flammables out from under your deck and many other useful tips. Let's all work together in making our community safer and as "fire wise" as possible!

If you are interested in having another fire awareness seminar scheduled or would like to view the CD of the presentation part of the seminar email contact@ttnewsletter.com or write to P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 98339. Several copies of the seminar are available for distribution throughout the community.

Emails Remain Secret

Jay Garthwaite's legal actions against the KPOA board continues. He is seeking to end unlawful closed board meetings conducted by email, undocumented "executive sessions" and to stop election tampering. His request for a court appointment of someone to oversee the KPOA election process, continued with a preliminary hearing in Superior Court on August 26th. The main trial in the case, on the secret meetings and member rights to litigate issues, is still months away. Preliminary matters include requests by both sides to enable or limit the ability of the other party to obtain information in preparation for the main trial.

KPOA succeeded in imposing twenty-five-hundred dollars (of the nearly six thousand they sought) in attorney fees on Mr. Garthwaite but was unsuccessful in attempts to collect a seven-thousand-dollar pre-payment for access to email records of the association and for a protective order blocking records access entirely.

The judge's rulings permitted Mr. Garthwaite

access to all KPOA-owned computers (to further his collection of information to make his case). The court denied Mr. Garthwaite's request to access the individual computers of board members, which he alleges are used for the conduct of secret board meetings in violation of state law and By-laws requirements that all meetings be observable by members. Limited examples of such use of personal computers to unlawfully conduct KPOA board business in secret have been filed with the court, over objections of KPOA, and are now part of the records in this case. Mr. Garthwaite seeks access to many remaining email exchanges he claims exist.



Calling Mr. Garthwaite's legal action "frivolous," KPOA attempted to impose nearly six thousand dollars in legal fees, alleging that his intent, despite nothing in his legal pleadings to support the assertion, was to stop the annual meeting from occurring on schedule. Mr. Garthwaite argued that his effort was never to stop the annual meeting itself but only to have the court supervise the election process, which begins before and ends after the annual meeting. Mr. Garthwaite has entered into evidence an email exchange from then board President Snyder authorizing Nominating and Election Committee chairman, Lowe, unsupervised advance access to the election lockbox during the gathering of ballots and proxies, violating the process defined in the APP's. Previously the Judge did order KPOA to abide fully by the requirements of RCW 64.38 and to begin providing specific reasons for executive sessions.

Mr. Garthwaite claims there have been significant improvements in member rights arising from this and previous legal actions which he has self-funded. Community members have enquired about lending support to these actions. Mr. Garthwaite would appreciate any financial assistance.

Board Briefs

Sept. Meeting Highlights

By Don Meister



Bluff Committee Membership Controversy:

There was lengthy discussion and several negative member comments concerning whether a particular member would be allowed to join the Bluffs Committee because of the potential of a lawsuit.

Issues: This is the latest example of many personal attacks on individuals with views differing from theirs. Unfortunately in the past this has been an accepted and effective way of shaping board policies. Fortunately, with the new board members and president, I see an effort to be fair and open minded and especially Kathy Shumate. Her courage and ability to embrace the true meaning of volunteerism and inclusiveness will help this community come together. Many thanks to some fair minded board members. The attempt to purge and cleanse the Bluff Committee failed.

Unusable Boat Ramp Amenity: Several members have complained that the boat ramp, an advertised "official" KP amenity, remains unusable due to sand accumulation. State lease conditions limit ramp cleaning to summer months. Manager Scott Edwards has observed several people digging out cars while attempting ramp use. Edwards was reluctant to use the new \$30,000 tractor in salt water. Research continues.

Issue: Like the footbridge, the boat ramp is an amenity in disrepair for which KPOA is obligated to restore and maintain.

Newsletter bulk mail distribution is not official notice: Director Kathy Shumate commented, as have several members for years,

that legal enforcement of rules and regulations (that also means APP's since they are actually rules and regulations as defined in governing documents) requires formal member advance notice of each and every change for which enforcement authority is expected. That notice must be made individually by first class mail as required by CC&Rs. Notice by newsletter bulk mailings and bulletin board postings are legally insufficient.

Issue: This provision is not a suggestion; it is a legal obligation for enforcement and an entitlement for owners to assure that they remain informed about our ever-changing policies, rules and regulations. We invite lawsuits when trying to enforce policies and rules for which legal notice has not been provided.

Annual Meeting Firearms Resolution: Following director personal research, the board has wisely concluded that they do not have authority to override the Constitutional citizen right to bear arms, despite a handful of members anxiety about one member observed to be lawfully carrying a holstered firearm.

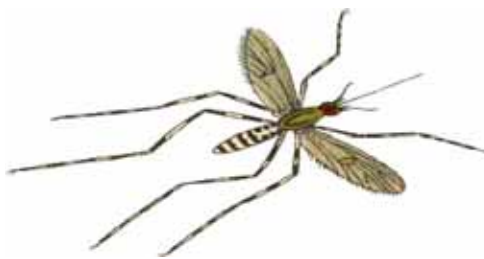
Issue: The Kala Pointer states: "By unanimous decision the board agreed that federal and state laws allow citizens to carry a concealed weapon as long as they have a permit." While that is true, concealed weapons, however, were not the issue. Director Shumate commented (correctly) that open-holstered possession requires no permit whatever.

Member Interest in Simplifying Election and Issue Balloting: At the annual meeting, there was a motion requesting the board to change the bylaws to allow a vote by mail and to consider the simplification of the proxy system. The board voted unanimously to take a look at vote-by-mail and consider the simplification of the proxy system.

Issues: Gates commented, "It has been written about many times by members of our community that even though it (KPOA current election conduct) is legal, there are certain issues that come up time and time again about the proxy system, so it bears looking into this just because it's been requested by the community." Directors Shumate and Evans disagreed about details on how such changes could

be made. There seems to be recognition that members are unhappy with the status quo including years of confusion with proxies and in getting proxies and ballots sorted out during the meeting. Also, there is the issue of unfairness, allowing one individual to vote huge blocks of proxies.

While the annual meeting request was to “have the board look at changing things,” members should be aware that they (members) hold the ultimate authority to change this themselves, through the special meeting mechanism, at any time. It takes only five percent of members to cause a special meeting to be held for member determination of any issue, which, if passed by members at a special meeting satisfying quorum requirements, then becomes a directive (not simply a request) to the board, if formally adopted by a majority.



Don't Give Mosquitoes A Chance!

Mosquitoes are a problem because they not only deliver

an itchy bite, but can spread disease. Understanding these pesky bugs and where they live can help keep you from being bitten. Here is some basic information on mosquitoes and important tips on how to protect your family against mosquito bites and possible contact with the diseases they can carry. With about 45 species in Washington state, you are bound to have many annoying encoun-

DID YOU KNOW?

Main Attraction...

Carbon dioxide that you exhale attracts mosquitoes. They can find you from up to 20 feet away.

ters with mosquitoes, outdoors and around your home. These mosquitoes all have one thing in common, their need for water to breed and grow.

They find moist surfaces or still water to lay

DID YOU KNOW?

Busy Mom...

Culex mosquitoes lay their eggs in “rafts” that float on the water’s surface. Each raft may contain hundreds of eggs. Under favorable conditions, these eggs can hatch and grow into adults in about a week.

their eggs. This water is often stagnant and close to home in old tires, toys, ponds or pools, uncovered boats, birdbaths, even open buckets and dishes under flower pots. Anything that holds standing water will do for a breeding site. Before laying eggs, mosquitoes seek out a blood meal from a warm-blooded host—a bird, dog, horse, or you. While in search of a meal, mosquitoes are drawn to carbon dioxide, heat, and moisture. They track you down by your breath, skin temperature, and sweat. After dusk during peak feeding time, mosquitoes find you a very attractive target.

Mosquito Control Tips:

- Empty anything that holds standing water—wheel barrow, buckets, plastic covers, and toys.
- Change water in your birdbaths, fountains, and animal dishes at least twice a week.
- Recycle unused containers that may collect water—bottles, cans, and buckets.
- Make sure roof gutters drain properly, and clean clogged gutters in the spring and fall.
- Fix leaky outdoor faucets and sprinklers.
- Make sure windows and doors are “bug tight.” Repair or replace screens.
- Stay indoors at dawn and dusk, if possible, when mosquitoes are the most active.
- Wear a long sleeve shirt, long pants, and a hat when going into mosquito-infested areas, such as wetlands or woods.
- Use mosquito repellent when necessary, and carefully follow directions on the label.

Now that you know the basics about mosquitoes, you can take action. Don't let your yard become a mosquito breeding ground—get rid of all standing water. Don't let yourself be on their menu—avoid mosquitoes when possible and protect your skin.

Budget Blinds

Gabriel Walsh of Port Ludlow of National Window Coverings Firm Budget Blinds Offers Unique Service: In-Home Sales and Service in the Port Townsend Area

Port Townsend, WA – Aug, 19, 2005 – Gabriel and Amanda Walsh of Port Ludlow have a unique customer-convenience service to offer residents and businesspeople in the Port Townsend area: providing in-home an at-office window covering services! Cities served include Port Townsend, Port Angeles and Sequim.

Unlike most walk-in window treatment retailers, the Walsh's franchise specializes in going out TO the consumer or business location, showing top brand-name products at discount prices, and then performing the installations that most people find tedious and challenging. Brand names carried include Hunter Douglas, Alta, Levolor, Graber,

Lafayette, Castec, Norman and more, in window blinds, shades, shutters and draperies.

Gabriel says, "Window coverings are one of the key elements that can make a room more appealing. And many people who buy or sell a home make it a point to update or improve the look of their blinds, shades, shutters or drapes sometime during the process. It's a joy to be able to help them make a more informed selection."

The parent firm, Budget Blinds Inc. of Orange, California, is a nationwide franchiser with more than 450 independent dealers in 48 states, offering brand-name window treatments and products at discounted prices. The firm's "shop-at-home-convenience" feature is most appealing to busy consumers and those engaged in buying or selling a home that needs remodeling. The national Web site can be found at www.budgetblinds.com.

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Editorial:

The Pied Piper Plays His Magic Tune



In the current "Straight to Board" feature of the kpvoice website, read about Kala Point's professed forest ecologist and his personal agenda to re-

turn the community back to the trees. His approach is to play a tune that resonates with fear, uncertainty and doubt. The "man of the trees" plays the song of ambiguity and provides a mantra that "the sky is falling". Broadcast emails and websites are the marketing tools used to lend legitimacy to his personal agenda. Read about what members should do to counteract this insidious action. Time to play a new tune by connecting to www.kpvoice.info

Recipe Treasures

We invite you to send us your favorite recipes for your neighbors to enjoy.

Three Bean Salad

From Capital Hill Restaurant *Surrogate Hostess*

What to do with canned vegetables? This Three-Bean Salad appeared in the P-I in 1967, but its low-fat formula meshes nicely no matter which decades eating habits!

Ingredients:

- 1 can (16 ounces) cut green beans
- 1 can (16 ounces) whole or cut yellow beans
- 1 can (16 ounces) red kidney beans
- 1 cup apple jelly
- 1/3 cup cider vinegar
- 4 teaspoons cornstarch
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup sliced green onion

Drain beans. Combine jelly, vinegar, cornstarch and salt. Cook until thickened. Toss with beans. Marinate in refrigerator for 1-2 hours. Add celery and onion. Serves 8-10.



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Looking For Volunteers



Community Forum is still looking for an editor. If you would enjoy volunteering either part time or full time please let us know. Remember, we are still evolving and going through a transition period.

Member participation in this newsletter is desired and welcome!

Please write to us at CF Newsletter, P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 98339 or email us at:
contact@TTPnewsletter.com

Former Resident OK! Surviving Hurricane Katrina

For those of you that know Judie Lewis, it is a relief to know that she is ok as well as her husband, Dave, her mother and her daughter.

Judie moved from Kala Point to the New Orleans area in April to be with family. She and her family evacuated from New Orleans before the big storm hit.

We do not know any other details about where she is right now or the status of her or her family's property. We will keep you posted. The most important thing is that everyone is safe. Our thoughts are with you Judie!

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