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Three Board Positions Open In July

Reasons To Volunteer, Guidelines, and How To Prepare

Being a board member can be a rewarding experience. There will be three positions that become open in July and the cut-off date to volunteer is just around the corner! If you think you might be interested in volunteering, here are some ideas of what would be in it for you and what contributions you might make to Kala Point.



Why You Would Want To Volunteer:

You would get to know your neighbors & they you!

As a board member you would learn how the community is operated, develop skills you did not have before becoming a board member, and gain an appreciation of former and future volunteers and board members.

You would learn a new perspective of a volunteer's time and commitment that can't be duplicated at any price!

You would get to know many more of your fellow neighbors and your neighbors would get to know you.

You could be part of an effort to bring harmony, cohesiveness, fairness, openness, and fun spirit into the community.

Board Member Roles:

New board members will have many different board member responsibilities. At various times you may be a leader, a policy maker, an enforcer, an arbitrator, a strategic planner, and a peacemaker.

- Putting aside personal interest and opinions when performing board duties are good characteristics of a **leader**.
- You would be a **policy maker** and to be effective you should have an understanding of KPOA's past, a vision for the future, and knowledge of the present.
- You may have to **enforce** the association's governing documents, which means being fair, firm, consistent, honest, concerned and empathetic.
- Being an **arbitrator** is another important board member role, which requires the board member to be a good listener, a calming influence, and to make fair decisions.
- To maintain KPOA's assets, prevent a recurring problem, and to avoid a future problem you would need to be a **strategic planner**. This planning is often performed by the entire board which in the best of worlds would include education, debate, and negotiation with the other board members.

How to prepare for this position:

- Become knowledgeable of KPOA's governing documents (bylaws, CC&R's, policies, procedures, resolutions, guidelines, rules and regulations, APP's).
- Be excited and enthusiastic about volunteering and making a difference. Know that this positive attitude is catching.

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- Become knowledgeable of state & local laws.
- Realize the importance of being prepared when attending a board meeting. Plan on bringing the association's governing documents, recent financial report, office and management reports. Read the reports before going to the meeting.
- Be prepared for the time it takes volunteering for this position. In addition to going to the board meetings you will be going to committee meetings as well. Also you would rotate monthly as board correspondent, going to KPOA sponsored functions, and communicating and talking to neighbors.
- Have an idea of goals or areas of improvement where you might be able to make a contribution.

Guidelines for Potential Board Members:

- Be consistent in all your dealings
- Attend as many board meetings as possible
- Allow the Maintenance and Office Managers to manage
- Use the Maintenance and Office Managers as a resource to improve the quality of the board's decisions.
- Keep a watchful eye on financial reports
- Communicate, communicate, communicate-with your fellow board members
- Communicate, communicate, communicate-with your fellow homeowners
- Be honest with all
- Maintain a professional demeanor before, during, and after meetings.
- Remember that you are a board member operating a business using the homeowners' money
- Resist using the position for personal gain
- Be open to new ideas.
- Be aware of any potential conflicts of interest when making decisions.

- Help work towards an atmosphere which promotes a peaceful and enjoyable neighborhood.

You might be asking why someone would want to volunteer to be a board member when there are so many different kinds of tasks and such a large time commitment. One reassuring tip is that as a new board member you would not be expected to be an expert in each role right away. There are other members of the board who have more board experience and the Maintenance and Office Managers have experience and knowledge in many areas to provide additional information, resources, and advice to help you grow into this role.

If you would like to volunteer, or if you can recommend someone, you can contact the nominations committee or call Julie McClure at 379-3628. The cut-off date to volunteer is midnight on April 15. But since April 15 is a Sunday this year, the committee will still accept it if it is received by the close of business on Monday April 16.

To volunteer, write a letter with your qualifications pertaining to serving on the board and then mail or take it to the KPOA office. This letter has to be logged in, not just postmarked, at the Kala Point office for a volunteer to be accepted as a viable candidate. You can make a difference and a huge contribution to a happier and well run community.

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Town Hall Meeting:
Wed. April 18th 7-9pm
Sat. April 21st 10-Noon
Regarding The Bluff/View Task
Force Interim report

The Bluff/View Ad Hoc Committee was formed last year in response to a 2007 Board Goal:

Develop a clear policy with intelligent and informed standards that integrate the consideration of bluff stability and marine views. This policy should recognize that marine views should be maintained to the greatest extent that is consistent with the safety of persons and property along and below the bluffs.

The committee was given the task to write a report and recommendation to the board on developing a policy to integrate bluff stability and marine views.

Below are a few items to think about when you read the report:

Item 1: The report emphasizes the responsibility of KPOA to maintain the vegetation on the bluff. It proposes the creation of a comprehensive common area bluff vegetation plan that will guide actions in order to preserve marine views and promote bluff stability.

Question: Who will bear the cost of “a comprehensive common area bluff vegetation plan?”

The report states that it is **“the responsibility of KPOA to maintain the vegetation on the bluff”** in order to preserve marine views and promote bluff stability. Also, *“The creation of a management plan specifically designed for our bluff will be difficult to accomplish without cost.”... “Nevertheless, we believe that it may be necessary to get some input from geo-technical consultants and arborists to help create a plan*

tailored to meet our unique needs. We will need that advice in order to create specific work guidelines that will reduce or mitigate potential erosion or unnecessary damage to trees.”

Item 2: There is a recommendation to appoint a Bluff Management Panel, which would have 9 members, each selected by one of the nine members of the board of directors.

Question: Do 9 handpicked panel members represent the membership? Is this wise? Why a new layer or entity of governance? Would this be a balanced representation of the community?

The report states: **“We suggest that the panel be composed of nine KPOA members who are selected by individual directors** of the KPOA board of directors. *Each director should select one panelist who will serve a term concurrent with the term of the appointing director. Upon the election, or re-election, of a director, that director, on or before August 1st, shall appoint a member to the panel to replace the member whose term has expired.”*

Item 3: There is the creation of **“Special Protection for Priority Trees.”** This report states: *“We introduced the concept of “priority trees” to recognize that Kala Point is a wooded area of the northwest and that trees make a special contribution to the appeal and character of our community. This benefits all of us and not merely those who enjoy a marine view from their own residence.”* And *“Priority trees are given high priority for protection. If view concerns require that some tree action be taken with respect to a priority tree, then the extent of the action should be reduced to that which results in the least damage to the tree, if feasible. In very rare cases removal of a priority tree may be appropriate, however, no removal of a priority tree shall be approved unless the reasons that make removal imperative are set out in writing, signed by the decision makers and filed with the permanent record of the action.”*

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Town Hall Mtg-The Bluff/View Task Force Interim Report

Question: The creation of a “Priority Tree” (a new class of tree) was not part of the 2007 Board goal but there is almost 2 pages out of the 14 page report. But less than one page about bluff stability! Where and why were “Priority Tree’s” created? Who will determine which trees are a “Priority Tree”? The report recommends that the panel will be handpicked by the board.

Overview:

Under the guise of “bluff stability” new definitions are being added to property rights clearly granted under the CC&Rs, including those such as “priority trees.” Further, authority has been consolidated to a few hand-picked selections of board members to administer these new authorities. Is this really in alignment with the process and rights envisioned under the CC&Rs? Keeping volunteers to those just picked by board members limits the amount of true community member participation. Essentially there will be a new entity created being labeled a “panel”, politically dependent upon and exclusively serving the interests of the board, absent the balance and broad-based member makeup envisioned by the original governing documents, whereby committee membership is broad and diverse, not strictly controlled by board appointment.

Further, as with other recent board-driven governing documents changes, it legitimizes decisions on the basis of their “consistency with past practices”; even when the past practices have been clearly without legal authority or legitimacy. It also unilaterally formalizes, without consent of owners, the concept that an entitlement to a view is established when and how the “panel” (a new governing entity) decides (pending board approval), and that long-standing legal interpretations of CC&R language are replaced by the subjective judgment of the board-appointed “panel” members serving as judge, jury and enforcer.

The report suggests the next step that should be to receive community input and reach consensus. The adaptation of this report could potentially affect all of us financially, in a big way. The entire report can be found at www.kalapoint.org and click on “Members Only” and then “Bluff View Task Force: Interim Report” or pick up a copy at the office.

The volunteers on this Ad Hoc Committee put in a lot of time and effort on this report.

They are now ready to receive community input and are offering two Town Hall Meetings to answer your questions, concerns, comments or suggestions. You can also email Lane Stuart at KPOA_Stuart@Cablespeed.com or drop off any comments or suggestions at the administration office.



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If you are interested in participating or would like to express an opinion on a Kala Point issue, you are welcome to contact us. As always, we welcome all communications, and will happily print the writer’s name, if desired.

Please email us at contact@tptnewsletter.com or write: KIN publishers of *Community Forum*, P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 98339



About Stroke Remember The 1st Three Letters...S.T.R.

STROKE IDENTIFICATION:

During a BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall - she assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and that she had just tripped over a brick because of her new shoes. They got her cleaned up and got her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken up, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the evening. Ingrid's husband called later telling everyone that his wife had been taken to the hospital & at 6:00 pm, Ingrid passed away. She had suffered a stroke at the BBQ.

Had they known how to identify the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today. Some don't die. They end up in a helpless, hopeless condition instead.

A neurologist says that if he can get to a stroke victim within 3 hours he can totally reverse the effects of a stroke...totally. He said the trick was getting a stroke recognized, diagnosed, and then getting the patient medically cared for within 3 hours, which is tough.

RECOGNIZING A STROKE: Sometimes symptoms of a stroke are difficult to identify. The stroke victim may suffer severe brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms of a stroke. Now doctors say a bystander can recognize a stroke by asking three simple questions:

S: Ask the individual to **SMILE**

T: Ask the person to **TALK** to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE coherently (i.e.- It is sunny out today)

R: Ask him or her to **RAISE BOTH ARMS.**

NOTE: Another 'sign' of a stroke: Ask the person to 'stick' out their tongue. If the tongue is 'crooked', if it goes to one side or the other, that is also an indication of a stroke. If he or she has trouble with ANY ONE of these tasks, call 911 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.



Cooks Night Out

The Four Swallows

Have you thought about what to do about dinner on a trip from the airport? You might have out of town guests or maybe that special occasion that deserves a special dining experience. A place that might fit the bill is The Four Swallows Restaurant located in the first farmhouse to be built in the area in 1889 on Bainbridge Island. The food is excellent and the atmosphere is intimate and quiet. If you come on a Wednesday night you can enjoy quiet live guitar music.

You can choose to eat in the usual dining area where there are cozy tables or you can decide to try eating in the bar area where they have neat wooden booths that provide privacy galore. With a very extensive wine list you can enjoy the a la carte menu with wine or beer. Wine by the glass is offered too and changes weekly.

One menu choice that is a seafood winner is the Seared Sea Scallops with applewood-smoked bacon, shallots and white wine with potato gratin and pea vines for \$25. Another good seafood choice would be the Risotto with mussels, clams, prawns, and scallops served with "carnaroli" rice, tomatoes, saffron, and pancetta for \$21. There are also pasta dishes and pizza ranging from \$12 to \$15. Most of the entrees are in mid \$20 range.

Whether you come here for a special evening, girls day out, or just to meet friends, this is a place that can work for any occasion.

The Four Swallows
481 Madison Ave
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206-842-3397

RECYCLING AT KALA POINT

Kala Point's Free "Black Gold"

Like most new gardeners to Port Townsend I looked forward to the diversity of plants which grow well in our moderate climate. However, I left behind the rich, loamy farmland soils of the Midwest, unprepared for Port Townsend's mixture of sand, stone and clay soils.

For those of us who love to recycle as well as garden, you may have discovered Kala Point's "black gold". Next to our green recycling



Kala Point's wood chip pile

bins in the admin/RV storage lot is a wood chip pile free for the taking. These chips are from tree pruning

and cutting by our maintenance staff either on common area or hired by homeowners.

Filling up your leftover plastic garden pots loaded into your vehicle is a clean, easy way to transport your chips. Incorporated into the soil, these chips decompose within one year creating soft, humus soil which attracts beneficial worms and insects. Layering wood chips, soil and other vegetation easily creates landscape mounds. Bone meal can be added to minimize nitrogen depletion.

Broken down tree and shrubbery branches from your yard can also augment the soil, saving a trip to the garbage dump. Kala Point wood chips can be applied as a topcoat, then covered with decorative bark.

Words of caution: similar to compost from unknown sources, some wood chips may harbor diseases from an infected tree. Per our Kala Point staff, while the wood chips are free, please do not take any sand, stone or other RV lot materials. These are temporarily stored in our lot for future KP maintenance projects.

Also, please do not drop off your tree limbs by the wood chip pile. Either take these to the county dump or hire KP maintenance staff to chip and remove.

Currently the wood chip pile is quite large. If the pile dwindles, please be courteous by taking a modest amount allowing other members to also take wood chips.

This article is reprinted from last year due to the many requests and questions we have received from members regarding recycling. Submitted by Patsy Mathys.



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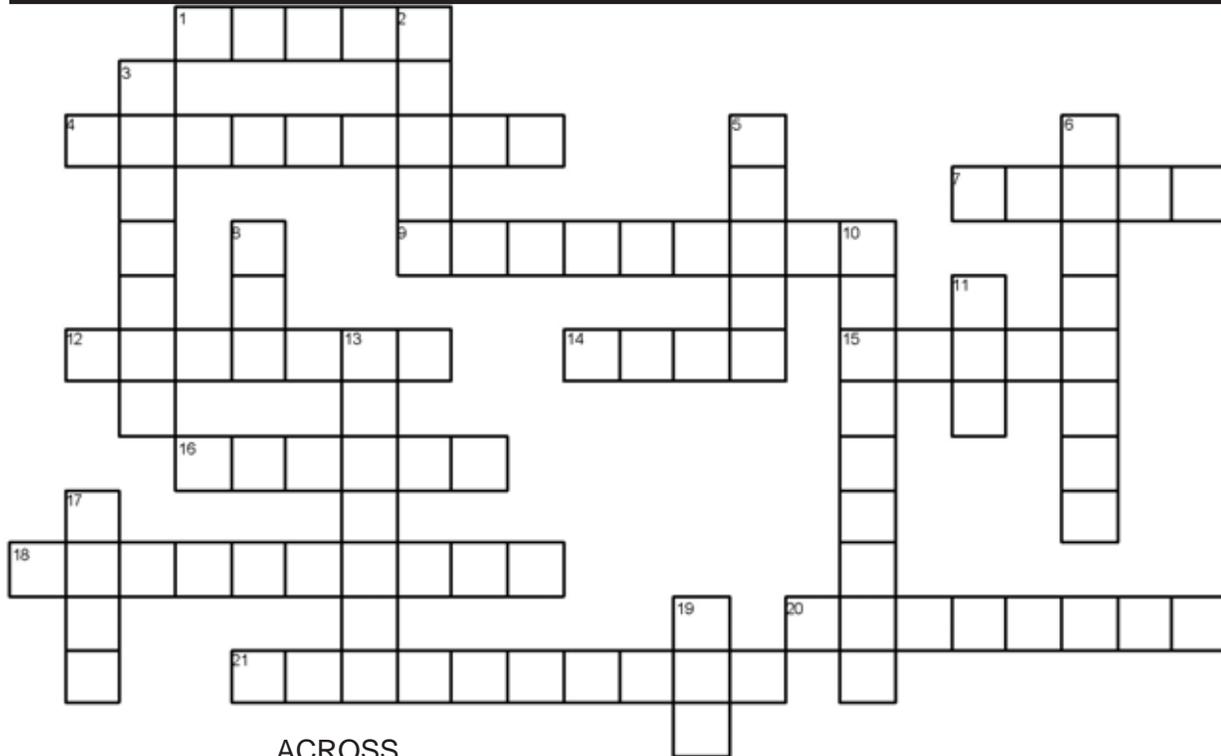
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Kala Point Crossword Puzzle (Hint: Look in previous month's issue)



ACROSS

- 1 The ____ Guard flotilla welcomes guests at their monthly flotilla meetings
- 4 Sometimes the news regarding the governance of Kala Point is controversial but you can count on ____ Forum to be your independent and uncensored resource
- 7 A Kala Point neighbors son found an ____ in a math text book when he was 6 years old and in the 3rd grade
- 9 The Kala Point Walking & Hiking Club as changed its weekly morning walk to ____ at 9am
- 12 One idea to encourage members to volunteer is to make an effort to include new participants and make them feel ____
- 14 A lube, oil, & filter is only \$16.95 for most ____ at Courtesy Ford
- 15 Kala Point's FunNGames Group hosted a ____ night in the Clubhouse where everyone brought a white elephant for a prize
- 16 The ____ of our governance and community spirit are strongly linked
- 18 The Potato Bake ____ raised money for our Fire District 6 to help fund critical items for these volunteers
- 20 Jefferson County Home Library service ____ library materials to patrons who are unable to come to the library due to age, disability, or illness

- 21 One idea to encourage volunteers to stay is to not make committee meetings a forum for political views and to not create an arena for ____ of certain members

DOWN

- 2 Galatea Cafe & Tapas Bar serve Tapas with a ____
- 3 Articles in The Kala ____ are hand selected and controlled by the board
- 5 Did you know that Kala Point has recycle bins for ____
- 6 The WA State HOA Task Force ____ seeks to make it easier to make CC&R's easier to change
- 8 ____ was considering a Community Responder Group back in 2005
- 10 Articles in CF are self-edited by contributors to assure that their submissions are printed as ____.
- 11 McCrorie Carpet ____ has today's solutions to your flooring needs
- 13 Over a ____ people visit LaConner during "bloom time"
- 17 Renaissance ____ Design is "The Best In The West"
- 19 The Classic Book Club is discussing ____ at their April meeting

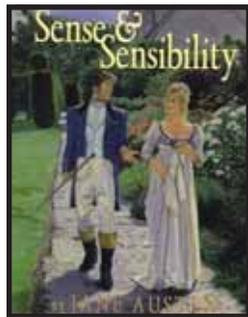
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Classic Book Club

There is a change of date for the April meeting! Come on **April 1st** at 2:00 p.m. to discuss Rudyard Kipling's colorful novel **KIM**.



Classics Book Group usually meets at 2pm at the Library in Port Hadlock every 2nd Sunday of each month. For our meeting on Sunday May 13th, it's **SENSE AND SENSIBILITY** by Jane Austen, a delightful story about courtship, love, and the complications caused by inheritances. Better than the movie!

You are welcome to come join in discussion of any selection that is of interest to you.

Port Townsend Orchestra's Spring Concert

Saturday, April 28 at 7:30pm

Port Townsend Orchestra Spring Concert will be on April 28, 2007 at 7:30pm. The program will include: Wagner: *Good Friday Spell*, Brahms: *Alto Rhapsody*, Wagner: *Siegfried Idyll*, and J.S. Bach, transcribed by Stokowski: *Chorale, from Easter Cantata*.



All of the regular season's concerts are held at the Chimacum High School and are free so everyone has the opportunity to attend. They consist of your friends and neighbors, and the people you see and work with every day in your community. They are also musicians who volunteer their time to play together each week, and their goal is to give you beautiful music.

An Invitation To:



Board Director Candidates

Community Forum will be inviting board director candidates to respond to questions that will be published in the May issue and then the answers from the candidates in the June issue. The questions will be

from the membership with the objective of offering as much information as possible to help members get to know each candidate, so they can make the most informed vote.

As you know, not all of us can make it to the Candidates Night Town Hall meeting. This will offer one more venue to provide an opportunity for the candidate to express what he or she can bring to Kala Point if elected.

Let's all get involved and informed about the election coming up in July and be part of bringing Kala Point to a new level of involvement and interest in our neighborhood!

If you have any candidate questions you would like to submit, please send by April 30th to: Community Forum, P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 98339 or email to contact@TTPnewsletter.com.

The White-Tailed Deer Don't Forget to Enjoy Them!

It is not the fault of the deer that we are building our homes in their habitat. As homes expand into the woods, the “edge” keeps moving deeper into the deer’s traditional habitat. We owe them some accommodation for this. Deer are



magnificent animals that we can learn to live with and enjoy with a little effort. Having deer in our neighborhood is sometimes a mixed blessing. On the one hand, there is

the wonder of having a wild, majestic animal close enough to observe in detail. But sometimes their fondness for garden and landscape plants can try our patience.

Deer tend to be very habitual. They show up at the same time and follow the same trails. Deer are sometimes referred to as “edge” species, because they prefer to live where two or more habitats meet. Browsing (the term used when they feed) can usually be identified since ends have a ragged appearance. This is because deer lack upper incisors and canine teeth, and cannot nip off vegetation. Instead they must press foods between their hard upper palates and their bottom teeth, and jerk their heads up to tear it free. But, when deer browse new growth they leave a clean cut end, because the new shoots tear easily. The height of the clipped plant will then be the indicator whether it was an adult or a fawn nibbling.

You may have heard a snort and not known what made that strange sound. The best-known vocalization for the deer is an alarm whistle or “snort”, made when deer exhale forcefully through their nostrils. It is a danger call that alerts deer in the area of potential danger. Older fawns commonly bleat when frightened, and older deer

sometimes do as well. Doe deer call to their hidden fawns with a soft, gentle mewing sound. Bucks make a grunt. Another way the deer communicate is with their scent glands that are between the two parts of the hoof on all four feet, outside of each hind leg, and on the inside of each hind leg. Scent from these glands is used to communicate with other deer.

Mating occurs from October to December when the doe comes into heat for a short twenty-four hour period. Gestation is approximately 6 and a half months. In her first year of breeding, a female generally has one fawn, but in subsequent years it could be up to four. Fawns are able to walk at birth and nibble on vegetation only a few days later. They are weaned at approximately six weeks.

Does are very protective of their babies. When looking for food, they leave their fawn in a hiding place for about four hours at a time. While waiting for their mother to return, fawns lay flat on the ground with their necks outstretched, well camouflaged against the ground. Fawns begin to follow their mother on her foraging trips when they are about 4 weeks old and are nursed for 8 to 10 weeks before they are weaned. Young males leave their mother after one year but young females often stay with their mother for two years. Most white-tailed deer live about 2 to 3 years. Maximum life span can be as much as 20 years but few live past 10 years old.

They are extremely agile and may bound at speeds of up to 30 miles per hour through tangled terrain in a forest. Their home ranges are generally small, often a square mile or less. They have good eyesight and acute hearing, but depend mainly on their sense of smell to detect danger and their ability to run and bound quickly through dense vegetation to escape danger.

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Lions Everywhere

By Eline Lybarger

***Taraxacum officinale* is in the Asteraceae or Sunflower family;** its common name comes from the French “dent de lion” or lion’s tooth. We



Taraxacum officinale.

Photo courtesy of Botanical.com

Americanized it to Dandelion. It was introduced from Europe into the Midwest to provide early spring food for honey bees. This time of year the bright yellow round blossom is held on a hollow stem above a central rosette of toothed leaves that may grow to 16 inches in a happy plant. The single taproot is brittle and usually about 10 inches long in our clay soil, but can be 15 feet long. Many a gardener has tried to kill the plant by pulling it out of the ground only to find the Dandelion quickly regenerating from the root left in the ground. If you’re not very careful, the root will shatter as you pull, and each piece will grow a new plant. You must dig out every speck of root. The plant also spreads by seeds. Those diaphanous globes send tiny invisible seeds where ever the wind will take them. The seeds like “disturbed habitats” such as lawns and sunny open spaces. The plant can survive repeated mowing or grazing and is unaffected by gophers nibbling on the roots.

***Taraxacum officinale* is not a totally bad plant.** Even the Romans were aware of its medical properties. The root is suppose to strengthen the liver and gallbladder. Taracin, found in the root, has been used to reduce swelling of the liver and improve digestion. Do not use it if you have an irritable stomach or bowel. A tea made from the root and leaves is good for the kidneys and is also a mild diuretic. The leaf’s white sap is reported to remove warts and moles when applied fresh.

The nutritional value of the leaves is higher in beta-carotene than carrots; has more iron and calcium than spinach; and contains vitamins B-1, B-2, B-5, B-6, B-12, C, E, P, D as well as biotin, inositol, potassium, phosphorus, magnesium, and zinc. The leaves are best eaten in the early spring before the flowers appear and they become bitter. Also, after a frost the leaves lose their bitterness. In salads they are similar in taste to endive. They can also be sautéed in olive oil with onions or garlic, or steamed. The tap root is edible all year, but is best from late fall to early spring. It is mildly bitter, but a nice addition to soup or sautéed with vegetables.

My favorite use of the plant is to make Dandelion Wine. Since my father used to make it, I will share his recipe with you: 1 gallon dry dandelion flowers (every trace of green must be removed); 3 pounds sugar (6 to 7 C.); juice of 3 oranges and 1 lemon; 1 slice toasted rye bread and 1 tsp. active dry yeast. Put flowers in 2 gallon crock and pour over 1 gallon boiling water which should cover the flowers. Cover and let stand 3 days, then strain through a cloth and squeeze any liquid from the flowers. You will need a large kettle to mix together this liquid, sugar and juices. Bring to a boil and simmer 20 minutes. Put this new liquid back into the crock, cool then sprinkle the toast with yeast and float on top of liquid. Cover with a cloth and keep at room temperature (70 to 75 degrees F) for 6 days. Strain into a gallon jug and plug with cotton; keep it in a dark place for 3 weeks. Finally pour into bottles without disturbing the sediment, cork and store at least 5 months. A year is better. Surely, with everyone in Port Ludlow picking dandelion flowers for wine, there will be a reduction in the number of seeds and eventually the number of plants. My garden thanks you.

The Port Ludlow Garden Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at the Bay Club. Membership is only \$12 a year. Enjoy discount rates on field trips, a formal Christmas Tea, a Spring Plant Exchange, and knowledgeable speakers and demos. Contact Dee McConnell at 360-437-7648 for more information.

SU-DO-KU

Instructions: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9.

Level of Difficulty - Easy.

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SU-DO-KU Puzzle: March Solution

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JUST FOR LAUGHS



Interesting Facts in History..

- ◆ The first couple to be shown in bed together on prime time TV were Fred and Wilma Flintstone.
- ◆ Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the U.S. Treasury.
- ◆ Coca-Cola was originally green.
- ◆ The State with the highest percentage of people who walk to work: Alaska
- ◆ The cost of raising a medium-size dog to the age of eleven: \$6,400
- ◆ The average number of people airborne over the U.S. in any given hour: 61,000
- ◆ The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer.
- ◆ The San Francisco Cable cars are the only mobile National Monuments.
- ◆ **Q.** Half of all Americans live within 50 miles of what? **A.** Their birthplace

Kala Krossword Puzzle: March Solution



INVITATION - New Exciting Exercise Class

Starting April 4th at 6:30pm

Come to Kala Point's new exciting Exercise Class in the evenings. Kala Point already has a musical exercise class 3 mornings a week with wonderful Doris Unruh as leader.



Exercise in the most pleasant way starting the first Wednesday evening, April 4th, at 6:30 P.M.

The first course is called "BASIC A.B.C." led by instructor Neal Welch.

Improve your physical and mental health with a favorite partner and neighbor. Proven to reduce any stress and burn 400 calories an hour.

The participants will sponsor this class with the Social Club's encouragement. Wear comfortable clothes and slick shoes.

Call or visit Fran & Norm Shelton for more information, 385-1651.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Tip-Toeing Through La Conner's Tulips



April 11th will be the car-pool style field trip to see the gorgeous tulip fields and gardens of La Conner departing from the Bay Club at **8:30 a.m. sharp!!!** Our first stop is for lunch and strolling the lovely gardens of **La Conner Flats** in Mt. Vernon. After lunch we'll walk through the traditional English garden and then either drop next door to **Christianson's Nursery**, or visit nearby **RoozenGaarde** which is famous for its gift shop and its fabulously colored borders of tulips, its clipped hedges and walkways. We will have the option to tour tulip fields in horse drawn carriages at **Tulip Town** or to venture into nearby La Conner for a quick tour through their delightful main street shopping area. Quilter's may want to tour the Gaches Mansion on second street to view their colorful quilt collections.

The annual Spring Luncheon and Plant Exchange will be on **May 9th at the Bay Club at 11 a.m.** There will be a short business meeting and then the annual salad luncheon and plant exchange.

Bring plants to exchange. Be sure they are marked; pieces of plastic from bottles and a sharpie pen work very well. The scientific name is great, but common names are okay too and whether it is a sun or shade plant. Now is the time to transplant your seedling and divide your plants to prepare for the plant exchange and to do your spring maintenance in your yard!

Those who bring plants to "exchange" will be given first chance to choose, and then everyone will be able to take home interesting plants. This is a great opportunity to acquire free plants if you are just starting your landscaping.

For questions or reservations, call Syd Hatch at 437-9111.

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Principles The Board Is Considering Adopting Could Help Bring Harmony In Kala Point!

It is important to understand how important community leaders are to a cohesive, neighborly community, especially with the election coming up in July.

Below are some ideas from a CAI publication (Community Associations Institute) that the KPOA board will be discussing and may consider adopting. CAI believes that these responsibilities and rights will help promote community spirit and involvement:

Community Leaders Have the Responsibility To:

◆ **Understand the association's governing documents:** become educated with respect to applicable state and local laws and manage the community association accordingly.

◆ **Encourage input from residents** on issues affecting them personally and the community as a whole.

◆ **Encourage events that foster neighborliness** and a sense of community.

◆ **Make covenants, conditions and restrictions as understandable as possible, providing clarifying "lay" language** or supplementary materials when drafting or proposing changes.

◆ **Provide complete and timely disclosure of personal and financial conflicts of interest related to the actions of community leaders**, e.g., officers, the board and committees. (Community associations may want to develop a code of ethics.)

Homeowners Have the Right To:

◆ **Honest, fair and respectful treatment** by community leaders and managers.

◆ **Participate in governing the community association** by attending meetings, serving on committees and standing for election.

◆ **Fair treatment regarding financial and other association obligations**, including the opportunity to discuss payment plans and options with the association before foreclosure is initiated.

If these guidelines had been in place and followed, these events could have turned out more positive:

◆ **A board president censored** information going into *The Kala Pointer* and then forced out the editor initiating the creation of an alternative newsletter.

◆ **A board proposed a change in our fine schedule from a \$1,000 to \$10,000 fine limit** that would have given the board inappropriate authority to excessively fine the membership.

◆ **A group called the "Concerned Citizens" and now calling themselves "Concerned Members"** (current & former board members) issued a series of letters to the community labeling other members (calling them insurgents).

◆ **A series of boards have failed to define** clear procedures for dealing with tree and view issues.

◆ **Legal complaints have been filed against boards for not following provisions of the CC&Rs**, the Bylaws, and State Law RCW 64.38, resulting in court orders against KPOA.

◆ **A member was assaulted at the end of a board meeting** and this resulted in another legal complaint, and restraining order.

◆ **A new General Manager was pressured to resign his position by a prior Board President** who subsequently resigned himself.

◆ **A member was removed from a committee by a board without due process** and with the then-presiding Board President denying a request by that member for a fair hearing and the opportunity to be heard.

Above are examples where good leadership on the board could have directed these events down a road leading to harmony! Current and future boards need to take a proactive role in facilitating harmony and be part of the solution and not the principal cause of hard feelings. **It is a good sign that our current board** is looking at adopting these principles that can help unite our community.

Walking/Hiking Club Now On Thursdays!



The Walking Club now meets on Thursday mornings at 9am. Come when you can and the walk sounds right for you. You can depend on the support of the group to help motivate each of us to get out and get walking.

If you want to exercise, learn new trails and get acquainted with the beautiful area where we live, come join us! Come for the camaraderie and exercise! Remember, 10,000 steps a day!

Bring water, good walking shoes, and a walking stick if you have one. And bring your dog for a nice walk too!

Everyone is welcome and bring a friend! Come and explore new destinations as well as some old favorites. Emails are sent out each week announcing where the next walk will be. For more information contact Michael at mctaylor@infionline.net or 385-2041.

Pedometers Encourage More Steps Per Day:

Research shows that walkers who were encouraged to walk 10,000 steps a day and wore a pedometer that recorded how many steps they had taken throughout the day would walk more than walkers who that did not wear a pedometer. The walkers who did not wear a pedometer were encouraged to take a 30 minute brisk walk each day. The group who could check their pedometers averaged over 10,000 steps per day, compared with 8,270 steps for the 30-minute walking group, a difference of a mile per day!

The Difference a Mile Makes-Taking 2000 more steps per day can be the difference between weight gain and maintaining or losing weight. Wearing a pedometer is a simple way to motivate yourself to take those extra 2000 steps per day.



Movie Night
Sat. April 28th
Lots of Fun
At The Clubhouse!

Kala Point's Fun 'n Games Movie Night will be on Saturday, April 28th, at the clubhouse. The fun starts at 5:00pm until 8:00pm or whenever we're done. The movie is shown on a big screen with popcorn too to munch on!

Bring your favorite DVD movie and we'll vote on which one to watch. Bring an appetizer and something to drink. There will be enough to consider it dinner! Come with the entire family and come as you are for good old-fashioned MOVIE NIGHT fun!

Watch for these great FUN 'N GAMES events each month! If you have any questions contact Carol at 385-6428.

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COMMUNITY FORUM

Pickleball Kick-Off Friday April 20th at 6pm



The Kala Point Pickleball Club will be holding a special kick-off event for the start of the season.

If you are interested in learning about pickleball and would like to consider playing this year, bring an appetizer and your favorite drink for a pot-luck dinner to Hank Krist's house for an evening filled with fun for everyone and pickleball t-shirts for the team!

The playing schedule will initially be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:30pm and

Saturday mornings at 10am on the courts up by the water tanks near Pinecrest. The first day will be Tuesday, April 24th. There will be chairs if you want to come and watch. This is much easier than tennis and no experience is necessary!

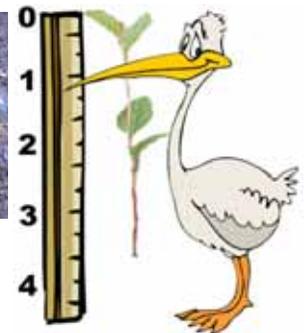
The Pickleball Club is listed in the **NEW Spring 2007 Kala Point Directory**, available up at the office. Look on the "Kala Point Contacts for Activities" page where you will see pickleball and a list of other great activities available in Kala Point!

If you would like to attend this fun event please **RSVP** by contacting Hank at 379-9878 or hanksand@worldnet.att.net or Carol at 385-6428 or dreambead@aol.com.

Male Catkin + Female Cone-like Fruit = Baby Alders!

Have you been experiencing symptoms such as itchy eyes, runny noses, sneezing and, in more severe cases, difficulty breathing? The tree pollen has been very high from the conifers and alders which pollinate by the wind not bees.

The tassel-like male catkin is 2-6 inches long and is where the alder pollen is from. You will notice the catkins scattered on the ground right now and the female cone-like fruit falling too. The last wind storm brought down both on the ground and when they come together they make...baby alders!! Merely raking up the catkins and cones can help reduce the thousands of seedlings that will sprout. For the full story see page 22 in the April 2006 issue at: www.ttpnewsletter.com



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