

*do we want the county sheriff to patrol our streets?*

By newSkoop Editorial Staff

At the KPOA Board meeting on November 14<sup>th</sup>, the Board voted unanimously to request that the Jefferson County Sheriff be enlisted to enforce the speed limit in our private community. This board **action was taken despite a clear opposing message from the members** responding to the board's own solicitation of member's opinion on this subject: More than **69%** stated that they were **opposed**. Only 17% stated they were in favor. The recent speed recorder study implemented by the Board indicated that 86% of the vehicle traffic was driving within 5mph of the limit.

The contract between the Board and the sheriff's office contains the following provisions:

1. Citations will be issued only for speeding and will not extend to seat belts, driver's licenses, etc. The citations will carry the full force of law as if they were issued on a public street or road. **Fines will be levied by the county courts** and infractions will be reported for insurance purposes. (Note: Our understanding is that this can adversely affect insurance rates for as much as three years.)
2. **The cost to Kala Point will be \$55.00/hour.** It is anticipated that a deputy will spend 2-4 hours here one day a month. (Note: That is \$1320 to \$2640 of the total annual assessment paying for an enforcement which most of the members responding to the survey do not want.)

By action of the Board, the sheriff can be invited into Kala Point only by the Board President, (Hugh Murphy, ph: 385-2655). The request must be in writing and it is anticipated that it will include a date, time and location for the deputy to initiate the monitoring. Before this new speed enforcement procedure is initially implemented, Kala Point members must be notified by first class mail. After initial notification there will be no subsequent notice of actual dates, times or locations of enforcement.

It is uncertain who the driving force is behind this persistent effort to impose a police presence in our private community. It was stated in the meeting that Hugh Murphy and Kathy Shumate recently met

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with the Sheriff to establish the \$55 per hour “service charge”. Again, the members responding to a board survey regarding this issue overwhelmingly advised the Board they do NOT want this service.

Why is this policing presence thought to be necessary? Although some people drive at excessive speeds, the board-sponsored study performed last summer reported the following results:

- 25 MPH and below: 43%
- 26-30 MPH: 43%
- 31-35 MPH: 12%
- Over 35 MPH: 2%

**86% of drivers are operating within 5 MPH of the posted limit;** a level of compliance typical on residential streets except for well-marked school zones, which enjoy about 95% compliance. Traffic engineers find that ONLY traffic calming techniques (such as the speed bumps on Kala Point Drive) demonstrate lasting impact

on speeders; with the effects of police presence disappearing almost instantly when discontinued.

Hank Krist spoke with Tony Hernandez, Chief Criminal Deputy for the County, who said that the deputy assigned to Kala Point can issue citations at his discretion. He felt that the enforcement would be tight, meaning that little leeway would be given over the 25MPH speed limit. If the deputy makes a traffic stop, the officer can issue citations for any criminal act.

**Sixty-nine per cent of the survey respondents were opposed to taking this police action.** This can be considered a serious infringement of the community’s rights to enjoy their private property and roads. If you are against the sheriff coming into Kala Point to enforce the speed limit, **please complete and deliver the enclosed form**, addressed to the Board Secretary, to the office. Only correspondence addressed to the Board Secretary is considered “official” and part of the board records. Also, you may want to call the board members as well to lodge a complaint.

*Turn this form into the Administration Office as board correspondence or Mail to:  
Secretary, Board of Directors, KPOA - 1760 Kala Point Drive, Port Townsend, WA 98368*

**LETTER TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, KALA POINT OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

I believe that you, the board, should reconsider your plan to bring in the sheriff to issue speeding tickets. Your own speed survey showed 86% of drivers are operating within 5 MPH of the posted limit. The community gave a clear message to the board, responding to the board’s own solicitation of member opinion on this subject in July. More than 69% of the survey’s respondents are opposed to bringing in the sheriff.

Traffic calming techniques (such as the speed humps on Kala Point Drive) have demonstrated a lasting impact on speeders. The effects of police presence disappear almost instantly when discontinued. I strongly urge the board to use the existing traffic-calming speed humps to control speeding, and to seriously consider owner requests for the installation of more such speed humps in those few areas where owners report excess speeds and/or dangerous, limited view intersections.

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## views, trees and bluffs

By newSkoop Editorial Staff

### **THE PROBLEM**

A contentious issue is affecting harmony in the Kala Point community. Owners of view properties wish to exercise their contractual right to maintain their views. Other owners resist most attempts to alter or remove trees growing in view paths. In general, resolution of this basic conflict between rights and wants, with both groups accepting a compromise solution, has not happened. Kala Point is bounded on the east by a high, steep bluff, which is basically susceptible to instability. Recently, the stability of the bluff has been introduced as an argument against removing or altering trees on or near the bluff. The implication is that the trees are essential to maintaining bluff stability. Introduction of the bluff factor relative to the tree issue has complicated arriving at rational and equitable decisions but has had the positive effect of bringing the need for consideration of the bluff in general to the attention of the Association.

### **PROBLEM SOLUTION METHODOLOGY**

In April 2005 the Bluff Management Ad Hoc Committee, (BAC), was formed by the Board. It consisted of seven KPOA members representing a range of scientific, engineering and community development backgrounds. ***The mission of the BAC was to develop a written plan that documented a scientifically sound, environmentally sensitive approach to Kala Point bluff management in order to best preserve bluff stability and property views in accordance with the governing documents including state and local regulations.*** The BAC made a rigorous attempt to follow the "Best Available Science". In pursuit of this science oriented approach they made use of 105

technical references. Through a disciplined process of evaluation the committee members reached a consensus regarding the bluff stability at Kala Point and submitted a final 63 page Bluff Management Report, (BMR-1) to the Association in November 2005. One member also submitted a dissenting opinion with respect to the role of trees in promoting bluff stability. The Board to date has not responded to the report submitted by the BAC.

In the fall of 2006 the Bluff/View Task Force Ad Hoc Committee, (B/VTF), was formed by the Board. It consisted of nine KPOA members, including three from the BAC, representing a broad range of scientific, engineering, legal and community development experience. ***"The B/VTF was charged with the task of developing a clear policy with intelligent and informed standards that integrate the consideration of bluff stability and marine view. 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 bluff"***. It is assumed that the B/VTF adopted the technical content of BMR-1. It devoted its activity to developing a concept and associated procedures to ensure consistent science-based, contract compliant decisions with respect to requests concerning vegetation alteration on or near the bluff. The B/VTF submitted a Bluff Management Plan, (BMP-2), to the Association on 21 September 2007, proposing its adoption. It remains to be seen what the Board's response will be to this proposal.

The BAC and B/VTF committee members are to be commended for their extensive and diligent efforts, the quality of their studies and

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reports and the significant contribution they have made to the community in making available a science based source for use in understanding bluff stability and a comprehensive policy and procedural concept for addressing bluff vegetation issues.

**CONCLUSIONS**

Based on a complete review of BMPs-1 and 2, the following conclusions seem a fair assessment of each:

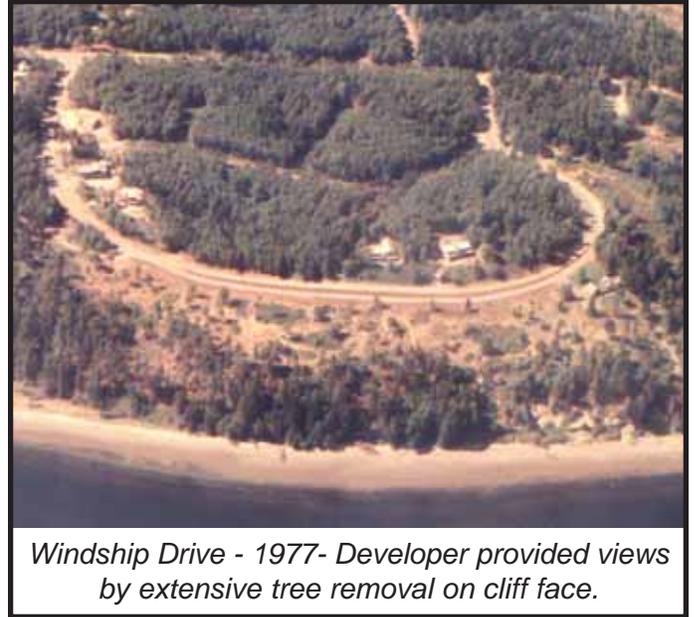
**The Bluff:** The bluff is inherently unstable because of its height, steepness and the type of materials of which it is comprised. The bluff has experienced landslides in the past and will do so in the future. Its integrity is primarily dependent on the following factors:

- Wave action at the base of the bluff.
- Ground water within and cascading over the face of the bluff.
- Vegetation adjacent to and on the face of the bluff.

The Association cannot effectively ameliorate the effect of the first two factors within the economic capabilities of the Kala Point community by using engineered solutions. The community can probably reduce the flow of ground water by reducing its use of water, but neither the sources nor associated quantities of ground water are fully understood. Just having a community located uphill of the bluff creates a ground water source which can only partially be controlled.

Vegetation is a bluff stability factor which can be addressed by the community. Unfortunately, vegetation is a minor contributor to bluff stability compared to the forces of nature at work. Planting ground cover at the crest of the bluff can help control the flow of surface water over the bluff and reduce potential surface erosion of the bluff's face. Most of the bluffs are considered

too steep to support the planting of ground cover on their faces to reduce surface erosion. The role of large trees in preserving bluff stability is



*Windship Drive - 1977- Developer provided views by extensive tree removal on cliff face.*

minimal at best and may be more of a threat to the bluff than a protection. Shallow root systems are susceptible to erosive undercutting and the toppling effect of wind imposed stresses. Roots that do penetrate significantly may loosen natural fractures and joints in the bank material and precipitate failures. The weight of large trees, concentrated over the relatively small area of the root ball can also cause shear stresses leading to failures. The roots of large trees contribute little to reducing surface erosion.

**Policy and Procedures:** A bureaucratic approach to administering bluff associated vegetation requests, if meticulously complied with in all cases, would certainly introduce a consistency which has been lacking to date. The resulting policies and procedures will contribute to community harmony if they recognize the best available science currently available as an important decision factor. The policies must acknowledge that contractual rights trump wants.

The procedural process, developed in great detail and obviously the product of much effort and analysis is an outstanding product. But the

question arises: why aren't the "enforcement" committees already operating in accordance with similar detailed policies and procedures? A review of the procedures developed by the B/VTF finds nothing really lacking in establishing a tightly controlled process from initial request through review, decision, mediation and finally appeal/decision by the Board if required. But why is there a need for an advisory committee concerned with the bluff that is an additional and integral link in the process? Why not impose rigid procedures on the existing Architectural, Tree and Grounds committees and let them accomplish their current scopes of responsibility? It seems that the best function of a Bluff Management Advisory Group would be as Experts that the committees could call upon as required when there is a question of bluff stability associated with a pending vegetation decision.

BMP-2 states that "no determination of an action relating to a tree that has become final shall be modified or reversed absent a showing of a material or change in circumstances occurring after the final determination was made". By proposing a complex, highly structured approach to tree decisions it seems that there is an implication that previous decisions lacked the necessary discipline. Isn't that sufficient grounds to warrant an authoritative review of previous decisions which remain unacceptable to one of the parties involved? Let's be fair and consistent not only in the future but with respect to past actions.

The timeline seems excessively long for an issue to be resolved. The basic timeline is one year if there is an issue involved and almost that long if there is no issue. Imposing a three year cycle for addressing only one of the three bluff sectors each year prolongs the timeline to three years for addressing and resolving a request. On our tree friendly Quimper Peninsula, a lot of growth can occur in a year, let alone three years.

## **NOTES OF CONCERN**

**Property owners electing to build their homes on the bluff of a high steep cliff**, which shows ample evidence of past landslides, should be ready to assume responsibility for the associated risk. But is that what happens in real life situations? No! Every time that a risky situation results in damage the property owner turns to others to ameliorate their loss. Governments can afford to be beneficent since they are only spending the money of the taxpayers. The Association and its members cannot afford to litigate, let alone pay, damages resulting from homeowners locating their homes in risky locations. These damages could amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars, and a finding that the Association is responsible in any way would severely tax the ability of many of the KPOA members to pay their share.

**The Association must not by policy, procedure or deed provide any basis for being or appearing to be responsible for damages resulting from failure of the cliffs forming the eastern edge of the Kala Point development.** It must be the sole involvement of the Association with respect to the bluff to assure that any decision it makes cannot be construed to be harmful to the stability of the bluff areas. Its decisions must be based on the best available science. Best available science is the standard to which governments are held and it is appropriate and defensible that the same standard be applied to the Association.

**The worth of BMPs-1 and 2 is dependent upon how the Board responds.** The complex policies and procedures of BMP-2, being proposed in the interest of promoting fairness in bluff vegetation decisions, will prove meaningless and just another bureaucratic approach if the Board refuses to use the best available science delineated in BMP-1 and observe the contractual rights of the members as delineated in the CC&Rs.

**the rest of the story!**  
**A true murder mystery filled**  
**with intrigue and history.**  
**And close to home!**

By Mabel Campbell

A “one liner” is a statement out of context while information is cherry picked from facts written by another, thus changing the story. The spaces between the “one liner” and selected facts need to be put into context to tell the real story...It is easy to unintentionally give an already convoluted history a new twist. A recent article quotes The City of Dreams by Peter Simpson. It states a J. C. Costello supposedly wrote in 1869 that Joe Kuhn (who arrived here 1866, the same year of the tidal wave that we now know was a tsunami. Source: Jeff.Co. Historical Society and Port Townsend Leader) reportedly tricked T’Chits-a’-Ma-Hun (called Chetzemoka by the settlers) into admitting he enticed the Skagits to go to war with him against the Chimakums (spelling correct). An elaborate well executed plan supposedly left ALL Chimakums dead. (The Leader has printed the massacre story a number of times, including the fact that the two surviving children were adopted by local families. Other stories tell they were taken by their captors, later returning to marry and settle here).

Left out of the recent story is that Simpson goes on to ask “Where is the truth? There may never have been a Chimakum massacre. Records are too contradictory; Costello’s story sounds fishy. Even if he was reporting accurately, we would still be dependant upon the veracity of Kuhn, a notably colorful character who was certainly capable of a tall tale or two. His story of the trick sounds more like a bar-room tale than factual history.” The author named five possible tribes that could have performed the massacre between 1815 and 1850, yet the 1870 census counts 400 Chimakums..

Note the information quoted from the book author...”Costello’s book says evidence of the massacre was discovered (not taken place) in 1869“ .Again the 1870 Census disputes with an accounting of 400 Chimakums and only 3 in 1910. (Of course, by that time the natives had mixed with the settlers and produced half quantum Chimakums in the county and were not counted) The book author states, “The dates tend to rule out Costello and Kuhn’s stories, if they even existed.”

Knowing what I know of Native American culture, though I am neither Native American nor a cultural anthropologist, I can understand the possibility that Native Americans of the area refused to talk about it, including T’Chits-a’Ma-Hun. Let me illustrate this with yet another story. A librarian at our County Library with connections to the Duwamish Tribe- attempting Federal Tribal Recognition- tells how when the Fed’s came, a tribal leader gave permission for families to be interviewed. The leader’s Grandson was very proud of his handling the situation. He called, “Grandpa, the Feds were here and asked a lot of questions and I didn’t tell them anything. NOTHING!”...and I can imagine T’Chits-a’-Ma-Hun (Chetzemoka) may very well have handled Kuhn the same way.

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May 1792, Captain Vancouver anchored in Discovery Bay, four days later in Port Townsend bay, they found pock marked bodies. Smallpox had come to the area in the 1780s and was surmised to be the reason for deaths. This was 77 years before the Costello story.

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**WITH PRIDE IN HERITAGE - Jefferson County Historical Society, December 1966**

This is a compilation of an array of stories from the past, many of them oral histories since the cast had long ago bowed out without leaving the written word. A Mrs. Bishop recites the story of

the Chimakum massacre as handed down from William Bishop Sr., who had several Indian wives in succession. An early wife was Sadla, 1/2 Chimakum, 1/2 Klallam, who lost her father in the massacre. William and Sadla had a daughter, Emma during their time together. A later wife was Sally, a Snohomish. Here is Bishop's story: "The Barclay Tribe located on the western shores of Vancouver Island and the Snohomish tribe in Snohomish County were inter-married and visited often. Together they plotted to exterminate the Chimakums. The war was on; the Chimakums sent 40 canoes of warriors who were massacred before the invaders went ashore and killed the rest. Two small girls playing up the creek survived. The children were divided between the tribes and later returned to marry and settle in the Chimacum area."

Mary Ann Lambert, noted historian of Native descent wrote *The 7 Sons of the House of Ste Tee Thlum*, a genealogy. On the last page: Editor's Note: " Before V. J. Gregory wrote of the massacre, he visited Mary Ann, then a spry 88 years, to verify Mrs. Bishop's story. She verified it". Again, back to the Native culture, she could have accepted it just let it be. Although a fraction Native American, culturally she was whole. In her later years we were close friends, as well as distant relative in law. Note: *The 7 Cedars Casino* continues the tribes' tradition of using carved Totem Poles to honor and memorialize ancestors. The hereditary Chief Ste Tee Thlum is at a base, the place of honor, holding 8 feathers representing his seven sons and one daughter.

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James Hermanson and Peter Simpson - Excerpts Theodore Winthrop, a popular writer in the mid 19th century disclosed that though ferocious skirmishes occurred between tribes, when peacekeeping came, the losing tribe paid

reparations based on individual losses, but did not include forfeiting the land. This massacre was exempt.

The Chimakums are descendants of the Quileutes at LaPush. How and when they separated, both the Quileutes and Chimakums have a legend that told of a sudden high tide that sent all members to their canoes, Four days later, the water receded. The Chimakem band had drifted eastward and resettled 125 miles and a mountain range away from their homeland.

(Port Townsendites know of a "tidal wave" that swept from North Beach, through Happy Valley and out the boat haven; but not when. That question was answered several years ago when *The Leader* reported scientists researching Discovery Bay say a Tsunami was in the 1700s. At least some fact adds up).

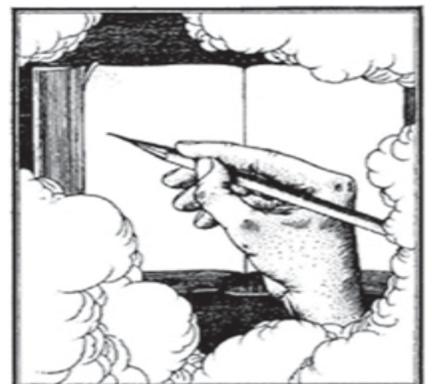
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*creative writing for ordinary people: writing the holidays*

by Sarah McMahan, M.A.

On Saturday, 8 December from 10:00 - 12:00, take a creative writing class: *Writing The Holidays* for \$20 for all genres (memoir, poetry, fiction, etc.) and for beginning through advanced!

Please call Sarah McMahan, M.A., 279-9159 for location and registration.



**Late Blooming: New Beginnings for the Chronologically Advantaged** Watch for upcoming announcement!

## buying a new computer

By Pete Juliano, JES Systems, Inc.  
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**With the holidays soon approaching, time to think about a new family computer.** For less than \$500 a fully functional computer can be

purchased from reputable dealers like Dell, HP etc. So there are many bargains available out there. But the nagging questions remain which one and what do I need.

### **To start the decision process, three questions that should be asked.**

1. Will this be my primary computer that will be used mostly at home?
2. Will my usage be more or less for email, web surfing or perhaps some limited media usage such as photos and music?
3. What special needs do I have? (Vision, eye hand co-ordination, limited space)

**The answer to the first question** may help sort out whether to purchase a laptop or a desktop. Many at Kala Point do a lot of traveling and find having a laptop enables them to take a computer with them. Even if the intent is primarily for a “home computer” that also warrants the question of portability within the home. I know several individuals at Kala Point that enjoy emailing while sitting on their deck or taking the computer from the den to the kitchen. Or as in the case of one individual takes it to the privy with him who cannot live without email even for short periods of time.

Portability within the home means some ancillary hardware is required. Either the home must be wired up to provide a network connection at various locations within the home or a wireless network is installed. Wireless will also

require an installation of a wireless router in the home and wireless capability in the computers. Desktops and laptops can be fitted with wireless cards. It is best to purchase the laptop already fitted with such a card. Desktops can be retrofitted easily by the home user. Safeway in Port Townsend has a Wi-Fi hotspot so you can do email while shopping at Safeway.

**The answer to the second question** drives several feature selections of either the laptop or desktop. These include the operating system, the size of the hard drive, the amount of memory and items such as speaker systems, whether DVDs can be read or created, wireless keyboards, web cameras, fire wire connections etc. Literally all basic computers can do the email, web surfing and handle basic audio and video tasks. However to do the fancy stuff may require significantly more hardware and software.

**A decision must be made about the operating system.** Microsoft recently introduced Vista that is intended to tap into the multimedia aspects of the Internet relative to streaming video, high definition TV, downloading music and real time events.

Vista has variants such as basic home, premium home, basic office and premium office etc. The difference from the basic home to the premium office is what is bundled within the software. The basic home has no word processing capabilities other than a crude notepad or “wordpad”. If you are intent upon creating word documents then additional software will be required either through separate software or an upgraded version of Vista. Vista Premium Office is intended for Business users and includes functionality with many sophisticated business programs.

**Hard drives are storage devices and have grown large to sizes unimaginable just 5 years ago.** We are packrats and a large hard

drive gives us more room to store stuff. Video, Photos and Music consume huge amounts of hard drive space. If the intent is to use the computer for this purpose, then get the largest hard drive available.

**Memory is used for temporarily storing** active programs and information. Vista requires a lot of memory and 1 Gigabyte is marginal. So opt for more than 1 GB.

Some of the desktops have Dolby 5.1 decoder sound cards that require external speakers. The computer then becomes a high-powered music box that can either play Mozart or the Rolling Stones.

Look for the ability to play DVDs as well as standard CDs. If the computer can play DVDs you can now watch your favorite movies on your laptop. A bonus maybe the ability to not only play DVDs but to create them. This is an advantage as the DVD can hold 10X as much info as a standard CD. This is useful if you are making home movies or creating large photo files. Typically you can record 10 to 13 songs on a standard CD — that now could be 150 songs on a DVD.

**The answer to the third question** relates to the size of the viewing screen and other functional aspects. A 22 inch LCD screen for a desktop is not that much more expensive than a now standard 19 inch. The few extra inches add significantly to the viewing area as the 22 and 19 inches are measured diagonally. Other functional goodies include wireless keyboards and mice so that work can be done while sitting in an easy chair. Some desktop computers and laptops have

a TV out capability that you can project the info onto your large screen TV. This is where the wireless keyboard and mice are a real advantage.

**So before buying a computer** some basic decisions are involved relative to desktop versus a laptop, the operating system, the amount of memory, the size of the hard drive, the intended usage and other features that may be required like word processing and spreadsheet programs. If you intend to use the computer as a media center then decisions about DVD's, Dolby sound and TV out are also in play. Good luck shopping!

## *movie makers*

### ***So you want to be in pictures?***

Now's your chance! MovieMakers have two juicy rolls remaining to be cast. We are looking for "just the right person" for each part. Oh, we could cast from the large turnout of actors we had at our Auditions, but we are holding out for the "perfect" faces and voices. If you can see yourself as a sweet aspiring actress on the verge of "breaking out" or a married man, itching to rid himself of his bitchy wife; we want to talk to you. Experience not necessary but the ability to learn your lines is a must. The "fun" of being on the big screen awaits you.

Please contact producers Matt Wallace [moviemakers@earthlink.net](mailto:moviemakers@earthlink.net) or 437-2071 or Maureen Poole [moviemakersvp@aol.com](mailto:moviemakersvp@aol.com) or 437-2165. We can make arrangements to meet, preferably at our Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Jefferson County Library in Pt. Hadlock from 10 to noon.

## *neighbor-to neighbor classified ads*

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**tree committee ignores cc&rs  
Special Interest Politics Overrides  
Governing Documents**

By Hank Krist

**The November 13<sup>th</sup> Tree Committee Meeting, hearing yet another “appeal” of a standing decision** found disagreeable by a small special interest faction, was but the latest in the now-familiar political remake of what is supposed to be a non-political community interpretation of the governing documents as a legal contract. View maintenance rights, powerfully guaranteed by the CC&Rs, continue to be ignored by the special interest tree lobby. The decisions overturned a previous decision granting three view property owners the right to maintain their views as guaranteed by the CC&Rs “to the greatest extent practicable.”

**Fundamental to the argument of those continually opposed to view maintenance** is their expanding of the CC&R contract language, changing the word “practicable” (meaning feasible) to “practical” (a word subject to a much wider range of subjectivity). Drafters of CC&R language are very careful in their choice of words so as to remove ambiguity in stating the intent and agreement of the parties. Nowhere in our governing documents are committee members given the right to interpret CC&R language to suit their personal agendas. See box for the dictionary definition of “practicable”.

**Aside from the expanding language, the tone of the appealing individuals** (persons opposed to the Tree Committees original decision) was very unsettling. The appeal was composed primarily of character assassinations and personal attacks on community members, including criticizing the Tree Committee process and record keeping. There was no valid scientific data supporting the appeal; quite the contrary, a number of studies presented and ignored

indicated that removal or topping of trees from the upper bluff will not contribute to slides. In fact, the studies indicate that large trees on the upper bluff may actually aggravate common property upper bluff instability.

**practicable**

**Usage Note:** It is easy to confuse practicable and practical because they look so much alike and overlap in meaning.

Practicable means "feasible" as well as "usable," and it cannot be applied to persons.

Practical has at least eight meanings, including the sense "capable of being put into effect, useful," wherein the confusion with practicable arises.

But there is a subtle distinction between these words that is worth keeping. Someone with a practical knowledge of French may be able to order coffee in a café, though it may not be practicable to learn the language of every country in Europe.

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**The Puget Sound area has seen numerous cases of protracted litigation, costing all members hundreds of thousands of dollars in assessments** to pay huge legal fees, where absolute rights to property value-assuring view maintenance have been replaced by a “save all trees agenda”, often driven by a special interest community minority. Many affected owners, often seeing up to 40% reductions in appraisal value due to loss of marine views, eventually turn to the courts and all members pay for the legal dispute. There is no “insurance coverage” for such disputes going to court.

The end result of this action is denial of view maintenance rights (a critical element of property valuation) to three owners, despite the unambiguous intent of the CC&Rs contract granting it “to the greatest extent practicable”.

*walkinghiking club*

**December Schedule**

By Carol Fischbach



**NEW DAY!** Meet on Wednesday's at **Hank Krist's** at **9:00am** at 370 Pinecrest Dr. We will

arrange for car pools and give out directions to the trailhead. It is ok to leave your vehicle here. Just keep the garage door clear on the far right hand side. Contact Michael at 385-2041 or michaelkubec@cablespeed.com and Bill at 379-3808 or bkaune@cablespeed.com to be put on the hiking email list or for more information. Each hike is rated from 1 to 5. Trails that are rated more difficult have a higher number as well as a higher number for appeal.

**Dec 12th - Tubal Cane Mine:**

Ratings: Appeal 3, Difficulty 3, roundtrip distance 8 miles, elevation gain 2000 feet, dog friendly.

**Dec 19th - Timberton Loop Trail:**

Ratings: Appeal 2, Difficulty 2, roundtrip distance 5.3 miles, elevation gain 500 feet, dog friendly.

**Dec 26th - Murhut Falls & Ranger Hole:**



Ratings: Appeal 2, Difficulty 1, roundtrip distance 3.7 miles, elevation gain 500 feet, dog friendly. Great hike with your out of town guests; then stop at Timber House Restaurant. Only go to the Falls for a short 1.6 mile hike.

**Jan 2nd - Dosewallips River Road Hike:**

Ratings: Appeal 3, Difficulty 1.5, roundtrip distance 5.3 miles, elevation gain 500 feet, dog friendly.

*port ludlow garden club*

**Garden Club Festive Holiday Tea**

By Pattie Cole



December 12, from Noon-2:00 pm members of the Port Ludlow Garden Club will host their annual

Festive Holiday Tea Party at the Bay Club. This popular members-only annual event features a scrumptious sampling of holiday tea sandwiches, cookies and candies provided by Club members. Individuals wishing to join the Club in order to attend the Tea should send a \$12.00 check for annual dues made out to PLGC to POB 65235, Port Ludlow, Wa. 98365. Checks must be received by December 7 to qualify a person as a Garden Club member for purposes of attending the Tea.

This year, the lovely table centerpieces of fresh greens and flowers in one-of-a-kind ceramic vases crafted and donated by Club member Marianne Sandor will be "silent-auctioned" off to support the Club's ongoing "white gardenia" philanthropy. The Club uses donated proceeds to supply high-quality garden books to the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock.

A short business meeting will precede the festivities. There is no charge to members, but attendees need to reserve a place. Please, please, please sign up before Thursday, December 7 at 5:00 pm.

Questions on this event may be directed to Teresa Forrest, Tea Chair, 437-1191, or Syd Hatch, assistant chair, 437-9111.

Happy Holidays and "Keep Growing".

*from the jefferson county  
administrator's desk:*

**News from the Jefferson County  
Administrator on the 2008 Budget**

**Seasons Greetings to each of you!** This newsletter gives me an opportunity to wish you and your families much happiness during this festive season. Besides being a month of joy and celebration, it's also very busy time for us all. The County offices are certainly no exception with much to be accomplished before year-end.

**One of the top priorities for the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) is to adopt a balanced budget for 2008** before recessing for the holidays. We anticipate a public hearing on the budget in early December however a specific time and date have yet to be determined as of this writing. Please check the local newspapers or the County's Web site for details as we get closer.

In late June 2007, the BOCC approved a resolution stating the goals and objectives for this year's budget. **There were eight strategic objectives deemed of highest priority:**

- 1) Support local law and justice programs
- 2) Address locally identified and defined local public health issues
- 3) Protect and enhance natural resources
- 4) Invest in community infrastructure that encourages economic opportunity
- 5) Plan for long term capital facility needs
- 6) Protect and ensure adequate clean water supplies for citizens and the shellfish industry
- 7) Operate within a business plan based on sustainable resources, measured performance and outstanding customer service
- 8) Maintain a professional County workforce that can meet the growing service delivery needs of the County

As with any budgeting process, the overarching goal is to achieve a balanced budget. This, quite frankly, has been a real challenge this year. The County's budget is roughly \$46.1 million, with 57 different funds supporting it. In early August, all departments submitted their budgets and requests for next year. In late August, Allen Sartin, Central Services Director, and I reviewed the budget submitted by the County departments and found that the General Fund had expenses exceeding revenue by about \$2 million. We knew then we had a tough road ahead.

The County's General Fund spending is about \$14.8 million, the largest percentage of the overall budget, with the Roads Fund coming in second at \$9.5 million in annual spending.

Regarding the General Fund, county governments do not have a diversified revenue stream so there aren't many options for generating revenue. Sales tax represents 21%, property tax is 54% and the remaining 25% is made up of various fees and charges from County services. Potential revenue problems for 2008 arise primarily from building construction declining, which affects sales tax and the new construction component of property tax.

**With recent new tax assessments, you're probably wondering how that can happen.** Let me explain. This year we're facing declining new construction tax, which is down nearly 16.7% from last year. Real estate excise tax is down 35% from last year due to a soft housing market. Expenditures, however, continue to rise at an alarming rate. Historically, the General Fund has always been a very delicate balance. And as mentioned, this year anticipated revenues simply do not meet up with expected expenditures to bring us into balance.

The General Fund is important because it provides monies to run the County's essential

services that are mandated by law, such as Law and Justice, Auditors Office, Assessors Office, Treasurer's Office, and others, along with more discretionary delivery services such as Parks and Recreation, Public Health, and Animal Services, among others.

**Regarding the Roads Fund, the County has received money** from the federal government in the past under the Secure Rural Schools (SRS) Law. This was for land owned by the federal government within the County that couldn't be taxed locally. The SRS had a sunset clause last year, but we have not yet heard from Congress if monies might still be available this year. We're due to receive word on it December 3-17, 2007. It represents about \$1.3 million which would help maintain services in the Road Fund.

**After several rounds of intense budget balancing,** at the time of this writing, expenses still exceed revenues in the General Fund by about \$700,000. County management staff is working to make the leanest budget possible without being unduly risky however the final decision will rest with the BOCC. There are several choices available to the Commissioners: 1) they can increase the revenue stream through bank capacity, 2) they can use reserves that have been accumulated in the past three years, or 3) they can reduce or eliminate delivery services and programs. The latter is a hard choice for the community to accept because it affects many elements in our way of life here in Jefferson County. We have our work cut out for us in December!

**As we move into the New Year, I anticipate giving you the good news** of a balanced budget in the January issue of this newsletter. In the meantime, I wish you all very Happy Holidays!

For more information, please go to the County's Web site at [www.co.jefferson.wa.us](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us).

—John Fischbach, County Administrator

## *passionate about movies??*



By Maureen Poole

**Are you curious about Movies?** How they're made? What's required to prepare the set? How are the actors chosen? How is the music score

selected or written? How does editing bring raw footage to the final cut and how is the project marketed? If you have the "bug", come to the next MovieMakers meeting Thursday Dec. 6 from 10 to Noon at The Jefferson County Library, Port Hadlock, WA. Come, learn with us, and find answers to your questions.

**The big news is the planning of MovieMakers next production . . . "Ruby Heart"**. This project presents many opportunities that may spark your interest: planning of set, construction of set, set up and break down, etc. collecting props and costumes and thinking about editing. And, as always, there are many positions to be filled. This production will need an Assistant Director; Props Manager; Set Assistant Director; Make-Up; Assistant Costume Manager, Public Relations, and more. We can use you and your enthusiasm.

**Our most recent production, "The Courthouse"**, was incredibly enjoyable and rewarding to create. Ruby Heart will be even more fun as we expand our knowledge and provide new opportunities for participation.

Questions? Contact Producers Maureen Poole 436-2165 ([moviemakersvp@aol.com](mailto:moviemakersvp@aol.com)), or Matt Wallace 437-2071 ([moviemakers@earthlink.net](mailto:moviemakers@earthlink.net))



## *personal finance*

### **Investing In Gold**

By: Hank Krist

Most people don't think of gold as an investment, but there is a place for it in a serious investor's portfolio. The spot price of gold was \$635 at the end of 2006 and is over \$800 at the time this article was written. If an investor has discretionary funds of at least \$50,000, and does not need current income from it, I believe 5-10% should be devoted to gold. It can be in the form of bullion coins, gold mining stocks, gold stock mutual funds or the relatively new gold exchange traded fund (GLD) which holds physical gold and tracks the price of gold bullion very closely.

Ideally, an investor should diversify his gold investments. By that, I mean that he should have some physical gold such as coins in his possession as well as paper gold in the form of mining stocks, mining mutual funds or the exchange traded fund mentioned previously. If you buy coins, always buy bullion (not collectible) coins and always take possession. Never let the dealer store the coins for you. If you want to invest in mining stocks, buy at least two different companies. When you invest in a company, you are making an indirect investment in gold even though the company's only product may be gold. A gold company's stock can be affected by all the future unknown events as any other stock. Also, the stock prices of mining companies don't all move in lockstep with the price of gold.

Other than diversification, the reason to buy stock is to take advantage of the company's operating leverage. Basically, this means that an increase in the price of gold can result in the earnings and stock price of a mining company rising at a faster rate than the actual price of gold.

If you decide to invest in gold, think of it as an insurance policy to protect against geopolitical events and the debasement of the U.S. dollar. Gold has a long history in the world of being money, but has not had a role in our monetary system since 1971 when the "gold window" was closed. The U.S. went off the gold standard during the depression of the 1930's, but until 1971, foreign central banks could exchange their holdings of dollars for gold at the official rate, the last price being \$42.22/ ounce. Since 1971, the Federal Reserve can create as much money as it wants to without being disciplined by the "gold window." The U.S. and virtually every other country have inflated their money supply for the last 30+ years which has resulted in monetary and price inflation worldwide.

I don't know when, but I believe at some point gold will again become part of the monetary system. This will not occur voluntarily, but will be the result of an economic crisis.

As I previously mentioned, if you do invest in gold, think of it as insurance. Don't worry about the daily price fluctuations as gold can be very volatile. A popular saying is that "Gold goes up the escalator and down the elevator." You don't think about your insurance policies on a daily basis either. Just buy it and hope that I'm wrong. If you would like to know more about how to buy gold, please call me at 379-9878.

Hank Krist

*If there is enough interest in the community, I am considering the holding of an investment seminar, which would be primarily a question and answer session. It would probably be about two hours on a Saturday. I would ask for a donation to be used toward the cost of printing and mailing of this newsletter. If anyone is interested, please email me at hanksand@att.net or give me a call.*



## *classic book club*

By Carol Fischbach

**The Classics Book Group** meets monthly at the Library in Port

Hadlock at 2pm on the second Sunday of each month. **The Golden Notebook by Nobel laureate Doris Lessing** will be discussed at the December 9th meeting. For January 14th, it's **Civilization and Its Discontents by Sigmund Freud**. This may be Sigmund Freud's best-known work. Originally published in 1930, it seeks to answer ultimate questions: What influences led to the creation of civilization? How did it come to be? What determines its course? In this seminal volume of twentieth-century thought, Freud elucidates the contest between aggression, indeed the death drive, and its adversary eros. He speaks to issues of human creativity and fulfillment, the place of beauty in culture, and the effects of repression.

## *copper art workshops*

by Walter Massey

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## *a gathering place for changing lives*

By Carol Fischbach



**Initially started as a private residence for Megan Ferris**, the daughter of Kala Point residents Linda and Bob Ferris, Gathering Place has grown into a daytime activity center for those with developmental or other disabilities. It is a privately funded non-profit organization that provides enrichment activities for people with disabilities, encouraging each individual's creativity, independence, and self-expression. Since September 2003, the privately funded program serves some thirty participants enjoying one or all of the three program days: Cooking classes on Mondays, Art on Tuesdays and Dog Biscuit production on Fridays.

**Today's Gathering Place participants include adults with developmental and other disabilities** who do not have jobs or may work only a few hours per week, are building skills for future employment, are new to the area and want a fun place to share and explore their talents and also retired folks who want to maintain their skills. **Gathering Place products and participant's art work are sold** at local stores and festivals and shown in local galleries. All the fun happens at Point Hudson, Port of Port Townsend. **Contact Linda Ferris** at 385-4172 or go to [www.gppt.org](http://www.gppt.org).

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By Carol Fischbach

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