



# COMMUNITY FORUM

Kala Point

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## Kala Point Water Company Sale Imminent

### KPOA Board Hesitates to Make Offer—PUD Likely Buyer

The recent death of Kala Point financial founder, developer Paul Dencker, has apparently triggered his widow's renewed interest in liquidating remaining family KP assets, including the Kala Point Utility Company (KPUC); historic exclusive provider of domestic water service to the area. With 517 water customers currently, the reported asking price of \$500,000 cash, plus assumption of \$130,000 in KPUC debt, fixes the "per subscriber" price at a hefty \$1219. Small water companies of this size, with aging plant and equipment and with annual profit potential of \$60,000 to \$70,000 (claimed by KPUC financial consultant David Gooding) are seldom sold for more than \$700-850 per subscriber, absent other valuable assets.

The "other valuable assets" in this case includes deep-well water rights that are reportedly much in excess (by 65%) of what is actually needed to supply the taps currently connected at Kala Point. KPUC holds rights to 289 acre-feet (94.1 Million Gallons) while last year it reported pumping just 33 Million gallons to serve customers. This huge difference in "right to pump" and "actual pumped water" is likely very enticing to The PUD. They could either pump these wells harder (especially in off-peak periods) and cross feed to their system serving Woodland Hills and beyond, or they could likely transfer the rights to obtain water elsewhere or by other means to serve other areas.

With a liquidation of KP holdings, there remains no incentive for Dencker to retain water company control to assure availability for further development, or service to existing customers. Other local persons with strong ties to the community may also be in line to financially gain from a sale of the last remaining vestiges of Dencker's KP investments. KP board member Renata Wheeler abstained from voting on the issue during the May 8<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

The KPUC system is clearly stressed. Emergency conservation notices have been posted in recent years during drought conditions when demand threatened to exceed capacity.



Kala Point Water Tanks off Pinecrest

The existing KPUC system of pumps and wells runs at full capacity during the summer months just to keep up with usage, pressure availability is noticeable reduced during peak times. This is true even though the existing infrastructure is capable of pumping only about 35% of the water right.

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## Another Board Member Resigns!

### Can You Afford Not To Care? Members Left In Dark Again

Margaret Boyle, considered fair and even handed, resigned after serving less than 2 years of her three year term which began in July 2005.

Ms. Boyle was known for being an independent thinker and not folding under pressure. She appeared to vote her conscious



*Margaret Boyle- ran for the board in the 2005 election*

rather than feeling the need to have all board members vote "unanimously". Her record of openly discussing issues, vocalizing her concerns, and asking hard questions when she felt they needed

to be asked was a welcome counterpoint to some others on board who simply followed the lead of the former developer.

With no information supplied to the membership from KPOA on why she resigned, one can only speculate why someone with her heart and high ethics would decide to throw in the towel. The other question, is WHY is this information not given? The membership of Kala Point deserve explanations about events that affect association business!

Speculations of why Ms. Boyle resigned vary but the common theme seems to be that she is fed up with the "Kala Point is a Private Kingdom" way of thinking (aka Concerned Members, old guard, good ole' boys).

With the large number of recent resignations from the board (including officers) and committees, the membership has reason to be concerned. In the last four or five years more than a half dozen directors have resigned before the end of their term, which means that six directors were not elected by KPOA members.

What can be causing this exodus? Looking at the broad picture of Kala Point governance, one would have to wonder if "ruling" Kala Point like a Private Kingdom could be a cause. A kingdom concept might have worked once upon a time but with younger and more open-minded residents moving in, this archaic way of thinking will sooner or later become "dinosaur thinking" and be unacceptable to them.

Residents want inclusion, transparency, harmony, and governance with a heart. They don't want secrecy or a "we know what's best for you" type of attitude. An example of this is the annual "Concerned Members" letter sent to KPOA members the last several years that presume to tell you how you should vote. Also, did you know that we had an outside audit but the results have yet to be revealed to the membership? KPOA has not had an audit for YEARS, but there has not been any board discussion about the results. Is this another secret? Or is it a "we know what's best for you" attitude?

If you care that your assessments are ballooning, that board members and officers resign and the membership is not given any explanation then it's time to GET INVOLVED! Can you afford not to?

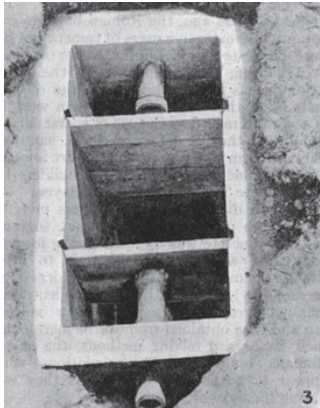
Hopefully the board will look at and seriously consider why someone as knowledgeable as Boyle would give up her position rather than stay on the board. Ms. Boyle was and hopefully still will be a great asset to this community. KPOA owes a lot to her volunteer efforts and all her hard work. **She will be sorely missed!**

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## Jefferson County Onsite Sewage Code Update/Revision



### June Public Meetings Scheduled

Jefferson County is updating the local onsite sewage code. Public meetings are scheduled to answer questions and share concerns.

The mission of the Onsite Sewage Program is to minimize the threat of surface and ground water contamination from failing or improperly designed, installed or maintained onsite sewage systems.

The Onsite Sewage Program provides educational, advisory and permitting services for owners of septic systems and certifications for septic system installers, operations and monitoring specialists and septic pumpers. A Sanitarian of the Day is available Tuesday and Thursday from 9am-12pm to help answer technical and general questions.

**The program includes:** Review and issuance of installation and repair permits for septic systems, inspection of septic system installations, evaluation of existing systems, education for homeowners and other professionals interested in septic systems, referral for a low-interest loan program to repair failing or substandard septic systems, and complaint investigation relating to septic systems.

The meetings are scheduled for June 4, 4pm at the Port Ludlow Fire Hall; June 6, 7pm at the Brinnon Booster Club; June 8, 4pm at the Quilcene Community Center; and June 12, 7pm at the Tri-Area Community Center.

A draft of the Plan is available for review at the Tri-Area Community Center, Quilcene Community Center, Brinnon Booster Club, Jefferson County Library, WSU Cooperative Extension, and under the Environmental Health division of Jefferson County at [www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org](http://www.jeffersoncountypublichealth.org).

A copy of the Draft may be obtained at the Health and Human Services office at 615 Sheridan, Port Townsend.

Questions may be directed to Environmental Health at 360-385-9444 or 1-800-831-2678.



### Movie Makers

Would you like to be part of the writers' group and part of the fun group making video movies from start to finish? If you

would like to see what its all about, join them at their regular meetings, the first Friday of each month.

The meetings start at 10:00 a.m. and held at the Jefferson County Library. Also future movie projects are discussed and ways to achieve better communication with the entire Peninsula community.

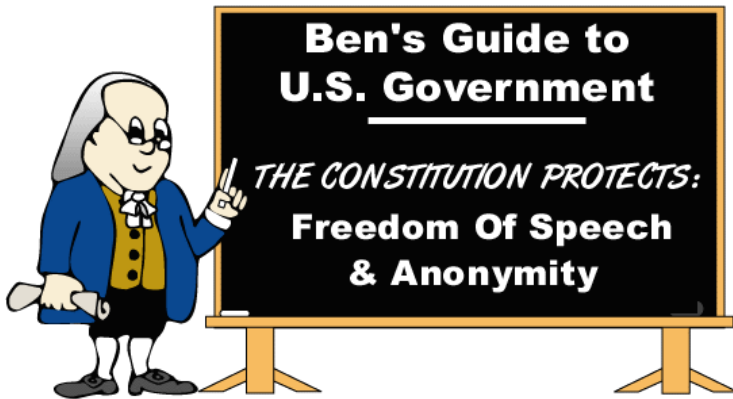
The current project is developing *The Case of the Ruby Heart*. Currently work is being done on set location, costumes, and sound effects. Auditions, the fund raiser/auction, and next quarter's social event are in the planning stages.

"MovieMakers" is the only community video production group in the country. For additional information contact "MovieMakers" producers: Maureen Poole-[shipout@aol.com](mailto:shipout@aol.com) or 437-2165 or Matt Wallace-[moviemakers@earthlink.net](mailto:moviemakers@earthlink.net) or 437-2071 for additional information.



## Anonymity and Politics

### Primary Source For The Bill Of Rights Was Written Anonymously



The history of anonymous expression in politics is both long and honorable. One example that deeply affects us all is *The Federalist Papers* that were anonymously authored and eventually became part of the Bill of Rights. They are a series of 85 articles arguing for the ratification of the United States Constitution.

*The Federalist Papers* serve as a primary source for interpretation of the Constitution of the United States, as they outline the philosophy and motivation of the proposed system of government.

It is important to understand why Madison and the others wrote these papers anonymously! They said that they used anonymity to:

- Protect the authors from harm.
- Encourage readers to focus on the issues and arguments and not the authors' personalities.
- Distance oneself from one's own interests.
- Close the distance between readers and authors.
- Allow any citizen to enter the debate as an equal participant.
- Disclosure of an author's name would discourage men from raising different or opposing points of view.

Eventually, it was disclosed that the articles were written by James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and John Jay.

- Madison is generally credited as the father of the Constitution and became the fourth President of the United States!

- Hamilton was an influential delegate at the Constitutional Convention, and later the first Secretary of the Treasury.

- John Jay would become the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

*The Federalist Papers* are remarkable for their opposition to what later became the United States Bill of Rights!

The idea of adding a bill of rights to the constitution was originally controversial because the constitution, as written, did not specifically

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enumerate or protect the rights of the people.

First published serially in New York City newspapers between 1787 & 1788 it was not until 1818 that the authors of each essay were identified by name, 30 years later.

The Supreme Court and lower courts have cited the role anonymous speech has played in shaping our democracy by citing the *Federalist Papers*. The courts in the United States protects anonymous speech!

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## What Does Anonymity and Politics Have To Do With Kala Point?

Several objectives of Community Forum are to provide information to the membership that

*The Constitution of the United States and the Bill of Rights assures us these freedoms, protections, and the legal rights to enjoy.*

they can not get anywhere else! It is uncensored and gives additional viewpoints and opinions to help members decide for themselves what is in their best interests."

Community Forum has been the recipient of ugly comments,

even from KPOA officers, board members, past board members, and several of the "Concerned Members".

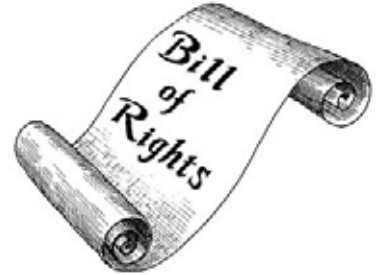
When Judie Lewis founded the paper in 2002, she regularly received disturbing anonymous phone calls at 1AM. When contributors wrote articles for the paper, they too would get very frequent anonymous phone calls.

Individuals who write signed articles receive menacing phone calls and are pressured not to participate. Employers and business associates of volunteers who were thought to be connected to the Community Forum get vicious communications from unnamed people purporting to represent Kala Point.

Our advertisers have received threatening phone calls, letters and visits and this still continues.

There have been several neighbors that have volunteered for Kala Point committees that were denied, with references that they wrote articles in the Community Forum.

Because of these disturbing events and as long as free speech and open discussion is not respected, but attacked, we do not print authors names when they request it. However, as always, we welcome all communications, and will happily print the writer's name, if desired.



These are illustrations of the necessity of anonymity in order to provide information to our community that would not otherwise be communicated. The Kala Pointer even censors the KPOA President!

With this type of climate, it is even more important than ever to provide independent information. In this atmosphere is it any wonder that controversial issues are reported anonymously?

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We are committed to reporting the news of the community. Sometimes the news regarding the governance of Kala Point is controversial but you can count on Community Forum to be your independent resource!

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## Chetzemoka Park Summer Band Concert Sunday, June 24th, 3pm



*The Gazebo at Chetzemoka Park*

In June 1904, nearly 200 Port Townsend residents participated in a community Park Day to prepare the city's first public park. Hundreds of volunteers came to help to create Chetzemoka Park, the first city park in Port Townsend.

A number of names were considered for the new park, including Kulshan, an Indian name for Mount Baker. In the end, the park was named for Chetzemoka, one of the best-known Indian leaders in the early history of Washington. When the first non-Indians settled at Port Townsend in 1851, the Klallam Indians whose lands encompassed the future city were led by Chetzemoka's older brother S'Hai-ak, who granted permission for the settlement. S'Hai-ak drowned soon after, and Chetzemoka succeeded to leadership of the 1,000 or so Klallams.

Today, Chetzemoka Park, which has a stunning view of the Cascade Mountains from its hillside location,

has flower gardens, a tropical water garden, picnic areas, play equipment, and a bandstand modeled after the Victorian original, as well as access to the beach and tidelands.

This serene park of several-acres is located on a hillside overlooking Admiralty Inlet just northeast of downtown Port Townsend. From downtown, turn left on Monroe and go about 8 blocks to Blaine. Turn right on Blaine and go one block and you will run right into the park.

Don't forget about the 15th Annual Chetzemoka Concert series performed from the Gazebo by the Port Townsend Summer Band. The concerts are free. Bring a picnic, blanket and a chair and enjoy Marches, Broadway, Patriotic, Folk and more!. Concerts last about 90 minutes. For more information contact Karl Bach at [flam@cablespeed.com](mailto:flam@cablespeed.com) or 344-3658.

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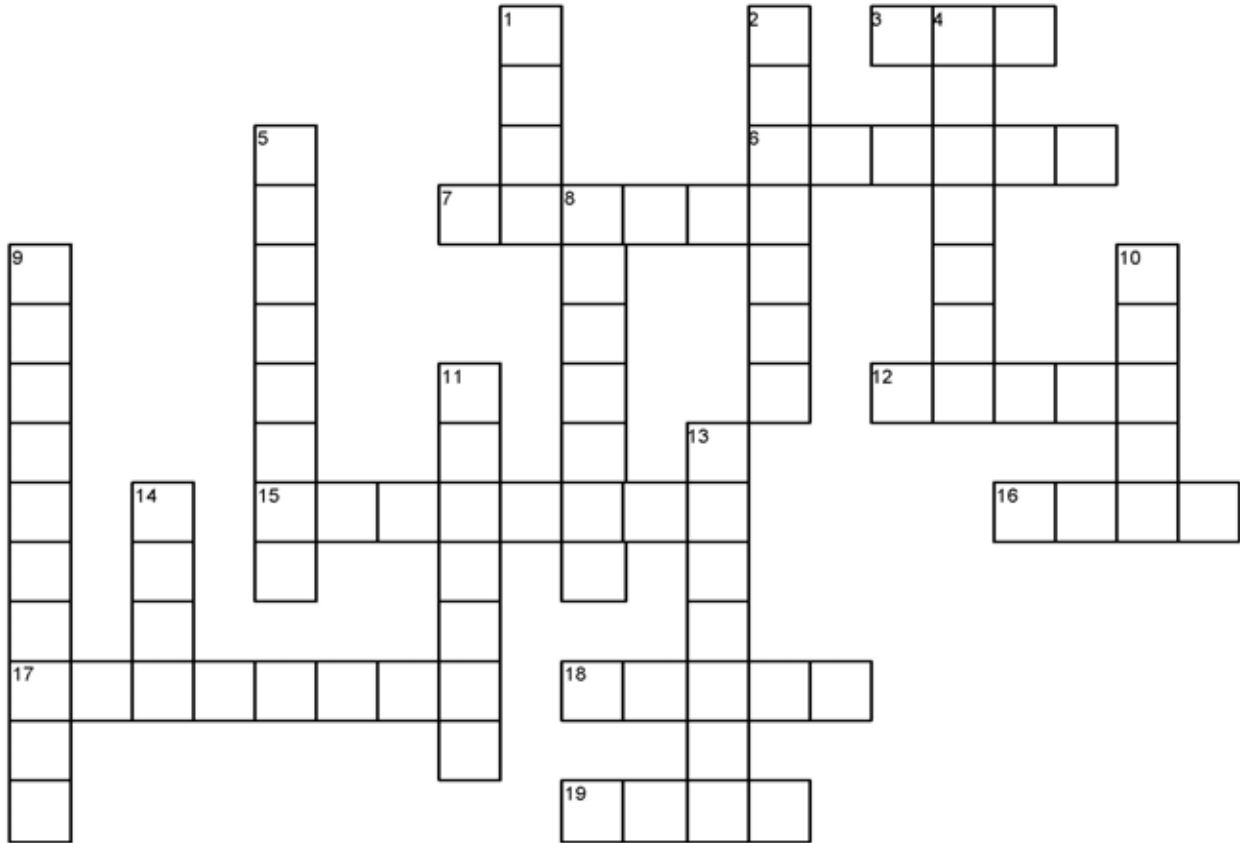
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Kala Point Crossword Puzzle (Hint: Look in previous month's issue)



ACROSS

DOWN

3 Another sudden and unexplained departure has occurred with the \_\_\_\_\_ resigning under undisclosed circumstances

6 \_\_\_\_\_ Dancing is a great way to improve your physical and mental health

7 \_\_\_\_\_ emails are still being used even though official KPOA email addresses exist.

12 The Classic Book Club will be discussing "A Passage To \_\_\_\_\_" in June

15 \_\_\_\_\_ Carpet One has been creating beautiful homes since 1958

16 The \_\_\_\_\_ - By - Mail process will be the same as was used for the Dec. 2006 meeting

17 \_\_\_\_\_ Lake is one the of the many beautiful places the Walking/Hiking Club have visited

18 The last Town Hall meeting was to discuss the report from the \_\_\_\_\_ - View committee.

19 A CD is available called "Board Meetings Made \_\_\_\_\_" for those that can't attend those meetings

1 \_\_\_\_\_ Night at the Clubhouse is a night for the whole family and good old-fashioned fun

2 Fort Worden has a 2 million gallon \_\_\_\_\_

4 One helpful tip is to \_\_\_\_\_ your cardboard instead of filling up the dumpster with air

5 \_\_\_\_\_ needs to be properly documented on major construction tasks

8 Movie Makers is the only community video production group in the \_\_\_\_\_

9 \_\_\_\_\_ allows players with varying degrees of mobility to participate

10 The PLGC \_\_\_\_\_ Exchange is a great opportunity to acquire free plants

11 The Presidents message that was censored from the Kala Pointer called for Community \_\_\_\_\_

13 Packing \_\_\_\_\_ are not an item that can be recycled up at our recycle area

14 Courtesy \_\_\_\_\_ has an lube, oil, & filter service for most cars

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## Prospect Avenue Right Turn Lane Coming!

Jefferson County has begun engineering work necessary to construct a “right turn lane” on Prospect Avenue at its intersection with State Route 19 (Rhody Drive). “Our goal is to have the construction completed this fall, but we still have to complete the engineering, obtain permits, and



acquire right of way prior to beginning any of the construction work so that may be optimistic” said Monte Reinders, County Engineer.

**This project is expected to provide some congestion relief at the intersection.** Nearly half the vehicles departing from Prospect Avenue turn right, but currently they must queue up behind vehicles that want to turn left as well.

**The left turning movement typically has longer delays associated with it,** although the recent addition of an acceleration lane on SR-19 by the Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has helped. While the right turn lane will provide relief for a while, ultimately other intersection improvements will need to be undertaken as traffic volume continue to build on both roadways.

**WSDOT has jurisdiction over intersection improvements on SR-19** and prioritizes work within a large region where many intersections are already failing.

**For further information on the right turn lane project,** please contact John Wayand, project manager, at Jefferson County Department of Public Works (360) 385-9160.

## Krazy Kartoons

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## 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!



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## It's Pickleball Time!

It is that time of the year again when the sun shines more and the weather is warmer. That only means one thing! It's Pickleball time!

The playing schedule right now is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 3:00pm and Saturday mornings at 10am on the courts close to the water tanks near Pinecrest. All equipment is provided, all you have to do is show up to play. There will be chairs if you want to come and watch.

This is much easier than tennis and no experience is necessary! What is Pickleball? It is a game described as "a combination of Ping-Pong, tennis, and badminton". It uses a simplified combination of tennis rules and strategies.

The sport was named after a cocker spaniel named "Pickles" who was owned by the inventor of the game, (and former WA State politician) Joel Pritchard. Pickles, used to run away with the ball during the initial trial-runs of the game!

The game itself is played on a court that is the same size as a badminton court using a ball similar to a whiffleball and lightweight paddles are used. The small court allows players with varying degrees of mobility to participate in a way that the larger court of tennis sometimes prohibits. Pickleball is not a game of strength.

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 more information about pickleball or have any questions contact Hank at 379-9878 or hanksand@worldnet.att.net or Carol at 385-6428 or dreambead@aol.com.



## Movie Night At The Clubhouse! 6pm on Sat. June 16th

Kala Point's Fun 'n Games MOVIE NIGHT will be on Saturday, June 16th, at the clubhouse. The fun starts at 6:00pm goes until approx. 9:00pm. The movie is shown on a big screen with popcorn to munch on! Bring your favorite DVD movie and we'll vote on which movie to watch.



At this special event, the BBQ will be fired up with all the fixings for HOT DOGS: Chili, buns, relish, sauerkraut, mustard, onions, ketchup, and of course the "dog" - either beef or polish sausage - You know, the ones that you can get at Costco and also "Smart Dogs". Bring an appetizer or dessert 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!

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## Port Ludlow Garden Club Tour Local Gardens & Enjoy A Luncheon Overlooking The Inner Harbor

On Wednesday, June 13 the Port Ludlow Garden Club will tour local gardens. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some very special gardens and get some terrific ideas for your own.

Car-pooling is strongly urged, as parking may be limited at some homes.

Members are reminded to dress appropriately with sensible shoes and perhaps an umbrella. Bring a sack lunch. Coffee, water and dessert will be provided by the hostesses.

We will have the luncheon in a fabulous garden overlooking the Inner Harbor. The garden tour is private for "members only" and only members are provided tickets and directions on the day of the event.

If you are not a Port Ludlow Garden Club member now and wish to attend the garden tour in June, please send a check for annual dues of \$12.00 made out to PLGC to PO Box 65235, Port Ludlow, Wa. 98365. State you plan to attend the Garden Tour on your check.



On Wednesday, July 11th we will meet at 11am at the Bay Club with Bill Havens speaking about "The Sex Life of Day Lilies. If you love Day Lilies and want to learn more about this beautiful flower, this is the class for you! Remember to bring a sack lunch.

## Classic Book Club

The Classics Book Group meets monthly at the Library in Port Hadlock at 2pm. During the summer we will be meeting on Saturday since the library is now closed on Sunday for the summer.



Come on Saturday June 9th to discuss **A PASSAGE TO INDIA** by E. M. Forster. This classic novel is about a group of English visitors who want to see the "real" India. The misperceptions and misunderstandings illustrate the divide between East & West and in understanding colonial India.

For the Saturday July 14th meeting we will discuss **TWELFTH NIGHT** by Shakespeare. This delightfully comic tale of mistaken identities remains one of Shakespeare's most popular and performed comedies. It revolves around the physical likeness between Sebastian and his twin sister Viola, each of whom, when separated after a shipwreck, believes the other to be dead. This is a superb comedy and entertaining masterpiece.



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### **Molly Ward Gardens**

***Restaurant - Garden Parties -  
Catering - Dried Floral Displays***

Located in one of Kitsap's most treasured rural valleys just north of Poulsbo, is a converted barn that is home to the Ward family (Lynn & Sam Ward) and the restaurant which is surrounded by lush, quaint and unique gardens. The dining room has been described as "homey", "funky", "European" and "artful". Flowers, both fresh and preserved, abound and each table has its own unique character. And the name Molly Ward? Molly was their dog from which came the name: **Molly Ward Gardens**.

The gardens on the 5 acre property supply them with fresh herbs, vegetables, and fruit for the restaurant and flowers for the salads, tables, and the dried flower displays that Lynn creates. The garden always have something in bloom and interesting things to look at and is a very peaceful setting. There is a lovely rose arbor filled with fragrant white roses in the back garden with 100 year old locust trees. A small rock waterfall next to the quite interesting stained glass window wall are a few of the many other quirky spots to discover on the 5 acres.

**Sam, the chef, creates daily specials using the local abundance of fresh organic produce from their garden** or other locally grown goods. This gourmet restaurant serves Northwest Cuisine including fresh Dabob Bay Oysters, Prime Filet Mignon, Wild Salmon with Balsamic Vinegar, fresh-from-the-garden-salads and freshly prepared desserts along with a nice selection of fine wines and microbrews.

The large terrace is the perfect place for a late afternoon glass of wine or a beer in the summer sun where you can enjoy the lush, fragrant gardens. Hold out for a sunny day and reserve one of the garden tables for lunch.

**Molly Ward Gardens serves lunch, dinner, or Sunday brunch** and reservations are recommended. They also specialize in creating memorable events for birthday parties, weddings, anniversaries, wedding rehearsals, seminars, private parties, and company meetings. They are open for lunch (Wed. - Sun.) and dinner (Tues. - Sat.) starting at 6:00pm.

**Driving directions from the Hood Canal Bridge:** Drive South on Hwy. 3 towards Poulsbo and Bainbridge Island. At the BP gas station, turn left onto Big Valley road. The entrance is on the left, it is well signed.

***Molly Ward Gardens***  
27462 Big Valley RD NE  
Poulsbo, WA 98370  
360-779-4471

## Concerts On The Dock

**Mark your calendars!** The Port Townsend Concerts on the Dock Summer Series begins Thursday, July 5th and runs every Thursday through August 30th. The concerts are held in the Quincy Street dock area off Water Street in downtown Port Townsend, next to the Water Street Brewing & Ale House.

**These free concerts are from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at 639 Water Street. Arrive by 5:45 p.m. for one of the limited number of chairs available, or bring a lawn chair or blanket. Tap your toes - or get up and dance to the music. Bring a picnic basket, or grab some food from a downtown store or restaurant. Music fans can bring non-alcoholic drinks. No beer or wine is allowed in the concert area.





## Voting Process For The 2007 Annual Membership Meeting

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**KPOA's Annual Membership meeting will be July 8, 2007** at the Chimacum High School Auditorium, and check-in starts at NOON, so please come early, get checked in, and socialize! The meeting should start at 1:00 p.m., assuming we have everyone checked in!



**At Check-in we'll have tables divided by the alphabet**, and you will be directed to the proper table. We'll validate you as a KPOA member and give you your VOTING CARD with your lot number on it. (Think of an auction paddle and you get the idea.) We'll be counting any floor votes you cast using these voting cards, so don't lose them, and please return them when the meeting is over! If you are designated as someone's proxy-holder, you'll get their voting card as well as your own.

**The Vote-By-Mail process will be the same as we used for our December 2006 meeting.** You'll get a Ballot, Ballot Instructions, and a Voting Information Pamphlet with your Meeting Notice mailed to you in June. Please read it all carefully and return your ballot, as directed, as soon as you can!

**Unfortunately, at previous meetings, we had a number of ballots that we could not validate**, either because they were turned in without any identifying information, or because they arrived after the deadline! **Please make your Vote count!** Please make sure that when you send or bring in your sealed ballot envelope, it is sealed

inside an envelope with your return address on it. Otherwise, we can't count it as a valid ballot. Also, please make sure your return envelope and ballot arrive at the office by the deadline, or personally bring them to the meeting!

**"Observation events" allow KPOA members to observe how the Elections Committee conducts ballot validation, handling and vote counting.** They will all be at the KPOA Administration Office Conference Room. Here are the scheduled dates and times:

- Friday, 22 June, 09:30 a.m.
- Friday, 29 June, 09:30 a.m.
- Friday, 6 July, 09:30 a.m.
- Sunday, 8 July, immediately following the Annual Meeting.

**The Elections Committee has been working on the new process for Members to submit Resolutions ahead of time**, to be pre-published, included in the Voter Information Pamphlet, and voted on by mail. This process is not quite ready for the July 2007 Membership Meeting, but should be ready by the December 2007 Membership Meeting. Stay tuned for news!

**As always, the Elections Committee would like to solicit volunteers for our committee.** Many hands make light work! If you have an interest in helping out in our lovely community, please consider joining us for a committee meeting. We could also use your temporary help for check-in at the Annual Meeting! (We'll accept trainees!)

**We are tasked to "serve as impartial election commissioners in the conduct of all elections** requiring the written vote of the Membership and shall ensure the integrity of the balloting process." As such, we are NOT political, and it is a very cordial committee!

Please contact the office, or any member of the Elections Committee! **We'd love to have you!**

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## Gas Prices Prompt Fuel Economy Work

Vehicle fuel economy has always been an important factor in choosing that new car, SUV or pickup; but people often forget about that consideration once they have made the purchase and fail to realize that miles-per-gallon improvements can be accomplished at any time in the life of your vehicle, often with dramatic results even later in the life of the vehicle. In fact, older vehicles that already may have lower fuel economy can often see dramatic improvements with a tune-up, specific fuel system services commercially available locally, and regular maintenance. Electronic analyzers in the hands of experienced mechanics and technicians can yield a precise prescription for improvement in a few minutes.

Even without the sustained high gas prices of today, reduced fuel economy can be particularly significant during the summer months when running air conditioning, pulling boats and toys, travel trailers, and hauling family vacation loads over long distances. Even a 10% improvement, often easily accomplished with the right analysis and services can yield significant cash savings on a summer vacation trip.

Don't forget the always true basics; don't jack-rabbit-start, remember that speeds over sixty consume much more fuel due to higher aerodynamic drag, and that carefully monitored tire pressures can make a ten percent difference all by itself.

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**Local residents, including retired engineers familiar with water systems** generally and the KPUC system specifically, expect recent newly completed construction will likely further stress the system noticeably beginning this summer.

*Only one or two of the existing four KPUC main wells is in regular full-time use, with reported saltwater incursion already detected. Pumping these wells harder to feed PUD requirements outside KP poses significant risk of further salt-water incursion, such as has been experienced on nearby Marrowstone Island.*

**The local PUD, first contacted back in 2004 by Dencker promoting a sale,** is again the apparent likely high bidder with a \$517,000 offer for a debt-free acquisition. A KPOA committee met three times in April considering whether the association should make a bid competitive with PUD #1, and the board voted on May 8<sup>th</sup> to take

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no action “until more information is available”, claiming it would take months to accomplish a “due diligence” assessment of the tiny water company. A full technical and financial analysis, including a formal valuation, funded by

the PUD back in 2004, is already a matter of public record. TTP fully covered these events in late 04 and early 05, interested readers can link to that coverage at [www.ttpnewsletter.com/Newsletters/05\\_Feb.pdf](http://www.ttpnewsletter.com/Newsletters/05_Feb.pdf)

**Sale discussions back in late 2004 dissolved when a group of KP owners,** acting on their own when KPOA refused to engage on behalf of owners, organized opposition to a pending 17% rate increase. The group filed a formal protest with the WUTC demanding that the State Utility

Commission investigate financial irregularities, a management shakeup with an odd \$100,000 accounts receivable note from the longtime fired General Manager and other questionable rate base claims. KPUC abruptly withdrew their rate increase application and has made no additional rate filings since, despite having claimed to be operating at a loss when seeking the 17% rate hike three years ago. Actual total owner equity capital shown in WUTC filings is less than \$100,000 for KPUC.

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**While KPUC claimed operating losses to the WUTC in support of continuing rate hikes back in 2004, local accountant David Gooding,** representing KPUC, was reported in documents obtained under Freedom of Information Requests, as making claims of potential \$60,000 annual operating profits to the PUD as a potential buyer. Gooding is similarly quoted as stating in KPOA Meeting Minutes in April that as much as \$70,000 in profit could be realized. While KPUC represented lack of profits in WUTC filings the utility continued to pay the elderly Dencker, in poor health living nowhere near KP, \$30,000 annually in “management fees” while also employing a full-time local manager and other employees claiming 70 hours a week work on the system.

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## **12th Annual Secret Garden Tour Saturday, June 23rd**

The WSU Jefferson County Master Gardeners will welcome summer to the **Olympic Peninsula** with a self drive tour of some of the most spectacular private gardens in Jefferson County on Saturday, Jun 23rd.



*Secret Garden from a previous year*

From 10 am to 4pm enjoy abundant flowers, trees, fruit, vegetables, water features, native plants and so much more along with many ideas that you can implement into your own garden! There will be docents on hand in each garden to answer your questions about plants and sustainability practices.

**The focus of our tour this year is on practical sustainability gardening.** You will see first hand how sustainable gardening is not only smart, earth friendly and can feed your family, but also enjoy a beautiful garden. Each garden will show how easy it is to garden in a sustainable fashion, by buying or recycling local products to growing your own fruit trees and using water wisely.

**Tickets will be \$15 for advance tickets; \$17 day of event.** For more information call the WSU Extension Office at 360-379-5610 or visit the WSU Extension web site <http://jefferson.wsu.edu> and click on Master Gardeners.

## **Microchip Your Pet**

Each year, thousands of pets get lost in our state. Most of these pets are euthanized because they can't be traced back to their owners. A lost pet that comes to an animal shelter with a microchip ID goes home. While visible ID/license tags may bring many pets back home, collars can come off or a pet may get out when not wearing a collar. Only a microchip is permanent pet identification. A microchip is about the size of a grain of rice and contains a unique identification number that can be read by a scanner. When found, the shelter calls the national database at a 1-800 number (available 365 days a year) to find the pet's owner, address and telephone.



**For just \$20, you can have an AVID microchip inserted under the skin** between your dog's or cat's shoulders at the County Animal Shelter on Critter Lane (near the landfill). Peace of mind is the main benefit, because your pet probably won't be stolen or lost. But if that should happen, your chip ID is registered continent-wide and even overseas. Animals with chips have been identified and returned cross-country.

**AVID microchips are used by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the study of such animals as grizzly bears and giant land tortoises.** These endangered animals carry safe, permanent I.D. chips. They can be observed and protected while their habits are studied in a humane way.

**On June 4th, Safeway is teaming up with a local veterinarian** who will microchip your pet for only \$15. Check with Safeway to confirm, but the plans are to microchip from 2pm-5pm.

**Can't make it to Safeway on June 4th? Call Jefferson County Animal Shelter** at 385-3292 to make sure one of them will be on the premises to insert the chip. Protect your best furry friend with a microchip!