

review and status of the sheriff entering kala point

In the **June, 2007** issue of the Kala Pointer, Jeffrey Hartman, KPOA board VP, wrote that the Safety, Security and Access Committee recommended to the board that “we begin to hire off duty sheriff personnel to assist in reinforcing traffic safety within Kala Point.” He stated that the board will consider the committee’s recommendations at its June meeting. He also said that **“Member’s Input Is, As Always, Welcome.”**



In the **October** issue, Jeffrey Hartman, in writing about the speeding issue, pointed out that **70% of the KP members were generally opposed** to hiring an off-duty sheriff’s deputy to enforce our speed limit. **He then stated “Bottom line is that we are going to trust our fellow residents and ourselves to obey the 25 mph speed limit.”**

In the **December** issue, Jeffrey Hartman reported that the **KPOA president negotiated an agreement with the sheriff to enforce speeding violations.** This agreement, which was signed by Hugh Murphy on November 15th, calls for a rate of \$51.11 per overtime hour to be paid to the Sheriff’s Department. This rate would also apply to any required court and hearing appearances by the sheriff’s deputies as the result of writing citations.

Before this agreement could be implemented, KPOA members had to be notified by first class mail of the agreement. This was accomplished by placing the notice on the reverse side of the KPOA 2007 Financial Review page included in the Membership Meeting Notice to be held on December 14th. This envelope also included your billing statement for the 2008 assessment.

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Subsequent to the above events, the December issue of this newsletter included a form to send to the board, protesting the calling in of the sheriff. Many of you did that.

Also, one of our fellow KP members circulated a petition also protesting the calling in of the sheriff's department. At the last count, 100 of us signed that petition which was delivered to the KPOA office on December 14th. Hopefully, the board will respond with a meaningful reply to the 100 petitioners.

While a sheriff's deputy could be called into Kala Point as soon as January 1, we have recently learned that another speed monitoring study may be done first. Three locations, where speeding is suspected of occurring, would be chosen for the study. If this study does take place, we would assume that the results



would determine if a sheriff's deputy would be called in, and, if so, where he would setup to monitor speeds.

In business, some senior managers succumb to what is called "The Emperor's Syndrome." They believe that because they're in a position of power, they have superior intelligence and decision-making abilities and tend to ignore outside suggestions or advice. Hopefully that doesn't describe our board.

Why do board members continue to play the role of "Big Brother" and ignore the wishes of the membership? Can't they be more responsive to the desires of the community as reflected in the recent survey?

the rest of the story!

A True Murder Mystery Filled With Intrigue and History -

Part 2 of 2

Will This Be Solved?

By Mabel Campbell

History Of The Olympic Peninsula

By Virginia Olson, formerly of Kala Point

As printed in the *Kala Pointer*

According to the Kala Point author, she gets her information from By Juan de Fuca's Strait. This is an entirely new twist to the story. She writes about the massacre and pinpoints Chetzamoka's age as 14 (we know he died in 1888) when the massacre occurred, a contradiction to Costello's statement he led the charge....at 14? A large band of warriors from Queen Charlotte Island had secretly entered the sound waters and camped near the head of Kah Tai Bay. Under cover of night, they fell upon the village of the unsuspecting and unarmed Chimakums. They killed large numbers and drove the remaining before them like sheep upon what is now known as Kuhn's Spit (Kala Point; the first time this beach was mentioned in any story). The remnant of the hunted tribe made a last stand. They fought valiantly but were soon overpowered and ruthlessly butchered. Only four Chimakum warriors escaped the carnage. (We're doing better; there are now 4 surviving warriors, no mention of women and children in this count... The story goes on to say that apparently the Chimakum tribe recovered. In time for a count of 400 in the 1870 census. (Oh My ! This gets so complicated). "They were again attacked by Indians from Barclay Sound and Bellingham in the

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1850s at their Irondale village and totally annihilated." That pesky 1870 US Census again upsets the apple cart with a count of 400 Chimakums, an official fact that disputes much of what has been written.

By The Straits Of Juan de Fuca

By James McCurdy

There is no information on the massacre, but a review of facts taken from genealogy as I also know it. T'Chits-a'Ma-Hun (Chetzamoka) was not an official Chief, but appointed by the U.S. Government over his older brother, the hereditary chief. One can imagine a younger fellow may have been more pliable. He was. Born about 1808, he was the son of mother Quah-tum-a-low-za, & father, Lah-ka-nimo. Grown, he married See-Hai-met-za.

This agrees with Mary Ann Lambert's historical genealogy of many generations as reprinted by the Jefferson County Historical Society.

Directly From The Quileute Tribe

RE: Chimakums

European traders made contact with the Quileutes in the 1700s; the first official contact was in 1855 at the signing of a treaty with the state of Washington on February 22, 1889 a delegation traveled to Olympia to sign a Treaty with the U.S. Government. Evidence of habitation goes back 8,000-9,000 years, possibly longer. (Ozette dig related).

By legend, their only kindred, the Chimakums, were washed away by flood that deposited them near Port Townsend where they lived until CHIEF

SEALTH (aka Chief SEATTLE) of the SUQUAMISHTRIBE wiped them out in the 1860s leaving the Quileutes with no known relatives on earth. The census of 1870 again but there could be calendar problems...a remote tribe, oral history and no calendar.

Port Townsendites know of the tidal wave that washed from North Beach, across Happy Valley and out the boat haven, but not when. Several



Chief Chetzamoka

years ago the Leader had a report on scientific studies in Discovery Bay that confirmed a tsunami in the 17th century. The Historical Society places the date as 1866, the year Joe Kuhn arrived.

Writers read a book or two and put their

own spin on the facts gleaned. It wanders further from the real story as time goes on, kind of like the game "Gossip" we played as children.

Who Really Dun-it, When and Why?

Mabel Campbell

of trees and slopes

What Affect Did Record Rainfall Have On Bluffs?

Western Washington recently received record rainfall over a short period of time. Several significant landslides occurred as a result. The Kala Point community was spared much of the rain because of the shadowing effect of the Olympic Mountains and did not experience any deleterious effects. But, what about next time?

Weather predictions are that global warming will result in more rainfall in the Pacific Northwest. Maybe the recent rainfall will become a frequent occurrence. What about our steep banks which border the community on the east? How will they fare under the onslaught of ever increasing rains?

We were able to graphically view the results of several landslides on TV. It appeared the slopes involved were less steep than that of the Kala Point banks. A characteristic of the landslides was that they carried with them very mature trees. It seems evident that the trees did not prevent the slides and in fact may have

exacerbated the situation. Logic says that a massive weight, toppling over and sliding down hill has got to be a contributor to the extent and magnitude of the earth movement.



Aerial view of Kala Heights Drive bluffs - 2006

The question is: Why are the owners of homes perched at the brink of the steep Kala Point banks not clamoring to do everything possible to minimize the probable deleterious effect of the destabilizing factor of tall and top heavy, shallow rooted large trees? That is one of the few factors affecting bank stability which can feasibly be addressed by the homeowners and the community.

What is wrong with the concept to top the tall trees on the bank at least near the top of the bank? That approach would contribute to bank stability and also address the continuing contentious issue of view maintenance. Is the current “touch no tree” mantra of some of the Kala Point owners going to prevail until the community experiences a disaster that could have been prevented or at least ameliorated?



Many Large Trees!
Kala Heights Drive bluffs - 2006

from the jefferson county administrator's desk:

Happy New Year to each of you! I trust you and your families had a wonderful holiday season and now we look forward to the New Year.

December was a very busy month for us at the County Courthouse. In addition to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) holding public hearings and deliberating about the Comprehensive Plan Amendments, we also had the challenge of balancing the **County budget for 2008**. I'd like to take this opportunity to share some of those details with you.

As you may recall from my article in the December issue, and no doubt read in the newspapers in late November, the preliminary budget came in about \$735,000 over budget. The overage was in the General Fund. As with any budgeting process, the overarching goal is to achieve a balanced budget. It was certainly a challenge this year. The County's budget is roughly \$46.1 million, with 57 different funds supporting it.

Giving a quick recap of the points I mentioned last month, 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. 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.

County management staff worked hard to make the leanest budget possible without being unduly risky bringing the overages down to the \$735,000 we were faced with in late November. On Saturday, December 1st we held a special budget meeting with the BOCC to review the

various cuts suggested by the department heads to bring the budget into balance.

What resulted were the following cuts: \$65,000 from the Department of Community Development (DCD), \$94,000 from Public Health, \$28,000 from the WSU Extension, and two positions were cut: one in Public Health and one in Water Quality. The rest was taken from reserves. At the time of this writing, it is anticipated that the BOCC will adopt a balanced budget for 2008 on December 17, 2007.

On January 14, 2008, the BOCC will make a decision about the **Comprehensive Plan Amendments**. This was postponed from their originally scheduled meeting on December 10th when the commissioners decided they needed more time to study some of the complex issues, such as the proposed Master Planned Resort in Brinnon and the proposed rezoning of 40 acres in Gardiner for Security Services Northwest. At the time of this writing, it's anticipated that the BOCC will make a decision about all 10 amendments on Jan. 14th. On January 18th, the BOCC will make a decision about the Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO). The Washington Environmental Council (WEC) agreed to the County's request last summer for an extension on the deadline to adopt final development regulations incorporating updates to the County's CAO. The date for completion had been October 18th, however both the Planning Commission, and the CAO sub-committee that had been meeting since August 2006, felt more time was needed to fully evaluate and consequently make final recommendations on the CAO. The Jefferson County Planning Commission completed their draft CAO on December 12th and it was then forwarded to the BOCC.

For more information, please go to the County's Web site at www.co.jefferson.wa.us.

--John Fischbach, County Administrator

calling all kala point artisans!

Whatever your canvas...

By Joanie Reynolds

Are you passionate about your creative abilities?

Would you like to connect with other Kala Point artists?

Would you like to sell some of your inspired creations? Then you just might be the perfect fit for our new special interest group.

We are calling forth KP artists who would like to sell their wares to neighbors and friends – our group is the Kala Point Artists Guild and our goal is to stimulate creativity, exhibit/sell KP artists' creations in a private setting and to foster personal growth as an individual artist and Kala Point neighbor.

We will schedule our first cooperative event sometime this spring. Unlimited categories with affordable creations are welcome although we may have to limit the number of artists in any one category. We welcome your participation!

If you are interested or know of a KP artist who would like to be included, please contact Joanie Reynolds at joanierynolds@msn.com or call her at 385-1699, but no later than 7:00pm please. We look forward to seeing your creations!



Kala Point Artists Guild

who does our board represent?

Board votes in November suggest that the KPOA members and the KPOA governing documents often don't count in the Board's decision-making processes. Two votes in particular disregard respect for members' preferences and committee decisions unpopular with board members. These are examples of the Board feeling "they know best" despite what the membership and one of their own committees upholding the CC&Rs says.

1. The board voted to bring in the sheriff. Despite a strong indicated desire (70%) by the members against this action, as recorded in response to the board's recent KPOA survey, the board voted to have our roads patrolled by a sheriff's deputy. This preference for a sheriff's patrol came from director Hartman's ad hoc committee on Safety and Security.

2. The board overturned a Tree Committee decision based upon a non-applicable APP. In deciding member Adele Lowe's appeal challenging the Tree Committee's decision to let the Julianos cut two trees for view maintenance, a majority of the Tree Committee members voted to let Juliano cut one cedar tree, and in a 2nd vote, a majority voted to leave the fir as is. Lane Stuart, the Board representative to the Committee, argued that the Julianos had to show some "material or significant change" since their earlier request on the same trees. [Note that these trees have come before three different Tree Committees over the past years, and they have voted and approved removal of one or more trees on every request.]

Who Does Our Board Represent?

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Why was the criterion of “material or significant change” required for a view maintenance request filed in July, 2007? It's not in the CC&Rs. It's not in the Tree Committee APPXII operative at that time or in any other APP on KPOA's official website. The “material or significant” criterion was due to become effective in December, 2007, long after the Julianos made their request and after Lowe filed her appeal.

But the Board went along with Stuart, demanding that the Tree Committee now re-vote using this new criteria on whether or not Juliano had shown “material or significant changes”. A majority said he had; but another hoop had to be jumped through. Now those in the majority had to write a justification for their vote and submit it to the Board. Again the Board did not like the outcome of the vote and found their reasoning not good enough. No cedar tree would be cut to restore the Julianos' view. The complete view request was rejected!

In this case, not only did the Board not uphold the CC&Rs but it used intimidation, and misleading, inaccurate data to justify its actions. It should be noted that the Julianos have been denied view maintenance in the past with no valid reason. So this and past actions against them would suggest a personal agenda against the Julianos.

Homeowner Associations can have a positive or a negative effect on a community and its property values. When a board violates the CC&Rs and caters to special interest groups and personal agendas, it will create a bad reputation for that community and have a negative effect on property values.

Talk to people outside of Kala Point and you will find that Kala Point is viewed in a very negative light by many of them. What goes on here gets around the surrounding community.

It would seem that personal agendas and special interests are a driving force regarding some decisions that override the CC&Rs and community wishes.

Members may not realize: The Board should work for the membership. We authorize the board to administer the CC&R contract. That's it! There are not supposed to be personal agendas reflected in Board actions. The board is supposed to represent the community that elected it. Not only to support property values but to not put every member at risk for expensive legal fees that litigation over trees could cost the membership. **The Board by not complying with the CC&Rs puts every member at risk.**

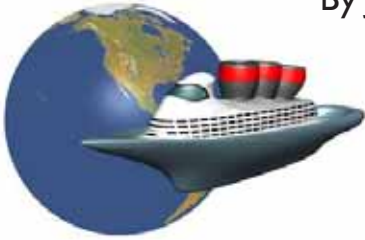
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a traveler's recollections: **Istanbul, Turkey (continued)**

By Jay Burcham



How was the Food? A frequent question! Turkish food is very good and the courses and quantities are

typically several and very large, respectively. The first night of the tour we walked to a nearby restaurant for our first authentic Turkish dinner. We learned that the meal typically consists of an appetizer plate which contains more food than we usually eat for a whole dinner, a main course including accompanying vegetables, much more food than our usual dinner, and a dessert plate which always includes fresh fruit and usually one or more sweets. So each meal ends up being about 2 ½ normal meals in terms of quantity. Many of the dinners were buffet style with many different dishes to choose from.

The challenge was to avoid eating so much that there would be no room for dessert, a challenge which we met successfully. What is better than to have four or five different desserts piled on your large plate? After all, a calorie is a calorie is a calorie despite the category of food.

Vegetarian dishes are very common, usually using egg plant as the basic ingredient. The lamb is excellent and the beef very good. The beef is often served as meatballs or “flattened meatballs” which we would call patties. Fish is common and usually served fried with head and tail intact. How can you eat a fish which is looking at you with little beady eyes? There was some chicken but of course no pork. Every meal, including breakfast, always includes a fresh salad of tomatoes, olives, cucumbers, onions and other vegetables but rarely any type of lettuce.

Breakfast follows the European tradition which includes breads, cheeses, deli type meats and yogurt. Much of the food is similar to Greek cuisine.

Our second day of Istanbul sightseeing started with a visit to the **Suleymaniye Mosque**. Located high above the southern side of the Golden Horn, the mosque’s mass and four minarets dominate the skyline. Built in 1550 AD

by Suleyman the Magnificent it is considered Istanbul’s most important mosque. Our bus had to park several blocks



away and we hiked up to it on a sometimes steep, narrow street which we shared with speeding cars. Like the city’s other imperial mosques it was a charitable institution for the poor as well as a place of worship.

Adjacent to the mosque are the remnants of the former hospital, soup kitchen, now a restaurant, schools, caravanserai and baths. The mosque’s dome is 85 feet in diameter and its placement exactly twice that distance above the prayer hall gives a sense of soaring space. The tomb of Suleyman is located in a separate building on the grounds of the mosque. Ceramic stars said to be set with emeralds sparkle above the coffins of Suleyman, his daughter and two of his successors. It was a visit well worth the hike.

Our next stop was the **Spice Bazaar**. It is also known as the Egyptian Bazaar because it was built in the early 17th century with money from import duty on Egyptian imports. This cavernous L-shaped market specializes in spices, herbs, nuts and sweets but also offers a wide range of other goods rivaling the grand bazaar in

diversity but not in size. One street contains mostly spice shops where the spices are displayed in large barrels or conical and pyramidal mounds.



We never knew there were so many different spices and it is certainly a different way of buying them as compared

to buying a jar of Schillings. The **Spice Bazaar** location affords a great view across the Golden Horn of the Galata Tower which is the landmark structure of the Beyoglu section of northern Istanbul.

Next on the day's agenda was the **Topkapi Palace** where we would eat lunch. The Topkapi Palace occupies the hilly, wooded promontory which marks the meeting point of the Marmara Sea, Golden Horn and Bosphorus. Built starting in 1459 AD it was occupied by the Ottoman sultans for 400 years. Rather than a single building it was conceived as a series of pavilions contained in four large courtyards. This arrangement



emulated the tented encampments from which the nomadic Ottomans had emerged. The palace was

abandoned by the Ottomans in 1853 for the then being constructed Dolmabahce Palace built on the shore of the Bosphorus in northern Istanbul. The **Topkapi palace** is now a museum. The grounds are still part of a military reservation and this is the only place we saw

armed soldiers in Istanbul. They were guarding the entrance to the adjacent military post. We entered the palace through the Gate of Salutations. After walking through extensive park like grounds, through the interior Gate of Felicity and past many pavilion buildings we arrived at the Topkapi Konyali. It is a traditional Turkish restaurant which is housed in a palace pavilion and it boasts magnificent water views. The food was good too. After lunch we walked to the nearby **Palace Treasury**, housed in one of the pavilions. The Treasury has on exhibit magnificent artifacts including priceless paintings, jewel-encrusted swords and delicate porcelains. There is a great view from the museum's balcony of Asia across the Sea of Marmara.

Tomorrow we head out of Istanbul to start down the Aegean Coast with its ancient historical sites.

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By Carol Fischbach

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walking/hiking club January 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.

Jan 9th - Kala Point to Port Townsend:

Come learn the route to bike from Kala Point arriving in Port Townsend. We will go through

Old Fort Townsend State Park, as well as the Larry Scott Memorial trail. We'll stop at the Blue Moose



Biking on Larry Scott Trail

for a late breakfast or early lunch. Approximately 14 miles round trip.

Jan 16th - Old Fort Townsed:

Ratings: Appeal 2, Difficulty 2, roundtrip distance 4 miles, elevation gain 200 feet, dog friendly.

Jan 23rd - Bike or Hike in Port Gamble:

Ratings: Appeal 2, Difficulty 2, distance to be determined, dog friendly. We will eat lunch at the Port Gamble store, visit the Shell museum, and see Grandpa's Grindstone.

Jan 30th - Bike in Fort Worden:

Ratings: Appeal 3, Difficulty 2.5, distance to be determined. Eat lunch in Port Townsend.

port ludlow garden club Planting For All Seasons

By Pattie Cole

On January 9tg at 11am Mary Robson will be speaking about planting for all seasons.



Seattle Times columnist and author of Month by Month Gardening in Washington & Oregon, Robson answers questions every week in her column about local gardening techniques and problems in Western Washington.

Bring a brown bag lunch and come ask your questions to learn from Robson's vast knowledge about gardening in the Pacific Northwest. Questions about this event may be directed to Sharon Commander, 437-2486.

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bluff management plan approved

The Kala Point Owners Association's, (KPOA), Board of Directors, (Board), scheduled a special meeting on 4 December 2007 to review the Bluff Management Plan, (BMP), received from the Bluff/View Task Force Ad Hoc Committee, (B/VTF) on 9 October 2007.

The B/VTF was formed by the Board in the fall of 2006. It consisted of nine KPOA members 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”.

The Board took the following actions at the special meeting:

- The BMP was approved with minor adjustments which did not change the task objectives and parameters as assigned to the B/VTF.
- The moratorium imposed by the Board on receipt of view requests relating to trees on the bluff common area will be lifted effective 1 February 2008.
- The Bluff Management Advisory Committee, (BMAC), defined by the BMP, is charged with the responsibility to convert the approved BMP, less Appendices D and E, into an Applied Policies and Procedure, (APP).

By way of explanation:

1. The BMAC was not appointed at the special meeting. It will be a KPOA standing committee composed of nine KPOA members. Six members will be selected by the Board. Three members will be selected by the Architecture, Grounds and Tree committees.

2. Appendix D is a science based discussion of “Bluff Stability at Kala Point. Appendix E is a discussion of “How to Conserve Water and Reduce Groundwater. It is not known if the Board rejected the contents of Appendices D and E or just thought they were administratively inappropriate for inclusion in an APP type document.

**9 Member
BMAC to
administer on
all bluff
vegetation
requests per
specific APP and
advise the
Board on their
disposition.**

The approved BMP, implemented as an APP, will impose the following with regards to the management of all vegetation, (including trees), on the KPOA owned common area portions of the bluff. The “BMP” APP will not apply to trees on privately owned property or other KPOA common property.

- A BMAC will be established to manage the BMP process and advise the Board on all vegetation requests concerning the common area portions of the bluff.
- The Architectural, Grounds and Tree committees will not be involved in common area bluff vegetation requests.

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- All BMAC administered vegetation requests will follow a prescribed procedure, using forms developed by the BMAC.
- The BMAC administered process is designed to facilitate communication and cooperation among all members regarding tree actions associated with the bluff.
- The bluff vegetation review process will include six distinct action segments with a time-line from start to finish of 12 months.
- The bluff will be divided into three sectors, north, central and south. Each bluff segment has distinct characteristics affecting their inherent stability. Vegetation requests for each sector will be considered once every three years.
- The BMAC will be an administrative, coordinating and advisory group with no final decision making authority.
- The BMAC will make recommendations to the Board which will make all vegetation decisions associated with the bluff.
- The BMAC will maintain awareness of the condition of the bluff, be knowledgeable of the many factors affecting bluff stability and shall retain an up to date library of information pertinent to KPOA bluff stability which is accessible to all KPOA members.

Some Thoughts

1. The B/VTF has developed a well thought out process for the consistent treatment of all requests affecting bluff vegetation.

2. The detailed process with a time-line of 12 months and addressing a vegetation issue only at three year intervals requires a member to wait up to three years to have a valid request addressed and implemented.

3. The whole process will prove meaningless if the Board continues to ignore the contractual right of owners to maintain their marine views.

An interesting discussion suggestion, at the special meeting, was to top all trees before their trunks exceeded three inches in diameter to prevent them becoming a view issue. This is an interesting line of thought possibly indicating some softening in the “don’t touch any tree” philosophy advocated by some members. Many trees were topped or clear cut by the developer during development to provide marine view lots with their higher value. Many of those trees are now healthy, attractive trees which over the years have grown new tops.

Basic tree alteration and view maintenance issues remain unresolved.

An on-going question, brought up during the special meeting, which remains to be solved, is what view an owner is entitled to. Is it the view that existed when the present owner bought his property? Is it the view potential that “goes” with the land because of its location? What about the lot which could have had a marine view if the owner had been able to maintain that view over the years? These are questions which beg an answer and are not addressed by the BMP.

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By Hank Krist

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some gifts you need, and some you don't

By Sylvia Bowman

Everyone needs the Heath brothers' book, MADE to STICK: Why Some Ideas Survive and Others Die. It's a guide, an exemplar, a friend when you shape ideas for presentation. It's surprising. And funny. Seattle librarian Nancy Pearl told her NPR listeners to read it and give it away with the hope that no one would ever again have to endure a Power Point presentation. You can find it at the county library or actually buy it in the business section of a book store. Your children and grandchildren at work and school can use it. Or give it to yourself.

Another gift you need is lunch at On Common Grounds, located just beyond Chimacum corners in a yellow house. The quiche, sandwiches, cakes – even the soups – are great. We ordered a huge quiche when Bob's relatives came out for the day. Eating it kept them happy and busy for quite a while.

And then there's the gift of 47 new KPOA administrative policies. This is from your KPOA board, given to us in one sweeping motion at the special meeting to approve the Bluff Management Plan. Each of the 47 policies is bolstered by a fat paragraph of comments and a list of actions to be undertaken. Did we need all that much?





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kala point theater group

by Nita Edgcombe

Do you enjoy going to the show, a musical, or concert? If so, then come join us to brainstorm the launching of the new Kala Point Theater Group! There are many reasons to join a theater group. With a group, tickets can be purchased at discount rates and carpooling is fun and economical. A group can also make a limousine or bus rental possible, for an event that is special with the ease of having a professional driver at the wheel.

We welcome individuals or couples. Contact Nita Edgcombe at 379-1635 or tupnee9@yahoo.com to share your ideas or to join in on the fun.

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. **Civilization and Its Discontents by Sigmund Freud** will be discussed at the January 14th meeting. 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? He speaks to issues of human creativity and fulfillment, the place of beauty in culture, and the effects of repression.

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kala point burglary alert!

As many of you may know, there were two burglaries in Kala Point last week. The first one took place the night of December 10th on Pinewood court, and as difficult as it is to believe, a catalytic converter was removed from a car parked in the driveway. The second burglary occurred sometime during the evening of December 13th on Belvedere Drive, and a case of wine was taken from an open garage while the occupants were home.

Obviously, very little could be done to prevent the first situation except to park in the garage. In the second case, the lesson is to keep your garage closed when you're not working in it.

The notice of the burglaries posted at the gate used the term "robberies." While the distinction may be academic, a robbery is defined as "the felonious taking of property from another person by violence or intimidation." This was not the case in either of the instances described above.

Seventy percent of known burglars are amateur burglars who are opportunists, look for easy targets and go after low risk items on the spur of the moment. It's unfortunate that these burglaries occurred, but we now know that we must be more observant regarding people and unusual behavior in our community. If you haven't already done so, please get to know your neighbors.