



Kala Point News & Views

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landscaping at entry enhances community

How does the appearance of the Clubhouse grounds stand up?

Most of us have noticed the recent additional landscaping of our entry and are impressed and appreciative. The beautification of our entry adds to and enhances our community as a whole and can add to property values.

In that same vain, why do we have almost no landscaping of our clubhouse? We have a variety of unsightly brush and a number of scraggly fir trees around the clubhouse. Most have been cored and tagged by an arborist and determined to be sick and dying.



View from the Clubhouse after first constructed - approx. 1975 vintage.

Also, why has there never been any view maintenance for the clubhouse? In viewing pictures taken from the clubhouse deck in its early years after construction, it is obvious that a large amount of marine view has been lost, and soon there will be none.



View from the Clubhouse August 2008

Ideally the brush and sick trees should be removed and the marine view restored and the grounds planted with a variety of flowering shrubs and low growing fir trees.

The appearance of our clubhouse grounds is a reflection

of the standards we hold our community to, and should be equal to what is required of our homeowners.

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So we hope our board will give serious consideration to upgrading the clubhouse grounds and restoring it marine view.



View of brambles and weeds from the clubhouse deck.

bon voyage house and pet sitting

By Kristy Cummins

Imagine not worrying about the well-being of your pets and your home while you are away. Imagine them taken care of with respect, attentiveness, and loving care.

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I am trained medically and can assist with medications.

old bones and murder

By Margaret Boyle

Did you ever wander by the remains of the wrecked ship on Kala Point beach and wonder what story the old wooden bones tell? A recent walk with my dogs past this picturesque spot inspired me to visit the Jefferson County Historical Society Research Center for some information about the old barnacled relic.



Remains of wrecked ship on Kala Point Beach

My search quickly identified the wreck to be the *Southern Chief*, a full rigged ship built in Maine in 1857. Her recorded size is 187 feet by 38 feet with a depth of 23.5 feet. During her years of service she sailed from Puget Sound to many ports around the world hauling lumber, grain, coal, and once, illegal immigrants.

In 1867 the *Chief's* crew, captain, and a Port Townsend lawyer became involved in a dispute over wages. The lawyer, who represented the crew, ended up shooting and killing two of his clients during a dockside brawl.

During the course of her working life the *Southern Chief* was poorly maintained. In 1883 she was severely damaged after being grounded on the rocks near Victoria, B.C. By 1894 the Seattle P.I. described her as “rotten from stem to stern.” A moderate gale off Cape Flattery brought

about the end for the already compromised *Southern Chief*. Her cargo was unloaded, and she was towed to Kala Point to be burned.

An article in the March 2005 issue of the maritime journal “The Sea Chest” is an excellent source of more detailed and current information on this interesting piece of Port Townsend history.

This article is reprinted from the May 2005 issue. The sale of the popular annual Kala Point Picture Calendars at the Kala Point Fall Art Show last month spurred many questions about the January 2009 photo. Be sure to order your 2009 calendar while quantities last! See order form on page 10.

meet kala point author Author of *Behind the Hedge*

Review by G. L. Romero

Meet Kala Point author Stanley Cummings on Nov. 11 at 4pm at The Vault above Aldrich's. There will be a book signing and overall celebration of the publication of the Second Edition of *Behind the Hedge*.

This is a fictionalized account of what surely must have been a real-life experience for the author while acting as headmaster of a private, nonprofit, girls school.



Author & Kala Point resident, Stan Cummings

“Rules, laws, agreements, accepted tenets of human behavior, simple decency, contracts-written and unwritten-among people of accepted good standing and integrity would be thrown away with abandon or gleefully ignored. In their place, frontier justice-any means to achieve the ends-would be sufficient justification for actions of intense cruelty.” *Excerpt of synopsis from bn.com.*

kala point vicinity
pse upgrades underway

Brief Planned Outage Announced

As voters consider a General Election ballot measure enabling local PUD

takeover of Puget Sound Energy electrical service assets in Western Jefferson County, a quarter-of-a-million-dollar system upgrade is underway just outside our community. Potelco, Inc., PSE’s contractor, is installing new heavier-duty poles and larger conductors (wires) between Kala Point and the Four-Corners area; where the Kala Point serving substation is located. Homeowners were notified by letter of a planned three-hour outage the morning of October 21 to replace with heavier wire a “weak link” smaller conductor near the gate.

wooded area adjoining Woodland Hills near RV-Lot-B shares a portion of the growing Kala Point peak loads experienced in winter.

Capital expenditures like this upgrade, along with huge continuing investments in building new green power resources, such as PSE Eastern Washington wind farms, are cited by PSE management in seeking approval for merger with International Utility Holding Company McQuarrie.

Two recent PSE outages, exceeding 8 hours duration; impacting between 70-100 Kala Point homes were traced to failed underground conductors in the 700 block of Kala Point Drive. Burned feeders were excavated and replaced, piece by piece. Failure of 30-year-old direct-buried conductors serving the green transformers found on street corners, is a common occurrence in aging residential developments. The problem is typically addressed by rebuilding the system into conduits, making future replacement much faster and less expensive.



System upgrade along Prospect Ave

Heavy gauge conductors called feeders, carrying 12,470 volts, are rigged onto the heavier poles along side existing conductors as part of a continuous area rebuilding effort. Such upgrades are routine, necessary to address aging facilities and increasing Kala Point area load growth. The feeder connecting with Kala Point underground conductors at the main gate area is one of two such feeders serving the community. A second feeder, installed several years ago through the

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concerns about kala point water being chlorinated

The Basics and Where you Can Find More Information

Recently, we received a letter from a Kala Point resident who was very concerned by the fact that our water supply is chlorinated. We would like to comment on some of its main points after doing some research.

Our water company because of a direct order from the State of Washington chlorinates Kala Point well water. The owner, Eric Thomas, 360-681-8694, has no choice. If you live in Kala Point you must accept the chlorinated water that comes out of your tap or make other arrangements.

For example, you may brush your teeth, drink, and cook with bottled water, avoid swimming in our swimming pool, and bring in large carboys

of chlorine free water to fill your bathtub. Showering is probably out unless you make the necessary mechanical adjustments.



Installing a Reverse Osmosis system is one way to take chlorine out of your drinking water.

According to the Kala Point Utility Company (Eric Thomas' Report for 2007), our tap water meets all U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Washington State drinking water health standards. If anyone wants more information about contaminants and potential health effects it can be obtained by calling the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791. The person who wrote the letter to our paper should redirect it to the EPA or Washington State. These are the agencies who

make policy on the use of chlorine in drinking water. Presently Kala Pint has no say in the matter.

Two general comments can be made regarding the contents of the letter sent to us:

1. There should be no carcinogenic chlorinated small molecules, such as chloroform or dichloroacetic acid, in our water. Eric Thomas assures us that water analysis finds no organic matter in our wells. Without a source of C1 or C2 organic matter, there can be no chlorinated derivatives.
2. There was a concern that chlorinated water may contribute to the development of serious diseases. None of these statements is supported by satisfactory scientific research, i.e., material, which is published in a first class, juried scientific or medical journal.

We encourage anyone that has these concerns of the danger of using chlorinated water contact the EPA or Washington State.

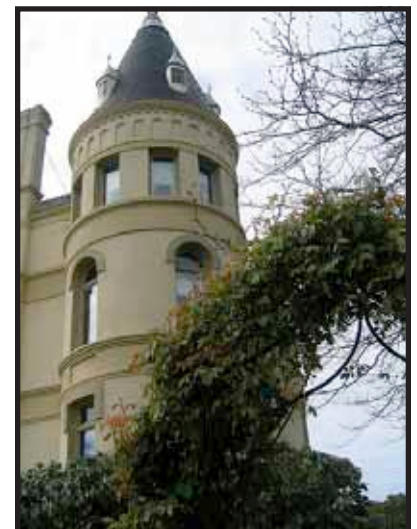
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Manresa Castle and the Castle Key Restaurant located in PT.

from the jefferson county administrator's desk:

A Few Topics That Might Be Of Interest To You

I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible over the next few months as I become acclimated to my new job as County Administrator for Jefferson County. My family and I are very pleased to be here.

This month's article will rely heavily upon several departments in the County as I'm still getting up-to-speed on specific issues that pertain to Kala Point residents. Here are a few topics that I thought might be of interest to you.

Jefferson County Parks & Recreation 20-Year Comprehensive Plan

The Parks & Recreation Department is conducting the Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PRO Plan) which is a comprehensive process designed to offer solutions for meeting the demand for services for the next 20 years. It's being launched with a series of Town Meetings, a survey, maps, and outreach to partner organizations. The primary purpose for the meetings is to invite the public to shape the short- and long-term future, discuss funding options and offer feedback about new and existing parks and programs.

Meetings closest to Kala Point will be held on Thursday, November 6th at the Chimacum School Main Campus, Elementary School in the Multiple Purpose Room from 6-8:30 p.m. and in Port Townsend on Wednesday, November 12th at Blue Heron Middle School in the Commons Area from 6-8:30 p.m.

The PRO Plan will publish all documents on the County's Web site at www.co.jefferson.wa.us/publicworks/ParksCompPlan.asp which will have

a link to a PDF packet. The documents will always be the most up-to-date versions and will contain all the documents generated by the planning committee. The benefit is so the public can follow along with the changes and progress of the PRO Plan and stay current.

Climate Action Committee (CAC)

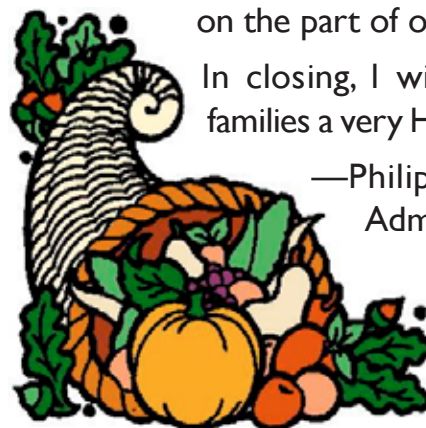
Public open houses were held in October in Brinnon, Chimacum and Port Townsend to provide opportunities for the public to hear about and to comment upon the CAC's initial efforts to achieve the goal of a local 80% reduction in carbon emissions by the year 2050. The CAC was developed by a joint resolution between the Board of County Commissioners and the Port Townsend City Council. Meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. The next meeting will be held on November 19th at 3:30 p.m. in the Pope Marine Building, located at 100 Madison Street in Port Townsend.

Summer Chum Salmon

Many years ago the Summer Chum run in Chimacum Creek was extinct. With local efforts, the Summer Chum (a listed endangered species) have returned to Chimacum Creek. Based upon local surveys, the return to Chimacum Creek is estimated at 800 for this year, with the Salmon Creek return to be about 1528, and the Jimmy-Come-Lately Creek return at about 1027. These are the first salmon to return to our area during this annual cycle and represent successful efforts on the part of our community.

In closing, I wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving!

—Philip Morley, County Administrator





personal finance

What about the Stock Market? Part II

By: Hank Krist

In the September, 2007 issue of this newsletter, my

personal finance article was titled "What about the Stock Market?" I would expect that you have saved all of my articles with some of you having them bound in leather. On the slight chance that you didn't, however, I'd like to revisit what I said and talk about the present situation. In my prior article, I asked that you think about your tolerance for risk and how you would be affected if the stock market fell 20-30%. I also said that I believed that we would soon go into a recession which would be deeper and last longer than those we've experienced in the recent past.

Currently, the stock market is down approximately 40%, and we are certainly in a recession or will be shortly. Many people now believe that the recession will be severe, and some people are even using the "D" word which was unthinkable until recently. Most of the recoveries we've had from prior recessions since World War II have been of the "V" variety characterized by a quick recovery, but I think that this recession will be a long drawn-out affair.

Unless your portfolio was heavily weighted towards fixed income investments, most of you have probably lost 30-40% in equities or stock mutual funds. For those of you with investment advisors, I'm sure you're being told to "hang in there." That may be good advice, but what if it isn't? I believe that the old advice of "buy and hold" is a flawed strategy for the next few years. The near term is probably going to be a "trader's market" with an upward bias due to the massive government intervention which we've experienced. When the recession takes hold, however, and unemployment goes to 7-10% along with the failure of many businesses, I think that's when the

market will decline and reach a low point. I don't know what that low point will be or when, but it will probably be lower than most people believe.

Now is a good time for you to evaluate your portfolio and your tolerance for risk. Consider holding only strong companies paying dividends of at least 5% if the dividends are well protected by earnings and cash. Don't have more than about 5-10% of your portfolio in any one stock or sector and realize that diversification and asset allocation won't necessarily save you. The same goes for holding "good" stocks. Remember, when the police raid the house of ill-repute, they take the madam and the girls. Lastly, as the desk sergeant in the old TV series "Hill Street Blues" would say at the end of his daily briefing meeting, "Be careful out there."

capsize recovery class and fall kayaking trips

The Kala Point Kayak Club had a capsize recovery practice in the pool on Oct. 16th. They concentrated on individual recoveries and assisted recoveries. The goal of the practice was to minimize the time in the water to avoid hypothermia.



We recently had a paddle off Marrowstone Island from Fort Flagler to Mystery Bay. We had lots of sun and a good North wind that blew us past the launch site at Mystery Bay. We managed to land at the grocery store where we pooled out money and treated ourselves to some great deserts. Contact Allen at allenvaa@hotmail.com to receive emails when kayak trips are planned.

huge success for our fall art show



The Fall Art Show was held at Dream City Market & Deli on October 12, 2008. It was our first attempt to have our art displayed in a public establishment. The atmosphere was festive, the art was fresh and new.

Everyone from the artist to the art director was optimistic about the prospects for healthy sales and favorable comments. It was more than that!! We had created a buzz. We used a Tally Counter, and ended up with more than 275 art seekers. We served our guests free coffee all day long. The owner of the deli was there to sell and serve lunch goods.

Great time for all. Numerous sales for all were very exciting, especially in our economy.

Every artist sold a piece or pieces of their art. We had over 22 artist that participated.

We were in charge of Carla Mooyman's art to display and sell at our show. Great news! Five paintings sold! All proceeds

of her work went to her estate. The Mooyman family were just so pleased.



One of five Carla Mooyman paintings that sold at the show.



The first annual KPAG Fall Art Show held on October 12th was a huge success!

If you missed this event, don't fret.....the next one will be in the Spring or early Summer. See you there!

Joanie Reynolds;
Art Director of Kala Point Artist Guild



Over 22 artists participated in the show.

chimney fire on windship

A Good Reminder To Get An Annual Chimney Inspection

Earlier this year a homeowner on Windship had quite a scare when discovering they had a chimney fire. More and more of us are relying upon wood burning systems to heat our homes



Firetruck coming into Kala Point

as electricity and natural gas retail rates continue to rise. In a properly set-up insert or wood-burning stove it is possible to burn clean fires of almost any size to match outdoor temperatures. Fire and insurance professionals strongly recommend annual chimney inspection and cleaning (if needed).

Limited wood burning use, rather than daily-extended operation as the main source of heating a home, can actually increase the risk of a roaring chimney fire. Often owners don't arrange for the recommended annual inspection and cleaning because they think occasional use, or burning small fires, accumulates less creosote. Actually there are so many factors affecting the dangerous build-up that an annual inspection is the only safe and sure way to be certain, unless you have not used the chimney and have no intention of doing so.

Remember, a professional chimney sweep looks after more than just soot removal. There is also a careful inspection for leaks, failing components, bad seals, and dangerous blockages (like bird, bee or raccoon nests) that can fatally

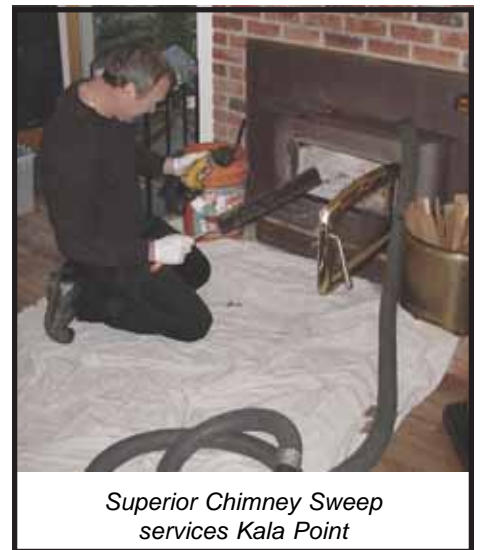
block the discharge of carbon monoxide and provide added fuel for chimney fires.

Creosote builds up on the chimney interior for many reasons. A number of factors all contribute to "chimney health" and determine service requirements. An annual inspection, however, is a must to assure safety.

Most homeowners insurance carriers strongly recommend, or even require that annual inspections be conducted. Often an owner has "checked the box" on an insurance company survey indicating annual inspections are conducted, but then neglects to do them.

Superior Chimney Sweeps owner John Voigt (360-769-2344), an active service provider in Kala Point, says; "Burning good hot fires with only well-seasoned dry wood is very important. Even a small fire can be burned cleanly by using good fuels and attending to the air supply to assure efficient burning. Just look at your chimney discharge and you can tell if you are burning cleanly."

Voigt says, "I can tell right away when I inspect the system how it's being used. Many newcomers to the northwest have never burned wood as a heating fuel and are



Superior Chimney Sweep services Kala Point

unfamiliar with the need to start with a small very hot fire for at least half an hour to help clear contaminants on the inner surfaces, and then to add fuel and adjust air to maintain good clean combustion as the system operates."

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walking/hiking club

Autumn Hiking and Photography

The sun's arc is ever more southerly and the landscape has the glow of autumn.

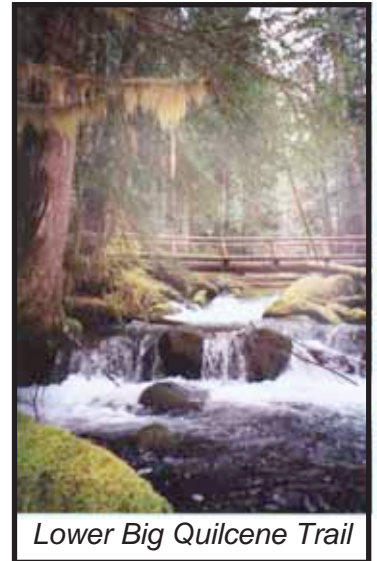
Although peak hiking season is during the summer, now is a perfect time to hit the trail and even snap a few pictures.

The crowds of visitors to the Olympic Peninsula tend to diminish when the kids head back to school, so even popular weekend trails offer peace and tranquility this time of year. Autumn also brings with it some of the most spectacular scenery and best weather to be outdoors. The forests explode in color on crisp autumn days. Our mild climate allows hiking as an activity that can

be enjoyed all year long. This is the time of year when we enjoy the "River Hikes" where the trail follows the lowland rivers with spectacular river and waterfall views.

If you would like to be put on the hiking email list to receive hiking

schedules and information, contact Bill at bkaune@cablespeed.com or 379-3808 and Allen Vaa at allenvaa@hotmail.com. Hikes are usually on Tues. at 9am but longer hikes can start at 8am so you will need to check for different start times.



Lower Big Quilcene Trail