



Kala Point News & Views

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a new name for your newsletter

Our goal is to have a name that reflects our efforts to have a newsletter that will inform, evaluate and comment on issues that affect our community. We also want to solicit and publish views from our community members.

After much consideration of the many suggestions submitted by our readers, we have chosen a new name for your newsletter.

The new name will be: Kala Point News & Views. Thank you for all your feedback and suggestions!

pse partial kala point blackout

Failed Aging Underground Conductors; Again!

The second extended electrical blackout in as many years left 73 Kala Point Homes without PSE electrical service from 1:35 Friday Morning, August 15th, until nearly two that afternoon. Since the cable TV system (but not telephone infrastructure) requires

PSE power to operate, cable TV and Internet from Broadstripe was disrupted for some of the outage period until generators were brought in by cable technicians mid-morning. Full restoration finally came when



12-Hour PSE Partial Kala Point Blackout on Aug 15th. Vehicles & Repair Equipment lined up Kala Point Dr. blocking one lane.

crews from PSE contractor Potelco Services located, dug up and replaced the failed section on the shoulder of Kala Point Drive.

The outage, attributed to yet another failure of underground feeder cables in the 700-800 Block of KP Drive, was triggered when insulation burned through on directly buried supply ("feeder") cables carrying 13,200 volts from The Four Corners Substation to

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PSE Partial Kala Point Blackout

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multiple transformers (the large green boxes on street corners). Other areas of KP, served by different feeders, were unaffected.

These failures, sending high voltage into the ground and thereby tripping circuit breakers or fuses, become quite common with aging directly buried 30-year old cables of the



type serving most of Kala Point. A similar fault, in almost the exact same location, triggered another extended 12-hour outage for more than 100 KP homes last July 8th.

More modern construction methods utilize buried plastic conduits, within which cables are pulled, minimizing direct contact with the ground and facilitating more rapid restoration without excavations; simply pulling in new conductors from point to point. Failed direct-buried conductors require a complicated process of isolation, disconnection and electronic testing to pinpoint where the actual burnout underground has occurred. Once the fault is actually located then excavation, removal of failed sections and splicing-in new conductors is undertaken. This process, involving large crews and heavy equipment, can take many hours.

The effective service life for direct buried feeders of the type serving most Kala Point neighborhoods is 25-30 years; thus residents

may expect these outages with increasing frequency until and unless PSE makes investments to rebuild the feeder infrastructure in our streets; much of it placed before or during 1979. Another factor driving more frequent extended localized outages at KP is the ever-increasing load as more and more homes are added, and ever-greater electrical appliance, lighting and heating loads are connected.

The risk of feeder failure increases dramatically as buried wires reach the end of their service life, and reliability is further reduced during periods of high sustained demand during winter heating or summer cooling peaks. Owners can, to some limited extent, help reduce outages by replacing incandescent bulbs with compact fluorescents, and otherwise spreading out large electrical uses throughout the day; such as washing and drying laundry mid-morning or late at night and similar load shifting measures. Switching from electric furnaces to heat pumps is also very helpful, and can dramatically reduce electricity consumption. Conservation tips may be found at many Internet sites by searching for “power conservation”.

PSE / PUD Voting Issue in Nov.

Many East Jefferson County Voters will be balloting in November on a measure authorizing Jefferson County PUD No. 1, now principally a water provider, to explore displacing PSE as the area electrical utility. One contentious aspect of that proposal is the valuation of PSE existing infrastructure. “Dueling Consultants” are currently far apart on fixing values for the cables, poles, transformers, meters and substations the PUD would have to acquire. Simply changing ownership would not, of course, make Kala Point aging infrastructure any more reliable.

remembering carla mooyman

by Joanie Reynolds

I was away on vacation when the tragedy occurred which took our dear friend Carla Mooyman's life. She truly was an amazing person. She had a gift of kindness in her heart. I thought of her art pieces she painted. They showed her love for American Indian culture and Latin culture. People of those cultures were what she enjoyed painting. We became friends months before our first art show in May.



One of Carla's favorite creations

She always called me and asked if she could help do anything for our show. I loved the fact that she was so excited about all of our artists here in Kala Point. She demonstrated willingness to do whatever was needed to keep all going smoothly for our success.

She sold one pastel at our art show and ironically, it was of two horses grazing in a meadow. Animals were another love for her to paint. My nephews' longtime girlfriend bought that painting. Thus, I will see it often.

Carla enthusiastically joined the Kala Point Art League's steering committee preparing for

October's show. She enjoyed socializing and networking with the artists.

I collected her excitement to become some of my own. We went off together to do the Port Ludlow Art Walk last 18th & 19th of July. We had fun. The artists in this show liked her and her art. It was a bit slow for art buyers as she did not sell anything then. But, she said, "No loss, all is good experience, all that I do with my art is a learning curve to see what people think of my art."

She began to join others in their quest to paint outdoors. She wanted me to join her. I declined the offer as painting outside takes effort due to the elements of nature. She was having a ball with all whom she was with to create.

We both had joined Port Ludlow's Artist League a few months back and the artists in this group and KPAG have emailed me along with many of our neighbors giving their condolences, blessing to her family and friends.

Carla will be deeply missed. My life was better in knowing her. Those of you that shared time with her I know feel the same way. When I paint again, I will think of her. We all have our special ways of remembering.



Photo of Carla Mooyman created by Doug Lee

selective pavement replacement continues

Marked “Dig Out” Sections Repaved

Piecemeal asphalt pavement patching, part of the estimated \$1.5 Million Dollars in deferred and previously un-funded street repairs identified in an independent reserve study last year, have been undertaken on KP Drive and Terrace Drive.



Crews from Lakeside Paving remove marked sections identified as requiring replacement.

Crews from Kala Point’s contractor Lakeside Paving, seen here on July 17th on Kala Point Drive, remove marked sections, identified as requiring replacement, and then return to lay a new “lift” of asphalt in an attempt to extend the life of streets until enough funds are raised to pay for more large sectional paving efforts such as was undertaken recently on Kala Point Drive from the gate to the 4-way stop.

Escalating member assessments for the long under-funded financial reserves

are largely dedicated to paving replacement. Replacement costs, however, have escalated to historic levels with the rapid rise in oil prices.



Typical markings on Kala Point roads that have been identified as needing repair.

It is unlikely that any planned significant large-scale paving will be possible with the limited, but rising, reserve assessments, with asphalt paving costs today typically 60% higher than when the cost estimates were prepared two years ago.

JUST FOR LAUGHS

See if you can figure out what these words have in common without looking at the answer.



- 1. Banana
- 2. Dresser
- 3. Grammar
- 4. Potato
- 5. Revive
- 6. Uneven
- 7. Assess

Look at each word carefully. For the answer, go to page 10.

kala point artist guild
Fall Art Show



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- Your sweetie says, "Lets go upstairs and make love" and you answer, "Honey, I can't do both!"
- A good looking young lady catches your attention and your pacemaker opens your garage door.
- You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you don't have to go along.
- When it takes longer to rest than to get tired.
- When you are cautioned to slow down by your doctor instead of the police.
- "getting lucky" means you find your car in the parking lot.

An "all nighter" means not getting up to go to the bathroom.

from the jefferson county administrator's desk:

Living in the woods is part of the charm of residing in Kala Point and I'm truly enjoying it. However, summer can bring a few small annoyances—literally—like pesky mosquitoes, gnats and no-see-ums. A natural predator for those flying insects are bats—a mammal that can consume 600 mosquitoes in an hour. And I understand a few people have bat houses in their yards to help keep the insect population down.

In mid-August, the County's Public Health/Environmental Health Department issued a news release to remind Jefferson County residents that avoiding bats can protect them from rabies. It's also suggested that if you have bat houses, keep them at a good distance from your home. Bats are not aggressive mammals and generally do not attack humans.

Dr. Tom Locke, Jefferson County's Public Health Officer said, "With hot summer days, many people are cooling off at night by leaving doors and windows open. Even with screens, bats are able to squeeze through very small openings and find their way into houses. Rabies exposures can occur when a bat that is infected with rabies is directly handled. "Any bat that is found on the ground, has been caught by a pet, or is found in your house might have rabies and should be avoided. If you find a bat in your house, please call the Public Health office at 385.9444 to discuss the situation and determine whether the bat should be tested for rabies. It is important that anyone who is directly exposed to a bat should safely capture the bat so that it can be tested. If the bat is released, there is no way to determine whether it was healthy or rabid."

Rabies is a viral disease that attacks the central nervous system in mammals. Symptoms can take weeks to months to develop and once the disease has occurred, it progresses rapidly and may be fatal. People exposed to a rabid animal must

receive anti-rabies treatment to prevent the disease. The virus can be transmitted after a bite from an infected animal. It can also be spread to open wounds or mucous membranes by an infected animal's saliva. In Washington, bats are the animal of most concern for rabies—about seven percent of those tested in the past 20 years were rabid, including bats from the Olympic Peninsula.

Dogs and cats can also get rabies so keep their vaccinations up-to-date. Call your veterinarian if your pet has had contact with a wild animal or bats. If you are bitten by an animal—either wild or domestic—wash the wound well and call your doctor and the Public Health Department immediately.

Bats can be found throughout the state; they're not aggressive animals and most of them don't have rabies. Those seen flying around at dusk and feeding on insects are usually healthy and will avoid contact with people. However, any bat that is flying during the day or appears sick and unable to fly is more likely to be rabid.

While bats are migrating in the spring and fall, they may temporarily rest in unusual places, such as attics. If you find a bat in your house, close the doors and windows to the room. Wear leather or other thick gloves, capture the bat in a can or box without touching it, seal the container and call the Public Health Department. They will help you determine if any people or pets in your home may have been exposed and can arrange to test the bat for rabies, if needed.

The County's Health Department recommends "bat proofing" your home by making sure open windows have screens and other small entry points are sealed. For more information about bats and rabies, please contact Jefferson County Public Health at 385.9444.

If you'd like to contact me with any questions, please feel free to call me at 385.9100 or e-mail me at drichards@co.jefferson.wa.us.

Dennis (Denny) Richards,
Interim County Administrator

kala point theater lovers

Last Chance To Sign Up: Reserve Your Ticket and Seat On The Bus For The Drowsy Chaperone!

by Nita Edgcombe



On Saturday, Nov. 15th we are going to the 2 p.m. matinee at the 5th Avenue Theater to see The Drowsy Chaperone. The

Drowsy Chaperone is a new musical comedy with tons of laughs and the most 2006 Tony Awards of any musical on Broadway!

It all begins when a die-hard musical fan plays his favorite cast album, a 1928 smash hit called “The Drowsy Chaperone,” and the show magically bursts to life. You will instantly be immersed in the glamorous, hilarious tale of a celebrity bride and her uproarious wedding day, complete with thrills and surprises that take both the cast (literally) and the audience (metaphorically) soaring into the rafters.

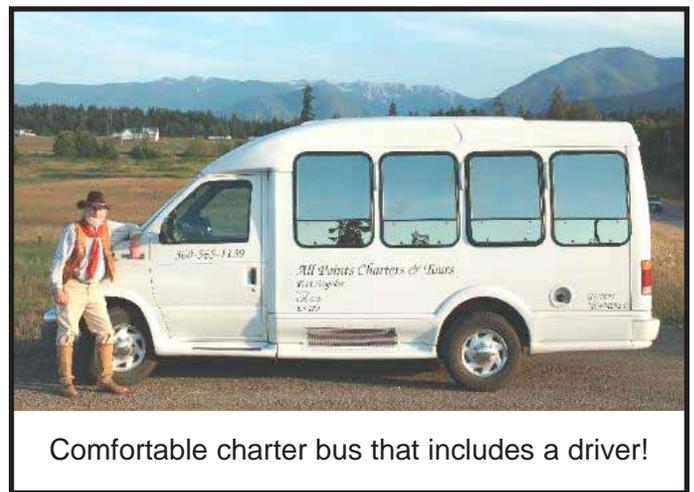
Tickets will be for the Orchestra/Grand Tier section and are offered at approximately \$70 or less. This is a savings of at least \$9.50 or more depending on how many people sign up.

You also need to decide if you want to take advantage of the bus that includes a driver for transportation to and from the show. If we get 14 people, the price for the bus, round trip, will be \$35 per person.

Here is what you need to do: If you want to go to the show AND take the bus you need to send in a \$75 deposit per person. If you only want to go to the show, send in a \$55 deposit per person. If you don’t want to go to the show but want to take a fun trip into Seattle, send in a

\$20 deposit. **Deposits must be received by September 26th.** Send your deposit to Nita Edgcombe at 121 Cedarview Drive, Port Townsend, WA. 98368.

You will be invoiced for the balance due and payment will need to be received by October 15th. The tickets for the show and/or the bus are non-refundable. If for some reason you cannot go, you are responsible to sell your ticket.



Comfortable charter bus that includes a driver!

The approximate timetable for the day is: Departure from Kala Point will be around 9:30 a.m., arriving in Seattle at 11:30 a.m. allowing approximately 2 hours for lunch at Palomino’s before the show. After the show at approx. 4:30 p.m. we will depart Seattle arriving back in Kala Point at around 7:30 p.m. A more precise timetable will be provided in October.

If you enjoy going to the show, a musical, or concert, then come join the new Kala Point Theater Lovers! The larger the group, the better the price of the tickets and carpooling is fun and economical. What could be better than going to an event 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 for questions or to get on the email roster to receive information.

the winner of the leader's second annual pets on parade photo contest

By Joanie Reynolds

The Pets On Parade Photo Contest was off and running. I entered my 145 lb, 9 1/2 year old female Newfoundland, Rosie. She really knows how to pose! She had a floppy hat on and I was sure she would have a good chance



Remo, a Kala Point pet, was the winner of the Pets on Parade Photo Contest!

of winning. I voted for her along with some of my friends which was a total of 43 entries.

I then entered my 195 lb, 9 1/2 yr old male Newfoundland a few days later in to the contest. I was thinking, it would-be great to have his picture in the Leader too. No chance,

I thought that he could win. I did not even vote for him. How embarrassing could one human companion be.....Gads..I am his Momma!!!! Love them both, but he is not quite as a ham as his sister in taking pictures.

Jefferson County readers have voted, CONGRATULATIONS REMO!!!! The results were a land slide. Needless to say, The Reynolds household was ecstatic! Oh, by the way, I did not tell Remo, I did not vote for him. Shhhhh don't tell him!

I am entering him in the Shaggy Dog Show, trying to figure out Owner/Pet look alike/dress would be for the competition. He does not do tricks, well, he does have a good personality. He is obedient. There should be a competitions on the biggest kiss from a dog. Check out that tongue! Ah.....he'd win for sure!

The Reynolds Family, Charlie, Joanie and son Douglas.





personal finance

Property Tax Exemptions for Senior Citizens and Disabled Persons

By: Hank Krist

Having recently received your property tax valuation change notice, you may want to explore the state property tax exemption program. The program freezes the value of your residence, exempts all excess levies and may exempt a portion of regular levies. This results in (1) freezing the value of your residence as of January 1st of the initial application year and (2) providing you with a reduction in your property taxes. The assessor will continue to establish the market value of your property; however, you will be billed only for the taxes on the frozen value.

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by a married couple or by co-tenants is considered owned by each spouse or co-tenant. Only one person must meet the age or disability requirement.

Household Income: Your annual household income may not exceed \$35,000. That includes your disposable income, that of your spouse and any co-tenants. A co-tenant is a person living in your home who has an ownership interest.

Disposable Income: Disposable income includes income from all sources whether or not it is taxable for federal income tax purposes. Common sources include: wages and salaries, social security benefits, railroad retirement benefits, pension and annuity receipts, distributions from IRA's and Keogh plans, disability payments, interest and dividends, business income, rental income and capital gains. There are some deductions from disposable income such as capital gains received from the sale of your principal residence if the gain is reinvested in a replacement principal residence, insurance premiums for Medicare, and non-reimbursed amounts you pay for a nursing home, in-home care, in-home medical treatment and special furniture and equipment.

Due to space constraints, I have highlighted only the major points of the program. You may obtain the complete brochure at the courthouse or contact the State Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division for more information. The phone number is 360-570-5867.

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Wildflowers in full bloom on the Deer Park hike in August.

For the rest of the hiking season, we are looking for hiking leaders to help lead the weekly hikes. Please contact Allen Vaa at allenvaa@hotmail.com if you can volunteer as a hike leader and the dates that you would be available. Also, send us your ideas if you have a favorite hike you would like to go on.

After a wet and cold spring, we are all ready to go out and enjoy the outdoors and all that our area offers. The best weather is still ahead of us!

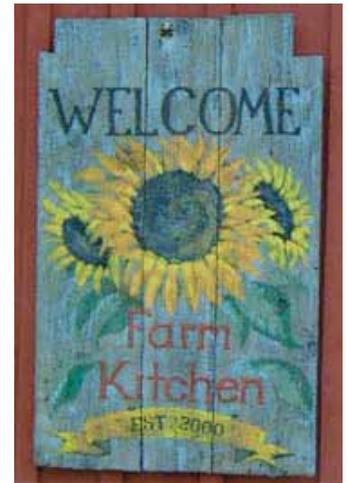
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port ludlow garden club

Flower arranging and lunch at Poulsbo Farm Kitchen

By Pattie Cole

The next meeting of the Port Ludlow Garden Club will take place at the Farm Kitchen on Wed., September 10, 2008 between 11:30am – 1:30pm. Located at 24309 Port Gamble Rd NE, Poulsbo (Phone 360-297-6615), the Farm Kitchen is



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Essence of the Thymes will offer a sandwich buffet including Mediterranean pasta salad and small dessert for \$12.95 per person. Coffee and iced tea will also be served. Members wishing to attend the meeting should **make reservations by Wed., September 3rd** with Patricia Lea (patsylea2@gmail.com; 360-437-9494) or Teresa Forrest (teresa.forrest@gmail.com; 360-437-1191). When you reserve your place, please indicate your preference for one of the following four sandwich selections: pesto chicken salad, red-pepper aioli on roast beef, BLTA (bacon, lettuce, tomato and avocado) or vegetarian. Checks should be mailed to the PLGC c/o Patricia Lea (88 Driftwood Ct., Port Ludlow, WA, 98365). Participants should meet at the Bay Club at 11:00 am to form carpools and get directions .

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theater lovers: Deadline for Drowsy Chaperone sign-up is Sept. 26th.

Kala Point News & Views

fiery crash takes life of local resident

Single Car Wreck Takes Carla Mooyman

Kala Point Resident Carla Mooyman died the afternoon of July 31st when her out-of-control vehicle careened at high speed down the Baycliff Drive hill, through the stop sign, toppling a tree and bursting into flames. Landscapers working nearby cleared the tree from Kala Point Drive and responding firefighters extinguished the flames and recovered the body.

County Coroner Juelie Dalzell later identified the remains as that of Mooyman, owner of the wrecked vehicle.

Mooyman, of 11 Shorecrest Place, was, according to fire personnel, thought to have likely suffered from a medical incident while driving, leading to the crash as she lost control of the vehicle.



*Crash site on Kala Point Drive.
- Photo by East Jefferson Fire Rescue*