

## “Another Annual Appointment” Revisited

### Clarifications and Updates. Messages Reiterated.

By Jay Burcham

Despite several reviews and editorial changes, the subject “Another Annual Appointment” article, which appeared in the September issue of the Community Forum, requires some clarification and information updates. I appreciate those who have pointed these out to me, as well as President Gates Kala Pointer article.

The table at the start of the article caused consternation for some Kala Point members. Apparently they thought the table represented a fallacious account of what actually happened with respect to the 2005 election of Board members. This, despite the qualifying paragraph immediately following the table which indicated the proxy votes, (264), used as an example, just represented a worst-case scenario. The tabulation could have used hypothetical statistics but the trouble with that approach is the numbers can too easily be contrived to support the message. Instead, where available, the actual numbers from the 2005 Board

election were used to demonstrate a real scenario, which could have occurred.

Actually, it has been reported to the author, that some members of the 2005 Election Committee and the Board Secretary have the consensus opinion that 30 to 40 blank ballots were voted by the then Board Secretary. The October Kala Pointer recently states



that about 15 blank ballots were voted by the then Board Secretary. Any of these estimates seems reasonable. Per our President, “there is no written record of blank ballots voted.” which was the main purpose and concern for my article.

It would be very discouraging to our members who made the effort to vote for specific candidates, based on a consideration of their qualifications and philosophies, to realize that a large number of members gave their voting rights to a single or small number of other members. That, of course, was one of the concerns expressed by the subject article. If a small number of members

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## Voters Of Kala Point Asked To Approve Fire District Merger

Submitted by:  
Jefferson County Fire District 6 Commissioners

In the November election this year the voters of Jefferson County Fire District 6 (Port Townsend City Limits to Four Corners Road) will be asked to approve a merger of their Fire Department with Jefferson County Fire District 1 (Tri-Community Area). Although this topic has been talked about in the media recently, this election is the result of more than 10 years of cooperative agreements between District 6, District 1 and the City of Port Townsend.

**You may be asking why merge.** The reality in the Fire Service is that annually we are asked to do more with less. The changing demographics of Fire District 6 has lent itself to a 16% increase in needs for service while the limits imposed by the State of Washington only allow for a 1% increase in revenue per year. At some point the lines intersect and the Fire Department is faced with providing a lower standard of service or raising taxes. By merging Fire District 6 with Fire District 1, resources can be combined and current existing duplication can be reduced. By expanding the District boundaries the combined resources can be deployed more efficiently and moved to strategically improved locations. Kala Point for example has already seen a 2-minute reduction in response times due to these temporary agreements. To continue to benefit from these deployments, and to further increase the financial efficiency of the Department, a merger is needed.

**Question:** Did you know that Jefferson County has 10 paid Chief Fire Officers serving a county of less than 30,000 citizens? Did you know that when two




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With the increasing costs of doing business, the cost for providing effective public safety will continue to rise. By merging these two identical Districts you will be utilizing your best available option at this time to help stem the rising cost and increase your level of service.

We want to thank you for your support of last year's EMS levy. The good news is that this merger will not increase your taxes because Fire District 6 and Fire District 1 have identical Fire and EMS levies in place.

An **informational meeting** regarding this issue is planned for **Saturday, October 15, 2005** at the **Kala Point Club House at 10AM to Noon**. Questions in advance can be submitted to the Home Owners Association care of the Communications Committee- [kalapoint@cablespeed.com](mailto:kalapoint@cablespeed.com)

Fire District 6 Commissioners Zane Wyll, Virgil See, and Rich Stapf and others will be part of the team answering questions on Saturday.

## KPVoice Website

by KPVoice

We've added "Straight to the Board" as a new feature column. This will focus on KPOA board meetings. September 20th meeting overview now available for viewing.

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## Community Forum's 2nd Quarterly Survey Planned Send In Your Questions!

Don't forget to send in your questions for the next community survey.

The purpose of the survey is to have a way for members to communicate with each other on a large scale about how they feel on issues in the community. There were over 100 turned in for the first survey!

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## Walking your way to better health!

### Part I -The Basics

By Pete Juliano

So OK, I am over 63. I have been retired for over eight years, have all of my teeth except for one wisdom tooth and a full head of hair albeit somewhat gray. About three years ago during my regular health check up my doctor was concerned about my stomach protruding over my belt and that my cholesterol level, while not high, was moving into the danger zone.

The Doc said, "you need to get more exercise!" Somehow, I thought constantly pushing the buttons on the TV remote control was a lot of exercise. But, the sudden death of an acquaintance was enough to push me over the line. I thought to myself "I guess I will have to start walking".

So walking it was and still is –and the results are the proof. I have lost about 20 pounds and the cholesterol has dropped 15 points. By the way I think I am more conscious of what I eat and how much. So it has been a real benefit. But just like all of the miracle diets, the fat burning exercises or using the high tech machines, there is a great risk if not done properly.

I would like to share with you what I did and how I did it. There were a couple of hidden treasures that were uncovered and should you decide to do a little walking, you might find some hidden treasure as well. So if you have a stom-

ach with an overhang and the cholesterol is moving into the top 200's nearing 300, this may be an answer for you

#### The Basics:

Undoubtedly the first action is to be serious about improving your health. It is a commitment and in some ways like starting a new job – a walking job. Just as you very likely did when you were working, you went to work each day and there was an expectation about doing the job! So it is with improving your health.

After making the commitment, the next action is to have a physical exam and get a baseline of your current health status. Discuss with your physician that you will be starting a walking regimen and is there anything in your health history that would be of a concern.



Get some good walking shoes. Five dollar sneakers from a discount house is not a good idea –neither is a pair of \$300 designer shoes. Something in the \$50-60 range is more than adequate. Be certain the shoes are intended for walking, that there is sufficient padding and a good

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arch support. Oh, should I mention that they should fit too!

Walking clothes should include heavy socks. When I was in the service I remember using socks that had extra padding on the soles and that really made a difference on those 10 mile walks. These are still around and are available. Loose fitting clothing is ideal and a waterproof jacket is a must item. Yes, despite what your Mother may have told you –it is OK to walk in the rain. Layering of clothing works best during the winter walks and shorts are perfect for summer. Oh, lest I forget, select clothing colors that are readily visible. While black and blue may seem like a good choice, yellow and white are more visible.

Sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat are all required items. You wouldn't want to solve the weight problem only to get skin cancer. Gloves and earmuffs are mandatory for walking in winter.


Hydration is very important –so get one of those fanny packs that has a provision for a water bottle. Drink plenty of water –which also means take a pit stop before you walk! No! Gin and Tonic is not on the approved list of hydrates. Alcohol in any form should be avoided before a walk!

Cell Phone. Get one and have it with you. It is a safety line and I delight in calling friends and family and sharing with them that I am on my daily walk.

ID Tag or ID Bracelet: You don't want to carry a wallet with you; but you should have some form of identification. It is also nice in case you should forget where you live. (I finally found a use for my dog tags that were issued when I went to Vietnam. I have a spare pair too—those I got the second time I went there.)



**Next month:**  
Part II- The Route and  
Walking Distance



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## Real Estate Taxes Due

by Patsy Mathys

It's that time of year again—or should we say that second time of year? Remember to pay your second installment of your Jefferson County real estate taxes by October 31st. The first installment (half of total) was due April 30th. Late payment will incur a penalty as well as monthly interest which can mount up quickly.

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## INVESTING TODAY

By Hank Krist

### Where to Invest Today

The stock market has been in a trading range for all of 2005, and as of today (September 22), the Dow Jones Industrial Average is where it was on January 1. With the Federal Reserve increasing the fed funds rate 11 times in the last 15 months, short-term, fixed income investments such as certificates of deposit and treasury bills are paying much more than a year ago. Long-term interest rates have remained flat confounding the experts. Gold at \$470/ounce is at a 17 year high. Residential housing prices are flattening, or even declining, in some areas.

What should a conservative, retired person do? I believe that the U.S. economy is near a turning point. If that is true, the conservative investor's approach should be to preserve principal and not reach for income. The \$200 billion necessary to rebuild the Gulf Coast after hurricane Katrina and any additional losses caused by hurricane Rita will increase the federal budget deficit by a similar



amount. The capital markets should, at some point, recognize this which will result in a weaker dollar and higher long-term interest rates. This should adversely affect both stocks and bonds but benefit gold.

Keep most of your funds in short-term, fixed income investments from money market funds (MMF) to CD's and treasury bills up to 1 year. If you go into a MMF, do not open it at a bank. Most of them will pay less than 1%. If you want to buy common stock, look at some of the utilities which still pay 4-5%. Remember that qualified dividends are taxed at a maximum rate of 15%, but taxes on interest can be as high as 35%. If you have a fairly large amount of investable funds, consider taking a small portion (5-10%) and diversifying into bullion gold coins and gold mining stocks. Think of that investment as an insurance policy.

Rule of thumb to estimate how long it will take to double a one-time investment at a specific rate of interest. Divide the expected rate of interest (say 4%) into 72. The answer is 18 meaning that \$100 invested one time at 4% will double in 18 years.

*Next month, I'll address the question "Is there a housing bubble?" Hint: Do bears sleep in the woods?*



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## Five Concerts Set By Port Townsend Orchestra For Its 18<sup>TH</sup> Season

Submitted by:

Karl Bach, President, Board of Directors  
Port Townsend Community Orchestra



Tuesday night, September 6, 48 area musicians filled the band room at Chimacum School to start rehearsals for the Port Townsend Community Orchestra's 18<sup>th</sup> season. For the past ten

seasons the orchestra's conductor, Dewey Ehling, has led the all-volunteer ensemble, bringing programs of increasing variety and difficulty. For his eleventh season with the orchestra Maestro Ehling has chosen a challenging program, including a "Mystery Theme" used in the media to be identified by the audience at each regular concert.

The five concerts are scheduled for October 29, December 3, 2005; February 25, April 29 and June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The October 29 concert will feature music by Giuseppe Verdi, Leo Delibes, Charles Gounod, and orchestral transcriptions by Leopold Stokowski of organ and cantata music by J.S. Bach. This concert will be dedicated to the memory of Valerie Harris who served for many years as principal cellist.

In December Maestro Ehling has chosen music from British composers, including Sir Arthur Sullivan, Kenneth J. Alford and Ralph Vaughan Williams. Stefan Puchalski will be featured as soloist in Vaughan Williams' Tuba Concerto. For February, Roger Crook will be the featured soloist performing W.A. Mozart's Horn Concerto No. 3; other selections will be from the pens of Gioacchino Rossini and Franz Schubert, presenting his Symphony No. 4. Violinist Alan Rawson will be the soloist in April playing the Violin Concerto in D by Peter Tchaikovsky. Other selections include music by Serge Prokofiev and Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov.

The orchestras first "Pops" concert last June was so successful that it will present its second annual "Port Townsend Pops" June 4 at Fort Worden with Broadway performer Carol Swarbrick Dries back for an encore performance.

All of the regular season's concerts are held at Chimacum School Auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. These concerts are presented as a public service free of charge to our community. More information can be obtained at:

[www.olympus.net/community/ptorchestra](http://www.olympus.net/community/ptorchestra), or from Karl Bach, orchestra board president: 344-3658; E-mail: flam@cablespeed.com.

## Port Ludlow Garden Club October Program



### Fall Planting For Year-Round Interest

Wednesday, October 12, the Port Ludlow Garden Club will meet in the Bay Club from 11:00 am to 1pm for a short business meeting and a program accompanying a brown bag luncheon. Our program will be "Fall Planting for Year-Round Interest". Beverages and desserts are provided.

October's program includes a panel discussion involving experienced Garden Club members and "Master Gardeners" from WSU's Jefferson County Extension Office. Slides will be shown illustrating some of the spectacular results that can be achieved year round by planting a variety of shrubs, trees and flowers in the fall.

Residents who are new to the Washington or gardening on the Olympic Peninsula are invited to join Club Members for this interesting discussion on how to garden in the Pacific Northwest.

Sign-Up sheets for the ever-popular annual Christmas Shopping Trip in November will also be on available during this meeting. Be sure to reserve your space on the bus now! Annual Dues are still only \$12.00 and can be sent to PLGC, PO Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA. 98365.

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## Board Briefs

### Sept. Meeting Highlights

By Don Meister



**Recording KPOA Meetings:** A board director directly challenged a member who was recording the board meeting. The director thought that a recording could only be made legally with one's permission.

**Issue:** This issue was raised and settled during prior board meetings. Reference: February and April 2004 KPOA minutes. Legal opinion per KPOA lawyer: members have a legal right to openly record any open KPOA meeting. Unfortunately KPOA does not have a comprehensive file documenting conversations with our lawyer, as well as our lawyer's legal opinions. Better documentation could help reduce legal costs as well as provide a history to educate board members and our membership.

**Nominations/Elections Committee Membership:** Several members were approved for the new Nominations and the new Elections Committees. However, one member's board approval was detained even though approved unanimously by the Nominations and Elections Committee. Reasoning: some board directors did not agree with a newsletter article written by this individual. Board Director, K. Shumate, appealed to fairness and open-mindedness by embracing the true meaning of volunteerism and inclusiveness that will help this community come together. Board Director, M. Boyle stated that although she did not like the article she disagrees with eliminating someone from a committee because they do not like what they said, especially if Shumate thinks that they would be a fine committee member.

This committee volunteer had explained to Shumate that the article was a hypothetical example to identify flaws in our proxy system, and thus wants to be on the committee to improve the process. The major point of the article was that

there is NO DOCUMENTATION of how many blank ballots were cast. The board members concurred on this point.

Various board director comments: "It is one thing if he rescinds the article, but if he won't rescind the article, I have a real problem with him being on the committee." Also "It would be great if he would retract the article but we can't force him to do that." K. Shumate pointed out that this reasoning would establish a new precedent that if someone writes something that a board member does not agree with that they may not be allowed to volunteer on a committee. **Decision:** The board requested that this member publish a retraction after which their committee membership would be considered.

**Issue:** What is the board's criteria for selecting committee members? Will the board be evaluating any/all newsletter articles, correspondence to the board, mass mailings within Kala Point and comments made at board meetings to conceivably disqualify or unseat a committee member? If so, will the same standards be applied to all new and existing committee members?

**Meeting Decorum:** As reported in prior Community Forum articles, our board has approved KPOA meeting decorum guidelines developed by the Communication Committee. For example: "1. The chair or moderator is responsible for maintaining order and fostering an environment of respect and dignity. .. 6. Members should refrain from saying anything that could be personally offensive to a participant."

**Issue:** These guidelines were first implemented at 2005's annual meeting which resulted in a more productive, respectful meeting. Unfortunately, during the "Recording KPOA Meetings" and "Nominations and Elections Committee Membership" board discussions highlighted above, intimidating, disharmonious board member comments were made to/about specific community members.

At prior board meetings President Gates has diplomatically maintained decorum. We are counting on her and the board at large to use their

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leadership skills in these situations. Adherence to these decorum guidelines is important for our community to heal and to foster open and inclusive communication.

**Bluffs Committee Challenged:** Bluff Committee Board Liason, K. Shumate made a motion to vote on officially approving the creation of the Bluffs Committee. Though initiated by the board earlier this year, K. Shumate made the motion since some members felt that Robert's Rules of Order were not followed to "officially" create this ad hoc committee. Unfortunately, board minutes do not mention an official vote to create this committee and prior board meeting recordings were not retained. General Manager, Scott Edwards, said he would look further for these records.

**Issue:** Board minutes are recorded, then transferred to a CD disk, but saved for only a few months. Let's evaluate our record retention system to save our invaluable board meeting discussions for several years. One may wonder how many other committees were created, committee members added or other board decisions made without motion using Robert's Rules of Order and properly documented in our minutes? Though being challenged, the board has had numerous discussions and decisions concerning this committee during several board meetings; the board consensus forming this committee, lengthy mission statement discussions, approval of committee members and board minutes documenting monthly committee status.



## Wildfire Seminar: Many CD Requests

Requests have been coming in for the Wildfire Preparedness Seminar CD. Additional copies have been obtained to send out to the community for viewing. If you have not made your request there is still time. Please write to P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 98339.

## Gospel Music and Hymn Sing-Along

Submitted by Carol Childs

DATE: October 9th at 3 p.m.



Join us for a Gospel Music and Hymn Sing-Along featuring organist Carol Childs and Tery Reitz flutist Sandy Curtiss and "Good News" women's sextet from San Juan Baptist Church on Sunday, October 9th at 3p.m. at Beaver Springs Lodge, 2924 Beaver Valley Road (Hwy 19) in Port Ludlow. It is 6.2 miles south of the 4-way stop in Chimacum, on the left. There is a large totem pole on the property. Bob Schlade, proprietor, is making his Austin Console 1935 pipe organ available to those who love great hymns & wonderful organ music.

This is a FREE concert. Refreshments will be served. Love Offering will be accepted to pay for expenses.

## Red Hot Twirlers Dance Club of Chimacum

Submitted by Fran Shelton

The Red Hot Twirlers Square Dance Club of Chimacum will be dancing on Sunday nights at 6p.m. at the Tri-Area Center. Learn to dance and meet new friends.

This great exercise is very inexpensive and superb fun for any age. For long-time exercisers, square dancing emphasizes smooth moves, with low-impact and less intensive, joint-friendly workout. It does not feel like work, but it gets the heart rate up and burns 400 calories an hour. The first class is free!

Come kick up your heels at the Tri-Area Community Center at 6:00p.m. every Sunday. Everyone is welcome! Call 385-4517 or email [skleser@cablespeed.com](mailto:skleser@cablespeed.com) for information. Also, a class has started at Gardiner Community Hall on Tuesdays.



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### “Another Annual Appointment” Revisited

are able to cast large blocks of votes, based on receiving proxy rights to blank votes, then the Association’s governance is not based on the judicious considerations of all of members but on that of a few.

**Per our President, “there is no written record of blank ballots voted.”**

An example of governing by the few is the votes cast for the Annual Meeting resolutions. Consider the “Tree Moratorium” resolution which passed only because of the 264 proxy votes cast in its favor by the Board Secretary. Of the members present and casting their own votes, only 20 voted for the resolution and 136 voted against it.

Thirty or forty votes out of about 600 total unit votes is a small number but can have profound effects on Association governance. This number of votes represents the 5% required to call a special meeting. Also, with a quorum requirement of only 20%, if a meeting convened with only the quorum present, the 5% would represent 50% of the votes required to pass an action which could affect the whole community. So, 30 to 40 votes are not, after all, insignificant.

There are several scenarios circulating in the community which address the 2005 election process. One of those scenarios is as stated in the subject article. It is interesting to note that of the members most affected by the stated scenario, the candidates themselves, only one took limited issue with the described process. As a correction to the initial article, the implication that three candidates were chosen by the Nominating Committee is not correct. Case-in-point, through her own initiative K. Shumate contacted the Nominating Committee Chair volunteering to be a candidate.

Not being involved in the 2005 election process, other than as a voter, the author must acknowledge that the process as reported was hearsay from several responsible individuals. It is encouraging to hear from one member of the 2005

Elections Committee that all members in good standing, judged only on the basis of whether their assessments are paid, are eligible to be candidates for the Board.

A final tally of the unit votes present, in person, at the 2005 Annual meeting, indicates that there was about 35% representation rather than the 25% estimate noted in the subject article. This update is very welcome news but there is still a lot of room for improvement. A proxy system or an alternative means of attaining a quorum is obviously needed despite some members’ suggestion that the Association no longer use proxies. Actually it would be illegal for the Association to discontinue use of proxies. Washington State law requires that members be able to use proxy voting. The current Election Committee is exploring alternatives which would reduce reliance on proxies to establish required meeting quorums.

It is a premise of the author that our membership desires a democratic form of governance. If that is the case, then it should be in everyone’s interest to encourage as much individual participation by the members as possible. The manner in which the Association conducts itself should be predicated on supporting member participation. A strong democracy allows and encourages the free expression of new ideas, varying beliefs and interests and the consideration of concerns and criticisms without restraint or rancor. Encouraging various viewpoints and full discussion ultimately tends to improve decision making with our community.

Unfortunately, some of our members react to the straightforward presentation of concerns and freedom of discourse in an adversarial manner as though the input is a direct personal criticism rather than as an improvement for the Association of which they are a member. The favored reactions seem to be the use of name-calling, slander and labeling rather than constructive criticism and thoughtful dialog.



Hopefully in the future, members with diverse opinions will respect the positions of each other in a respectful manner and open their minds to ideas rather than take offense and reject suggestions without consideration. Perhaps unfortunately, but true, the Kala Point community of today is not the community of only a few years ago. The community has gone from one consisting of a large proportion of absentee lot owners to a community that is about 80% built with most members present in the community.

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The turnover of many properties, in addition to the building, has brought many more people into the community. With them have come new ideas, special

interests and it seems a different demographic mix.

KPOA has changed from a developing community with strong developer interests and control concerns to a community of homeowners. The Association must recognize these changes and accommodate them if our community is to end the divisiveness which exists today and return to the friendly, respectful community which it seems most members want.

## Cruise to Protection Island

This National Wildlife Refuge at the mouth of Discovery Bay is home to breeding, nesting and



flyway populations of numerous bird species:

loons, phalaropes, mergansers, merlins, bald eagles, oystercatchers, harlequin ducks, murrelets, auklets, and more. Over 85 bird spe-



cies and eight mammal species, including sea lions, elephant seals, whales and porpoises, have been sighted here. The island is a flyway for 70 percent to 80 percent of the pelagic species that come into Washington state.

The PTMSC has scheduled its sixth year of special expeditions to Protection Island aboard the *Glacier Spirit*, a well-appointed and comfortable 65-foot motor yacht. Cruises are scheduled on October 8, 15, 22, 29 & November 06, timed to coincide with annual migrations, with special trips planned for Thanksgiving weekend and New Years Eve.

The three-hour cruises depart from Point Hudson Marina in downtown Port Townsend, and include a stop at Killisut Harbor/Mystery Bay or Smith Island. Naturalists from the Marine Science Center serve as on-board interpreters and provide commentary on local birds, mammals, geology, history and weather. On-board refreshments are available, or you may bring a sack lunch.

Tickets are \$45 per person (\$40 for PTMSC, Audubon, Burke Museum or Washington Ornithological Society members) and child or group rates may be arranged. All are **tax-deductible**. Proceeds go to support educational programs at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center.

Protection Island Cruises are offered in collaboration with **Puget Sound Express**. For reservations: (800) 566-3932 ~ (360) 385-5582 ~ e-mail: [cruises@ptmsc.org](mailto:cruises@ptmsc.org)

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## Volunteer Tutors Needed

By Beth Juran

Blue Heron Middle School is an exciting place to be! With a year under his belt now, the new principal, Mr. Mark Decker has brought new energy to the school.

Not to be discouraged by budget cuts, he and his staff of dedicated teachers are reaching out to parents and our community for volunteer support. Specifically, Blue Heron is seeking volunteers in the following areas:

**Reading:** Monday through Friday  
7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades 11:00-12:00  
6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> grades 11:45-12:45

**Math:** Tuesday through Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades  
2:10-3:00 (individual classroom assistance or advanced math student assistance)

**Computer Labor and Lunch Supervisors:**  
Monday through Friday 11:00-12:00 or 12:00-12.45. Desire retired certified teachers for computer lab.

**Writing:** individual classroom assistance.

**Library/Office Assistance**

**Special Skills & Interests:** ability to offer mini course (i.e. foreign language, photography)

Time committed to the school can vary depending on your schedule. Please feel free to contact me ([bjuran@mail.ptsd.wednet.edu](mailto:bjuran@mail.ptsd.wednet.edu) or 379-4500 ext. 4230) for more information and/or express interest. Our future is our youth and you can play a vital role investing your time for our youth's future.

### LOCATION:

**Blue Heron Middle School**  
3939 San Juan Ave.  
Port Townsend, WA 98368  
360-379-4540

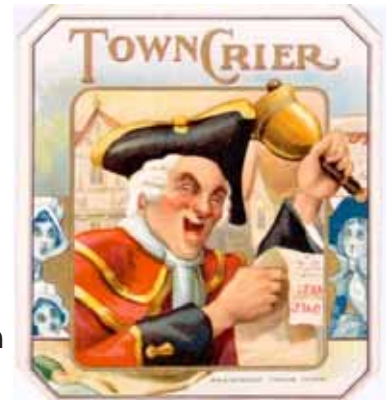
## Looking For Volunteers



Community Forum is still looking for an editor. If you would enjoy volunteering either part time or full time please let us know. Remember, we are still evolving and going through a transition period. Member participation in this newsletter is desired and welcome!

Please write to us at CF Newsletter, P.O. Box 816, Port Hadlock, WA 98339 or email us at: [contact@TTPnewsletter.com](mailto:contact@TTPnewsletter.com)

**Town Hall Meeting:**  
**On ALL Topics Including Fire District Merger & The Vegetation Policy.**  
**Where: Club House**  
**When: Sat. , Oct 15th from 10am-12pm**



There will be a Town Hall Meeting on Sat. October 15th from 10am until Noon. Questions will be taken from the floor, written questions can be placed in a basket at entry, you can leave a written question at the clubhouse or questions can be submitted in advance to the KPOA office, [kalapoint@cablespeed.com](mailto:kalapoint@cablespeed.com). List the subject as "Town Hall" so the office will forward it to the correct place.

You many remain anonymous or identify yourself in written questions. Emails and questions left at the clubhouse must be in by Oct. 10th.

This Town Hall Meeting will be addressing ALL topics including the Fire District merger which starts at 10am. For more information call Nancy Leeds at 385-6109.

## **Gardensmith Horticulture, Inc** **Seattle-based organic landscape** **design, build, maintenance firm now** **accepts clients in Kala Point area.**

Gardensmith Horticulture, Inc. is a residential landscape design-build and maintenance company based in Seattle, WA. They produce gardens that are unique and artistic, incorporating natural stone and a variety of plants. A flexible style is tailored to the needs, site, and style of each client. Their focus is on using organic, sustainable methods to make healthy, beautiful gardens. They have clients all over the greater Seattle area, including Island & Jefferson Counties. Gardensmith was formed in 1999, and is owned by Tobey Nelson and Gordon Ullmann. Tobey manages the maintenance department, does the design work, and helps coordinate construction projects. She has a bachelor's degree in Landscape Horticulture from Michigan State University, and has over 15 years of field experience. Tobey's passion and expertise is perennials. Gordon manages the construction department. Prior to joining Gardensmith, he spent 6 years building award-winning landscapes with Dan Borroff Landscape Design. For them, gardening is a passion, not just a profession.

Gardensmith uses many different materials to

produce a well-balanced garden. Their construction division is equally at home with carpentry, stonework, water features, irrigation and lighting. They incorporate natural stone into patios, pathways, walls, & benches. They have a host of quality people they work with & are happy to provide referrals or

coordinate any services that they cannot provide.

Gardensmith maintains properties of various sizes. Common to most is the feeling of being in a garden, where plants are the emphasis. They focus on using organic methods. Their mainte-



nance staff consists of careful, skilled, and educated gardeners. Because of their design and construction abilities and experience, Gardensmith brings a unique talent to garden maintenance. They can put the finishing touches on a newly installed landscape to help it grow into beautiful maturity; they can rework a mature, overgrown garden; or they can simply help with the usual garden tasks of weeding, pruning, transplanting, etc. They also have the ability to do seasonal pots and plantings.

Visit the portfolio section of their website, [www.gardensmithhort.com](http://www.gardensmithhort.com), to see some of their work. For a free garden consultation, contact them by email [tobey@gardensmithhort.com](mailto:tobey@gardensmithhort.com), or by phone at 206.501.9343. **They can help your garden become the outdoor escape of your dreams!**

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# COMMUNITY FORUM



Community Forum is produced for Kala Point members interested in the well-being of our community. We encourage you to submit articles encompassing Kala Point news, events and common interests. Varying viewpoints are encouraged in a open, respectful manner. We can learn from each other and shape our community for a better place for all to live.



## Classic Book Club

The Classics Book Group will meet on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. at Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock. For October and November we are reading Homer's *Odyssey*. Robert Fagles's translation is preferred, but not required. One does not even have to read the book to attend.

Anyone interested in this beacon of Western literature is invited to attend.

- \* "Annual Board Appointments"
- Revisited: Clarifications and Updates
- \* Town Hall Meeting: Oct 15th
- Saturday from 10am-Noon
- All Topics including Fire District merger.
- \* *Community Forum's* 2nd survey
- planned: Send in your questions.

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