



hazardous road conditions in december

Keith & Crew Worked Hard to Keep Roads Clear

We'd like to thank our Kala Point maintenance crew for clearing the roads of snow, ice, trees, and limbs during our



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unusually sustained December storms. Typical small snow events, followed by almost immediate melting are certainly not the current experience.

With the hazardous weather conditions we

endured in December, Keith Larson and his crew, Taylor Trammell, Tony Bancroft, and Ben Shipman, worked hard so that Kala Point residents could safely navigate our hilly roads, get their mail at the mailbox, and make those essential trips out of the community for emergency Lattes or winter comfort food. Keith goes the extra mile in everything he does here at Kala Point and we are very fortunate to have him.



Stockpiled Sand at the Gate

Stockpiled sand at the gate supplied the road clearing operations repeated efforts as wave after wave of snowfall hit the community with unrelenting freezing temperatures.

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small engine winter

maintenance:

“Bad Gas” Often The Culprit

Power outages and fallen trees are an every day part of life during our increasingly stormy winter seasons; suggesting the importance of generator and chainsaw maintenance. However, even if these two essential tools are in top mechanical condition, they are useless if you



can't get them started, and bad fuel is often a problem.

Recent EPA fuel formulation changes, particularly the 87 Octane “n o - n a m e ,

bargain brands” available at discount stations, are not designed for storage, but for immediate consumption in vehicles; often going “sour” in as little as 30 days. High percentages of alcohol content aggravate the problem, as alcohol attracts and assimilates water in the fuel. Sour gasoline, left in the tank of any small engine in storage, will, most assuredly, create problems, many of them severe.

Both two and small four cycle engines (2-cycle uses a specified fuel-oil mix—while 4-cycle engines burn straight gasoline) with “old” fuel exhibit many bad behaviors; among them; difficulty in starting, running unevenly or surging, and gradually losing power, and finally quitting altogether, failing to start, or all of the above! These problems can usually be cured with fresh fuel.

If bad fuel sits in the equipment for weeks or months, additives precipitate out in the form of a gum that will dissolve plastic tubing, rubber

gaskets, and other parts in the carburetor. Eight out of ten two-cycle engines brought to shops as inoperable have plugged or leaking fuel systems! If the fuel system is plugged, it is necessary to purge the fuel system and replace all the internal rubber gaskets and diaphragms in the carburetor. If the gum erodes a hole in the fuel lines, the fire danger of leaking gasoline is obvious. A leaking fuel line can suck air into the fuel line while running, causing the engine to run too lean, causing burning and scoring of the piston and cylinder. This is usually fatal to the engine.

What can be done about this problem?

The solution is simple: Do not use gas station gasoline in these small engines!

The alternative is special “off road,” 100 Octane, non-alcohol gasoline which is ideal for small engines. Engines start easily, run smoothly, and the fuel stores well. In this area the best source is to purchase “Av Gas” from the pump at the airport. It is more expensive, but in the quantities in which it will be used, is really a bargain compared to repairs or even an unusable unit in an emergency.



Do not use gas station gasoline!.

If you want to be able to depend on your chainsaw or generator when you need them most, this fuel is the way to go. And, by the way, the same applies to your lawn mower. If you want it to start when the grass starts growing, make sure it has the right fuel in it over the winter.

kala point hiking club

Snowshoeing or X-Country Skiing on Friday's at Hurricane Ridge



By Allen Vaa

Have you ever thought about snowshoeing at Hurricane Ridge?

If you can walk, you can snowshoe! Snowshoeing is moderately strenuous but no experience is necessary.

The Kala Point Hiking Club will carpool to Hurricane Ridge for snowshoeing or cross-country skiing on predetermined dates. Contact Allen Vaa to let him know if you would be interested on going up on a Fri.

We would have lunch at the visitors lodge and we could go out after lunch for those who might want to stay for more fun.



Taking a break on a snowshoe hike last March.

The winter season at Hurricane Ridge runs from January through March, snow permitting. The park is open only on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday's. A winter visit to

Hurricane Ridge can be magical, but it takes a bit of planning since roads can close due to snow and bad weather.

Hurricane Ridge has over 20 miles of trails and routes. There is flat and easy beginner terrain; limited to the meadows above the Hurricane Ridge Visitor Center, as well as several more difficult slopes & bowls in the area.



Breathtaking view from the lodge last year.

You should be prepared for the rigors of winter, including cold, snow, wind or even rain-even if it is warm and sunny when you leave home. Drivers are required to have chains in their cars since conditions can change rapidly.

Snowshoes, poles, and skis can be rented at the Hurricane Ridge Ski Shop. The fee for snowshoes is \$15 a day (\$18 w/poles) and only \$20 to rent cross-country skis for the day. A driver's license is required to rent equipment.

Brown's Outdoor in Port Angeles also rents snowshoes for \$10/day (\$15 w/poles). During peak season it is good to call Browns' ahead for rental availability- (360) 457-4150.

If you are interested in going snowshoeing or cross-country skiing contact Allen Vaa- allenvaa@hotmail.com. For hiking contact Bill at bkaune@cablespeed.com or 379-3808.



personal finance from the jefferson county administrator's desk:

Should I Buy Stocks Now?

By: Hank Krist

With the Dow Jones average up approximately 20% in the past month, some

people believe that the worst is over. How can it not be when the Government has committed to create whatever amount of money is necessary to get us out of this recession?

Remember, this is the same group of geniuses who took a whole year to tell us that the recession started last December. As I've stated in prior articles, I believe this will be a long drawn-out downturn with much pain yet to come. I don't think that the stock market has recognized that as yet.

Therefore, I wouldn't buy stocks now unless I were dollar averaging over a period of time as I discussed in last month's article .Rarely does a stock market bottom occur when everyone is looking for one.



The time to buy is when the market looks as if it's going to zero. It may have felt like that a month ago, but I believe that we are some time from "the bottom." With the large losses that most people have suffered in their portfolio's, it's tempting to try and "get even" and then get out. I don't think that time is now.

2009 Budget, SR 19 & 20 Plans, and Blog as Communication Tool

Happy New Year to all of you! We look forward to 2009 being a year of positive change and hopefully a better economy nationally as well as locally.

2009 Budget

On that note, I'm pleased to say that the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) adopted a balanced budget for 2009 in early December set for \$47,964,300 for all funds. Details on the budget can be viewed on-line at www.co.jefferson.wa.us. The General Fund, which is about one-third of this and funds the criminal justice system and most central County government functions, particularly felt the impact of our region's slowed economy.

As many of you may have read in the newspapers, we had to make some cuts to balance the budget for this year and to retain a cushion to help us weather future years. Expenditures are 2.7% less than 2008. I will be collaborating with the BOCC, other elected officials, department directors, staff and our citizens to find creative efficiencies, and to further prioritize those services that are most critical for our citizens. The full budget process was a collaborative effort by all County departments and elected officials.

State Route 19 and 20 Construction Plans

WSDOT held an open house in early December at Chimacum Middle School for the SR 19/20 corridor planning process with over 60 people in attendance. The State agency solicited feedback on a long list of

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improvement ideas. A summary from the meeting can be found on the project Web site at www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr19/corridorplan.



The next step in the process is to evaluate the ideas against the selection criteria developed with the Corridor Working Group of local stakeholders. A list of improvements will eventually

be prioritized for the corridor plan. Jefferson County Public Works is working parallel to WSDOT on a transportation study for the Quimper Peninsula. The final product, anticipated in 2009, is a transportation needs and prioritization report. The SR 19/20 corridor plan and the Quimper transportation study should be complementary long-range plans for addressing current as well as anticipated needs.

For more information, on the Corridor Plan or the County’s participation in it, please contact Josh Peters, Principal Transportation Planner, in Public Works at 385-9167 or jpeters@co.jefferson.wa.us.

County Blogs

Jefferson County has made “blogging” part of its public involvement and community outreach approach. The transportation planning program has initiated a blog to talk about local transportation issues. This blog is meant to be a

community dialogue about the future of transportation for Jefferson County. No idea is too “out there” in terms of thinking ahead and envisioning what this place may be like many years from now. To that end, the blog title is “Jefferson County, WA - Visionary Transport Blog.” Here’s the direct link: <http://visionarytransport.blogspot.com>.

Parks & Recreation has had a blog in operation since summer 2007. You can access the Parks & Rec blog at <http://countyrec.blogspot.com>. This is a good way to continue a dialogue after the Town Meetings on the County’s Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan that were held in November.

Please visit either blog to find out what is going on, and to offer ideas and feedback.

If you have further questions, feel free to call me at 385-9100.

—Philip Morley, County Administrator

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a traveler's recollections: Mediterranean Turkey (continued)



By Jay Burcham

The day was clear and bright and the water calm as we

motored across the bay to Fethiye where we would leave our gulet, (Turkish yacht), home for the last five days, and board our bus to continue on to Antalya. The harbor was crowded and busy and our gulet backed into a temporary moorage spot to allow us to disembark. After an obligatory group picture we were quickly on our way.

Most of the day's long drive was along the Mediterranean coast and it was very scenic with the brilliant blue of the sea contrasting with the red tile roofed villages as we drove south with the coastal mountains looming close to the east. The agriculture took on a decidedly different look as the olive groves, familiar along the Aegean coast, were replaced by thousands of greenhouses which sprawled across the landscape. We concluded they were the source of the tomatoes and other salad items for the salads which were a staple of every meal, including breakfast. Citrus groves also started to make their appearance.

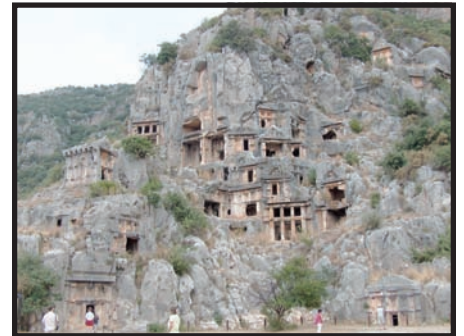


We stopped in Demre to visit the 12th-century Church of St. Nicholas which was undergoing a major restoration. Demre is said to be where the legend of Father Christmas originated. Nicholas, the 4th-century Bishop of Myra, was

famed for his unflinching generosity and piety. He was beatified as St. Nicholas, the patron saint of

children. Although his church was destroyed by the Arabs in 809, it was rebuilt in the 12th-century and renovated by Czar Nicholas I of Russia in 1862. Of particular note are the frescos which survived in the church's entry and the large nave. We ate lunch at an outdoor restaurant in Demre. One of the women had her hair cut by a barber who didn't speak English. Courageous or foolish or perhaps both!

The result was not to her liking but looked okay. We visited the near-by ancient city of Myra known for two cliffs carved with



spectacular Lycian house tombs and a well preserved Roman theatre. We continued on to Antalya, driving along the beautiful Turquoise Coast.

Antalya has had phenomenal growth since the 1980's, evolving from a sleepy town to a major resort city much favored by the Europeans. It is built along a very long crescent of sandy beach which is now lined by high-rises that have spectacular views of the Mediterranean. Our hotel was situated high above the water and from our balcony we looked down on the swimming pool and a concrete "beach" a hundred feet below the pool level which gave access to the Mediterranean. One night our group ate dinner outdoors on a balcony overlooking the hotel's convention center where a Turkish wedding reception was in progress. The music was loud and the dancing wild. Of course, there was the usual initial problem with our room's air conditioning but after complaining it suddenly started working and we could create a refuge environment more like our great Northwest Washington summer climate. Cool! As mentioned before, Turkey is hot in the summer.

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We spent our first morning in Antalya on a walking tour of the old town section which is controlled as a historical site. The area included ancient houses which had been restored following historically correct construction and appearance criteria to the extent allowed by modern building codes. Walking past the 13th-century fluted minaret we visited the old harbor area and saw its ancient walls and the steps leading down to it, steep and narrow for defense; remnants of the ancient city of Attaleia founded in 159 BC. We ended our walk at the imposing Hadrian's Gate, one of many he had his engineers construct throughout the Roman Empire before he visited a city. For lunch we ate outdoors at a restaurant high on a cliff overlooking the Mediterranean. We visited the kitchen where they showed us how to make Turkish pizza, the universal food, not unlike



our pizza but with a thinner crust and a thin meat/cheese/etc topping. We finished the day at the excellent Archaeological Museum known

for its extensive collection of 2nd-century Roman marble sculptures, many from nearby Perge.

The next morning we were bused to the ruins of the city of Perge which reached its pinnacle during the era of Alexander the Great, (Greek, 350 BC). Once a wealthy city, it declined in Byzantine times, (550 AD) and was abandoned in the 7th-century AD. It proved to be the best site we visited while in Turkey with respect to the overall state of the ruins and a resulting ability to understand the functioning of the city. Two very large Hellenistic towers, dominating the site, marked the entrance to the city during the Greek era but the rest of the ruins are Roman dating

from the 2nd-century BC. Principal ruins were the 12,000 seat stadium, 15,000 seat theatre, the Roman baths, an extensive shopping arcade, (the mall of ancient times), and the long marble roadway flanked by covered pedestrian walkways leading from the "mall" to the residential area.



The stadium and theatre not only were a source of entertainment for the inhabitants but also served as a source of income as they attracted

"tourists" from the surrounding regions who paid for entertainment and also patronized the shops. The extensive shopping arcade still had many of the columns which held up a roof for shade and remnants of the masonry which formed individual shops. Of special interest were the baths, how they were constructed and the heating system employed: fires, (kept fueled by the slaves, who else), provided hot air which circulated to warm the baths and adjacent platforms by convection. Clever!

After Perge we rode out into the countryside to Aspendos to view the beautifully preserved 12,000 seat Roman amphitheatre built about AD 162. It remains in use today hosting ballet and opera performances. We also saw still intact sections of the aqueduct which provided the city with water. Built around 100AD it brought water from the mountains many miles away. The remains of a one-half mile long siphon stands alone in a nearby field, a necessary component of the system as it crossed miles of hilly terrain. An amazing feat of engineering!

Our tour of Mediterranean Turkey was complete.
On to Cappadocia and Ankara!

Letters to the editors

Compliment on our Dec. Article

I want to compliment you on your article describing the work of the Bluff Management Advisory Committee (BMAC) published in your December edition. It's very important to our community that we maintain a respectful dialogue in an effort to resolve the tension between the protection of important trees and marine views. I think your article helps us in this conversation. Although I participated in the drafting and adoption of the Bluff Management Plan (the Plan), and the several community discussions that preceded its adoption, I am writing this letter, not as a member of the KPOA Board nor on behalf of the BMAC, but merely as a KPOA member.

The central point of the article is an argument that a "marine view property owner's concept of a good view" is paramount and therefore mandates approval of his or her request unless bluff stability and habitat are affected. Issues of bluff stability and habitat are resolved, or at least disputed, by experts who can be employed by one side or the other in a courtroom. They are said to be "objective" (i.e. good) rather than "subjective" (i.e. bad). Other criteria found in the Plan, such as the extent of the view interference, the impact on property values, and the significance of the tree relative to a community held aesthetic perception of the bluff, being "subjective", are less amenable to manipulation by hired experts. The drafters of the Plan struggled with the tension between "objective" and "subjective" criteria. We all yearned for a mechanical process that would make these difficult decisions easy. We finally admitted that we were going to be disappointed. We concluded that it was impossible to draft guidelines that would not require some degree of judgment. The Plan's criteria are intended to guide the exercise of that judgment.

There are several problems with the simplistic approach promoted in the article. It improperly assumes that the opinion of one owner sponsoring a tree action is of more value than that of another opposing it. Each owner's "concept of a good view" is an expression of his or her unique personal aesthetic judgment, and about as "subjective" as you can get. How will the evaluator choose between them? We have had cases before where one side or the other claimed bias or favoritism.

If we acknowledge, as we must, that every tree blocks some owner's marine view, and then allow that the owner's concept of a good view cannot be challenged, we will have to approve every request where experts agree that bluff stability and habitat are not affected. You can see where this is going. We will end up either with no trees or else in court paying dueling experts. I don't think that there are very many members who think that either of these would be a good outcome.

While it's true that the CC&R's say that "[V]iews from all Lots will be safeguarded to the greatest extent reasonable practicable[.]" that doesn't mean tree-less views of bare water from every lot. Most of us think that there should be a balance between trees in the marine view and unobstructed water view. Some trees compliment the view. This balance is what I think of as our community aesthetic. It's admittedly difficult to define but it is a lot different from an individual member's aesthetic, or unchallengeable "concept of view". The CC&R's don't provide specific authority for a community aesthetic, but neither do they authorize consideration of bluff stability or habitat. They certainly don't bestow an uncontestable and exclusive right to determine the components of the view to the sponsor of a tree action. The important point is that the CC&R's are to be interpreted liberally

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to achieve its purposes of protecting and enhancing the value, attractiveness and quality of life here in Kala Point. That's a subjective condition.

Designing a guideline in the Plan that would preserve this community aesthetic meant that we had to figure out a way to identify which trees complemented the marine view and which trees constituted an unreasonable impairment of a member's right to a good view. Mandating approval of every proposal where bluff stability and habitat are not impaired will not help us make that choice – it avoids it.

The heading asks: “BMAC: A ponderous bureaucratic approach. The same result?”

Of course, it is true that the new approach puts in place “a comprehensive plan” and “rigorous evaluation procedures” implemented by a “dedicated group of individuals willing to put in the effort to fully consider a request”, and that their worksheets “reveal that extensive thought and evaluation went into their conclusions” as you point out in the article. However, we usually think of the term “bureaucratic” as a pejorative. In this case it may not fit. One of the main criticisms of our prior method of deciding view related tree requests was that there were no written criteria - no consistent procedures for explaining the reasons for a denial – and no way for a member to predict how a request might be decided. Nobody could figure out how, or why, a decision was reached. That left the process vulnerable to claims of bias or favoritism and resulted in hard feelings in the community – and vulnerable to attack in court. The Plan establishes standards and procedures intended to fix this problem. Sure, they may be “ponderous” and maybe even “bureaucratic” compared to our old ways, but they tell us what we need to consider in deciding on a request and what we need to

know to understand the decision once it's made. That's worth the effort.

Now we can't answer the second part of that heading, that is, do we end up with “*The same result?*” or “*Are view property owners receiving legitimate, fair treatment?*” merely by comparing the number of requests made to the number of requests approved. Whether there's a 50%, or any other arbitrary percentage approval of marine view requests, won't help us determine whether the process was fair or not. To answer that question we need to know whether the rules were fairly drawn and whether they were fairly applied. I think your article concedes that the BMAC members worked very hard to fully and carefully evaluate each request and measure it against the standards in the Plan that were adopted with the broad approval of the community. I have heard no one claim that bias or favoritism was at work. They evaluated each proposal against all of the criteria – not just a couple of them.

-Lane Stuart

Editors Response: Thank you Lane for your response, as a private citizen, to the December Kala Point News and View's (KPN&V), article addressing the Bluff Management Advisory Committee, (BMAC), and its recent recommendations regarding view maintenance in the southern sector of Kala Point's bluff area. We welcome the expression of differing views from members of our community. An important aspect of fostering community harmony, a goal of KPN&V, is maintaining avenues of communication and publishing differing viewpoints.

What seems to be lost in review of the KPN&V article is the basic premise that the BMAC should be working to help homeowners maintain their view instead of finding the rationale to prevent view maintenance.

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KPN&V does not advocate establishing new views or enhancing views without community agreement. It does believe that restoring the view which was present when a property was purchased is an inherent right addressed by the CC&Rs. After all, at any point in time, when a property is purchased, the aesthetic view then

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existing is that which the community was experiencing and deserves to retain.

Consideration of the view which the homeowner experienced, when the property was purchased, did not seem to be addressed as a “yea or nay” criteria. Rather, the

adequacy of the overgrown view was an important subjective decision factor. The result is giving the community more than it had and taking away from the homeowner what he initially purchased.

Using bluff stability and preservation of wildlife habitat are valid considerations when there is risk. But restoring views serves only to retain the conditions previously protecting the bluff and wildlife. It can be argued that the additional growth can in fact produce a destabilizing effect by producing a more top heavy tree increasingly prone to falling in high winds and saturated soils.

KPN&V believes the BMAC approach to problem analysis and resolution is the best methodology which has evolved in the KPOA administrative procedures. Ponderous perhaps, but a bureaucratic approach is much preferred to the “seat of the pants”, unstructured approach used too often. A methodology similar to the

BMAC approach is advocated to structure the deliberations and conclusions reached by the enforcement committees: Architectural, Trees, Grounds, and BMAC. Thorough procedures, specific decision criteria and complete records serve as the means to make consistent decisions, establish criteria for use by the community and make visible the basis for actions taken.

Finally, the approach promoted by KPN&V is indeed simplistic. Just base BMAC decisions on supporting the owners of view property in their pursuit of restoring the view they purchased. Don't give them more than they had, without community approval, but let them continue to enjoy what they had at purchase.

Letters to the editors

Another Source of Information That Affects Our Community

Dear Kala Point News & Views,

Kala Point Voice (www.kpvoice.info) was activated back in early 2005 for Kala Point members. The purpose is to provide a supplement to *Kala Point News & Views* and *Kala Pointer* newsletters. Here you can find a variety of articles such as editorials and articles about activities within the community. The objective of this website is to provide an alternative resource to KPOA members who feel their interests are best served by knowing all sides of a question or issue. When members have all of the facts they can choose, vote and act wisely.
-www.kpvoice.info

Editors Response: KPNV believes in free press where members have the opportunity to familiarize themselves to a variety of viewpoints. It is difficult sometimes to present and research all sides of an issue and an alternative resource can help serve that purpose. KP Voice is another source of information that affects the Kala Point Community.

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Some Fun But Useful New Year Resolutions:

A tradition started by early Babylonians who resolved to start the New Year with a clean state by returning borrowed farm equipment, here are some fun ideas for you to consider:

Learning Something New: Take up higher studies or take up some vocational courses like learning computers, a new language, cooking, painting or a musical instrument.

Enjoy More and Travel More: Make a list of places you intend to visit in the new year or fun activities you wish to indulge in.

Working on a Hobby: In their daily life, many people ignore their hobbies. Reinvigorate passion for hobbies and make their lives more interesting.

Helping Others / Doing Service to the Society: A noble and selfless New Year's Day resolution is helping others. Educating/tutoring a child or planting a tree are also popular.

Getting More Organized: This goal is to keep your office and home space cleaner so that you are able to locate things more conveniently when they need them. To sleep and wake up early also comes under this category too.

Spend More Time with Family: In present times, people are often hard pressed for time. Make a resolution to spend more time with your family and dear ones.