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News & Community

From the Editor's Desk

by Carol Riley, Copy Editor

How long have you lived in Port Ludlow or the surrounding area? Do you remember when the first issue of the *Port Ludlow Voice* was published? Do you recall when it went from a few stapled-together sheets to a magazine format? Were you here for the transformation to its current logo and beautiful photo cover designs?

Well, then, let's take a brief walk down memory lane. Founded in 1998 by Ralph Thomas to inform the villages of ongoing events and items of interest in both North and South Bays, it has grown into a valued part of community life. Not only does the *Voice* inform its readers of happenings, club meetings, performances, and other events in our community and beyond – it educates and entertains with articles on wide-ranging topics.

One thing has not changed: the *Port Ludlow Voice* was and is an independent entity, an all-volunteer endeavor that stands alone. It is not an arm of any other community agency. It is just another “good neighbor” in this wonderful neighborhood, maybe a little like Mr. Rogers? And we welcome your participation, your questions, your comments, your ideas. At the suggestion of the SBCA, we have begun publishing our guidelines on our website (plvoice.org) so that all can more easily submit articles and stories for publication. We hope this little history has been helpful, and we look forward to hearing from you.

We celebrate two holidays in April worth a mention; they are just two days apart and connected in other ways as well. April 20 is Easter Sunday, a day of peace, hope, and rebirth. April 22 is Earth Day, another day of hope and hopefully rebirth for this poor beleaguered planet.

All of us here at the *Voice* hope you take time to celebrate both days in some meaningful way at a time when we need peace and hope in abundance.

Happy Easter, Happy Earth Day, Happy Spring!

East Jefferson County Rotary Club: Knowledge Bowl

The Rotary Club of East Jefferson County will host the annual competition between Club members and members of the Chimacum High School Knowledge Bowl Team on **Thursday, May 8** at 11:30 a.m. While always a friendly competition, this year managed by CHS teacher Brian MacKenzie, it is one of the highlights of the Club's annual programs.

The Club meets at the Tri-Area Community Center, 10 West Valley Road, Chimacum. Guests are welcomed, and there is plenty of parking on site. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. when members and guests may purchase sandwiches and chips. The meeting begins at noon and ends promptly at 1 p.m. The Club is a politics-free zone, and all guests and invited speakers are treated with dignity and respect. Interested in future programs? Check out our website at ejcrotary.club. Find out more about Rotary at rotary.org.

Emergency Power Solutions

Having electrical power is important to your comfort during a short-term outage, but critical to your safety and well-being in the event of a longer-term outage. This is especially true if outages are widespread, and the ability to safely evacuate your home is limited.

Get prepared for power disruptions caused by wildfires, winter storms, other natural disasters, and by human activity. Join the EPC program on Emergency Power Solutions, **Saturday, May 3**, from 2 – 4 p.m. at the Beach Club. There will be speakers, exhibits and demonstrations of portable and permanent standby fuel-powered generator systems as well as solar powered solutions. There will be critical information about how to evaluate your power needs, and how to safely connect your emergency power system to your home electrical system or to specific appliances. The EPC is a function of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC).

This will be the fourth program produced by the Emergency Preparedness Committee, following successful and well attended programs on Severe Winter Storms, on Earthquakes & Tsunamis, and on Wildfires.

This program is open to everyone, both in person and online at the LMC website using GoTo Meeting. The GoTo Meeting login information will be available at LMCBeachClub.org/Emergency-Preparedness around May 1, and the speaker materials as well as materials from our previous programs will be available there following the program.

Martha's Book Group - *The Big Burn*

Timothy Egan's 2010 non-fiction book, *The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America*, will be discussed at the Martha's Book Group monthly meeting on **Tuesday, April 8** at 4:00 p.m. The Big Burn, one of the monikers for the 1910 forest fire, is detailed in Egan's book along with then President Theodore Roosevelt's plan to preserve America's western forests. The fire which

consumed over three million acres of trees in Eastern Washington, Southwestern British Columbia, Idaho, and Montana occurred during a period of uncontrolled logging.

Join us at the Bay Club that afternoon to discuss how history may be repeating itself in the devastating forest fires that have become common in the past decade. For further information about the book group contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org.

James McBride's *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* is the selection for May's book club discussion.

AAUW Home & Kitchen Tour on Marrowstone



The 27th Annual AAUW Home & Kitchen Tour features nine special homes, all located on Marrowstone Island. This year's tour is **Saturday, April 26**, from 10 a.m to 4 p.m.

Home designs will range from craftsman to prairie-style, modern to nautical. You can visit a "wine cabin," pick up fun decorating ideas, and drool over a gorgeous guest cottage kitchen. Also opening their doors for a peek inside is the new East Jefferson County fire station quarters.

The Home & Kitchen Tour is the primary fundraiser for the Port Townsend branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and its charitable arm, University Women's Foundation of Jefferson County. Last year's tour in Uptown PT raised over \$27,000 for scholarships and awards for East Jefferson women and girls.

Make a day of it. Walk the public beaches, check out the Nordland General Store for hot coffee, cold beverages, local provisions, and a free AAUW/Cearra's cookie with your wristband, and finally, unwind and review your tour notes with a fine glass of wine at Marrowstone Vineyards.

Carpooling to the island is highly recommended and appreciated.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at aauwpt.org for \$35 each, or on the day of the event for \$40 at the Nordland Garden Club. It's for a great cause, and it's a fabulous value for a day of fun.

First Wednesday Luncheon

by Stephanie Buehler, Guest Writer

At this month's luncheon, we will be joined by Nancy Budd-Garvan, Board Chair of ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization). In partnership with community organizations and volunteers in East Jefferson County, ECHHO loans medical equipment and provides services to elderly, disabled, and low or limited-income residents. The services include free transportation, chores, and social support that encourage them to remain living independently. Come learn about all their services and rewarding volunteer opportunities.

The luncheon will be held at the Bay Club on **Wednesday, April 2** from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. This month will be BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.

Please RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com, or sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club by April 1. An early response is a courtesy to the program organizers as well as the club so the appropriate numbers of tables and chairs are set up.

There is no charge to attend the First Wednesday Luncheon; however, we do ask attendees to bring donations in the form of cash, checks made payable to the JCFBA, hygiene products, or non-perishable food, such as condiments, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, etc. There is currently a special need for toddler diapers. Also, the Bay Club is now charging an event fee to community groups so we'd appreciate a separate donation of \$2 - \$5 so that we may cover this cost without reducing Food Bank donations.

Mark your calendar for our next event on **Wednesday, May 7**, when we'll be entertained by a group from the West Sound Men's Chorus singing 4-part harmony - a cappella. Included will be a taco salad buffet and fun Mexican decorations recognizing Cinco de Mayo.

Wills and Trusts: What Is Right For You and Your Family

Amanda Wilson, locally based Estate Planning Attorney with Northwest Estate Planning & Probate PS, will present this free seminar and answer questions as time will allow.

Location: Port Ludlow Beach Club, 121 Marina View Dr, Port Ludlow, WA 98365

Date/Time: **Wednesday, April 2**, 1– 2 p.m.

Walk-ins welcome but RSVP appreciated at 360-437-4172 or info@nwpepp.com.

Blossoming with Activities: Spring at the Library!

Library Giving Day, when millions of library lovers nationwide donate to public libraries to expand services, enhance library collections, and promote lifelong learning, is **April 1**. This year, thanks to a \$5,000 matching grant from the Friends of the Jefferson County Library District, every donation will be doubled! Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to help us fulfill our mission of Feeding Minds and Fueling Dreams. Visit jclibrary.info to donate. We are thankful for your support.

The WSU Seed Library returns for another great season of growing. Borrow a variety of seeds from the Seed Library and produce beautiful, healthy plants to eat and for harvesting its seed. At the end of the season, simply return a part of your seeds for next year's borrowers. Visit jclibrary.info for more information.

You'll find lots of great programs on the Library District's calendar in April. On **Thursday, April 10**, from 10:15 – 11:15 a.m., adults ages 18 and over are invited to a tranquil morning of Art & Music Meditation. Hear a short, inspirational reading before you mix colors and create, letting art take shape while you listen to peaceful music. Supplies will be provided, but space is limited. Please register at jclibrary.info or by calling the Library District before April 10.

April also brings the Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale. Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 12**, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. to find great deals on gently used books, audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs. The Book Sale will be held in the Hagen Building next to the library, with all proceeds supporting the Library District. "Friends" members enjoy early access at 9:30 a.m.

Beloved fiber artisan Dean Hyden returns to the library for a fun afternoon of wool felting. Experience the joy of working with eco-friendly wool as Dean guides you step-by-step to layer, sculpt, and shape your wool fibers into a beautiful, unique wool coaster. This hands-on workshop takes place on **Wednesday, April 16**, from 2 – 4 p.m. Registration is required, so please visit jclibrary.info to sign up.

There will be two exciting author talks at the library this month! First, on **Wednesday, April 16**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m., spend an evening with author and wildlife biologist Betsy Howell. Betsy will read from her collection of essays, *Wild Forest Home: Stories of Conservation in the Pacific Northwest* and highlight some of the wildlife species she has encountered over her three decades with the U.S. Forest Service.

Then, on **Wednesday, April 23**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m., local artist and writer Meg Kaczyk will share her book, *Notes from Next to the Bed: A Caregiving Love Story in Words &*

Pictures. Meg's book showcases a series of moments from her perspective on caregiving during the last eight months of her husband's life, and her blending of paintings and narrative beautifully expresses the love, grief, surrender, and joy inherent to the caregiving experience.

Find complete details for these programs and more on our calendar of events at jclibrary.info.

Visit the Jefferson County Library District at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Annual Plant Exchange Luncheon

Shake off the winter doldrums and say hello to spring at the Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) annual plant exchange and salad luncheon.

Brave the rain, wind and snow to gather plant cuttings, divisions, seeds, starts, houseplants, etc. to share with fellow gardeners whilst enjoying a delicious light lunch.

Join us at the Bay Club **Wednesday, April 9** at 11 a.m.

Due to limited seating, we ask that PLGC members and guests RSVP no less than 5 days prior to the event. RSVP to Michelle Pelkey at 360-710-3547 or portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com. Non-members are welcome with a \$5 donation.

Wildfire Preparedness

Learn the best ways to protect your home and family from wildfire

Now is the time for Jefferson County residents to begin preparing for wildfire season. While wildfire season typically runs from July through September, climate changes have caused wildfires to strike as early as March in parts of the country.

East Jefferson Fire Rescue Community Risk Manager Robert Wittenberg, will be leading a presentation about Wildfire Preparedness on **Thursday, April 17**, at 3:30 p.m., and again at 5:30 p.m., at the Jefferson County Library, 620 Cedar Ave. in Port Hadlock.

If you are planning to attend the 3:30 p.m. presentation, please register at jclibrary.info/event/encore-presentation-disaster-and-emergency-preparedness-wildfire-preparedness-13953. To register for the 5:30 p.m. presentation, go to jclibrary.info/event/encore-presentation-disaster-and-emergency-preparedness-wildfire-preparedness-13974.

Through understanding how wildfires move and grow, you will learn about creating defensible space zones on your property, types of fire resistant plants, and collaborating

with your neighbors to prepare your entire neighborhood against wildfires.

If you have any questions about the services East Jefferson Fire Rescue provides, don't hesitate to contact us at 360-385-2626.

A Genealogy Workshop

Are you interested in researching your family history? Were your ancestors part of the American Revolution? Where did they live? What was their profession? Are you an experienced researcher and hit a brick wall?

Please join our free, one-on-one genealogy community workshop on **Saturday, April 5**, from 11 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. We request that you act soon to save your spot. RSVP to Deb at dlr2617@gmail.com. With your confirmation, we will give you the time of your one-hour genealogy assistance, the documentation you need to bring and the location of the workshop.

Admiralty Inlet Daughters of the American Revolution and the Jefferson County Genealogical Society are co-hosting this fun day of discovering your ancestors. Come join us!

Port Ludlow Tangle Club to Meet May 8



The Port Ludlow Tangle Club meets every other month, on the second Thursday, from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Bay Club. The next scheduled meeting is **Thursday, May 8**. All are welcome and no prior experience with the Zentangle Method is necessary. With a focus on structured

patterns called tangles, tangling is easy to learn. If you can draw a dot, a line, a C curve, an S curve, and an orb (imperfect circle), you can tangle! All tangle patterns are based on these five elemental strokes – drawn slowly and with focus – it's a relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images. Each time a Zentangle pattern is drawn, it is unique – because the person doing the drawing is unique! Want to learn more? Plan to attend on May 8. We will be drawing on round paper tiles called "Zendalas" and exploring some basic patterns while we relax into the rhythm of our pens. RSVPs are being accepted now; contact Certified Zentangle Teacher Alice Clive at foureyes22@outlook.com to reserve a seat or get more information.

Eat Local First Launches Community Supported Agriculture Finder



During uncertain times, supporting local farmers has become even more crucial. Eat Local First has developed a way to help consumers connect with

local farms and discover nearby Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) subscriptions (eatlocalfirst.org/wa-food-farm-finder/csa). By joining a CSA, families can access fresh, seasonal produce while directly supporting local farms. With over 40 farms offering Electronic Benefit Transfers (EBT) of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) allowances, along with various subscription options, there's a CSA for everyone.

CSA connects families and individuals directly with local farmers and fresh, seasonal produce. Eat Local First, Washington's go-to local food resource, is launching its 2025 CSA Finder (see website above) to help the community find local food subscriptions near them. Eat Local First is also currently running a giveaway for one lucky winner to receive \$200 toward a CSA of their choice (some restrictions apply).

Joining a farm's CSA is one of the most significant ways consumers can support local farmers. "Supporting local farms has never been more important. By signing up for a CSA, you're not just filling your kitchen with fresh, local food—you're directly supporting those who grow it, ensuring food security for your community," explains Maressa Valliant, Eat Local First director.

Amy Frye, co-owner of Boldly Grown Farm, a CSA farm in Bow, WA says, "CSA members forge a relationship with the farmers who nourish their family, gaining a greater understanding of where their food comes from, how it's grown, and what it takes to go from seed to plate."

CSA shares, or "farm shares," offer a variety of options, from produce, fruit, fish, meat, eggs, bread, and dairy, to flowers. Many farmers also include recipes and cooking tips so customers can feel confident about using the bounty they receive in each box. Additionally, local businesses and community partners serve as CSA pick up locations, increasing accessibility and adding to farmers' loyal customer base.

The CSA Finder allows consumers to use filters to search by type, location, owner diversity, and sustainable practices to help them find their perfect CSA match. Some farms offer sliding scale payments, as well.

Helping the Unhoused - May's Dine and Discover

by Allan and Nancy Kiesler, Guest Writers

Remember the snow in February? It was not a lot by most people's standards. But it, along with cold temperatures and icy roads, was enough for us to cancel February's Dine and Discover. We are fortunate that Karen Clemmens from Bayside Housing and Services was able to reschedule her presentation for **Monday, May 5**, at 5:30 p.m.

Karen will share with us how they offer housing and shelter, both transitional and permanent, along with case management services, to individuals and families who are without a home or in an unsafe housing situation. Since 2016, Bayside has helped 325 people, 60 percent of whom have exited into permanent, stable housing. We will also learn from Karen how the Old Alcohol Plant Inn plays a part.

This event will be held at the Beach Club and is open to North and South Bay members and their guests. To attend, you must sign up at the front desk of the Beach or the Bay Club after **Wednesday, April 9**. We have had a good number of new people join us in recent months and we hope that this continues.

Since this is a potluck, we ask that you bring a dish to serve 8-10 people. Please put a note on your dish if it contains any of the following allergens: wheat, soy, eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, fish or shellfish. Volunteers serve the appetizers so if you sign up to bring an appetizer, please arrive 10 minutes early and bring one that has individual portions.

In addition to your dish, please bring your place setting (plates, napkins, eating utensils, glasses), and a plastic bag to put your dirty dishes in to go home. Coffee, tea and water will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your beverage of choice. Since both clubs are now charging a usage fee for their facility, the admission cost has increased to \$5 per person, payable at the door. This fee also covers the cost of the complimentary coffee and tea, and the honorarium we provide for the speaker. Please let us know if you sign up but are unable to attend, because "no-shows" can significantly affect the food selection. We can be reached at 360-437-8091 if you have any questions or suggestions. Volunteers will be ready to check you in when the doors open at 5:30 p.m.

This will be our last Dine and Discover for the 2024-25 season, but Milt Lum will focus on Hawaii and Alaska during his talk about "Saving the Wild Places," when Dine and Discover resumes on **Monday, October 6**. Mark your calendars now!



New Crew in EJFR: Firefighters in Training

Cash Holmes

“My name is Cash Holmes and I was born and raised in Port Townsend. I am a recent graduate of Port Townsend High School and I have been working at the local car wash since my freshman year. In my free time I enjoy hiking, working out at the gym and spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy fishing and competitive athletics. I grew up playing sports year-round with football being my passion. I value a sense of community and have appreciated growing up in a small town. I’m looking forward to working at EJFR and serving my community.”

Drew Harvey

“My name is Drew Harvey. I was born and raised in Washington State. I graduated from Washington State University in 2022. I love being active and getting outdoors, playing sports, hiking, and skiing. The past couple of years I have been working toward my goal of getting into the Fire Service. I got my EMT certification this past summer and had been working at American Medical Response in Seattle since then. I am very excited for this opportunity to work and learn at East Jefferson in the Firefighters Training Program.”

Sophia Loverich

“Hello everyone! My name is Sophia Loverich, and I’m excited to be a part of this program. I graduated from North Kitsap High last year and have wanted to work in this field for a long time. I come from a family of five; my older sister and brother have always encouraged my passions. I love to fish, hike, ski, and do anything outdoors. I’m excited to get to know everyone in the department and in the community.”

Daniela Sanchez

“Hola! I’m Daniela Sanchez. I was born and raised in Colombia. I have been living in this community for the past six years and I am very excited to be a part of EJFR and give back to the community that has given so much to me. In my free time you will see me making pizzas, riding my bike around the peninsula, and matching beanies with my son.”

Every Student Belongs: Special Education in Chimacum

At Chimacum School District, we believe every student has unique talents and the potential to do great things. That’s why we’re committed to making sure all students—no matter their abilities—get the support they need to shine.

Special education in Chimacum isn’t about limitations—it’s about possibilities! “We work so that every student gets the kind of support they need from the right person at

2025 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Effective 01/01/2023 Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue merged with East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Our monthly statistics will now include information for the entire Fire District.

Communities served include: Port Townsend, Cape George, Kala Point, Marrowstone Is., Port Hadlock, Chimacum, Irondale, Port Ludlow MPR (North and South Bay), Paradise Bay, Beaver Valley, Bridgehaven, Mats Mats, Shine, South Point and other areas located within our boundaries.

February Alarms

Fires.....	9
Rescue/Emergency Medical	343
Good Intent	33
Hazardous Conditions	8
False Alarms	14
Service Call	58
Total Alarms	465

Ambulance Transports

911 Transports.....	214
Hospital Requested Transport.....	0
Non Transports.....	137
Total Transports	214

CARES Contacts..... 82



the right time,” says School Board Chair Dr. Roxanne Hudson. That means students with disabilities, students learning English, those who need extra challenges, and everyone in between get the tools and guidance to succeed.

Our teachers and staff use creative strategies to ensure every student feels included and confident in the classroom. Programs like

Universal Design for Learning help make lessons engaging and accessible, so all students can learn side by side and celebrate each other’s strengths.

More than just academics, our focus on inclusion builds a school community where every child feels welcome, valued, and excited to learn. When students feel like they belong, they’re more motivated, more engaged, and better prepared for the future.

At Chimacum, we know that when every student thrives, our whole community grows stronger. And that’s something worth celebrating!

Features & Stories

Porch Talk with Roz Greene

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer



Roz Greene in her Girl Scout uniform.

Submitted photo

In the hallway of her home is an enormous world map that covers almost the entire wall. Every country she's visited has a white pin in the city she stayed. All the foreign exchange students she's hosted through the years have red pins in their countries' towns. Roz Greene has traveled to every continent in the world, so it's a very busy map.

She sees the world as a place for exploration and an opportunity to meet people who are different than her. Maybe it's the Girl Scout organization she's been part of for 83 years. Maybe it's because of her faith or that she comes from a family of immigrants.

Her grandfather and his two brothers emigrated from Poland and settled with their families in Butte, Montana, in 1905 when Roz's father was seven years old. The city was exploding with immigrants from all over the world with the gold rush in 1862, and years later, the discovery of silver and copper deposits. Many of these immigrants were highly skilled, like Roz's grandfather and great-uncles, who were tailors. She showed me a photo of them wearing their own tailored three-piece suits at the wedding of one of her great-uncles.

Butte was majority Irish Catholic when Roz was a child, and she said the biggest holiday was always St. Patrick's Day. The city once boasted more than 40 churches and

three synagogues. Her family attended the B'Nai Israel Temple, a synagogue that's 121 years old.

Roz says she thought people got along better when she was growing up. It wasn't until the WWII that she noticed a rise in anti-Semitism. Sometimes she found it difficult to get jobs because of prejudice, particularly when she lived in the Midwest. She remembers losing a job because she couldn't work during Rosh Hashanah, a celebration of the New Year.

But she always felt welcome in the Girl Scouts. She's been involved since she was five years old, joining her sisters in afterschool meetings when they were Brownies. She's been a troop leader and held numerous council positions for more than 35 years.

She's a member of the National Jewish Committee of Girl Scouts and Friends of WAGGGS, the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. She raises money for the Olave Baden-Powell Society (OB-PS) so underprivileged girls can attend scouting events. She was the originator of lifetime memberships in Girl Scouts. In 2023, Roz was presented with a membership pin and certificate by Her Royal Highness Princess Benedikte of Denmark at the OB-PS Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. She said Her Majesty Queen Azizah of Malaysia invited all the attendees to the National Palace for dinner afterwards.

She has met so many wonderful people at these Girl Scout events. At 89 years old, she still participates in fundraising, and she still travels to local meetings and world events. This fall, she's going to Cyprus for another world conference, and since it's so close to Israel, she thinks she'll visit her cousins one more time if it's safe to travel. She told me Girl Scouts teach that we're all the same, that we're all *one*. It doesn't matter what color we are or what faith we belong to – if we want to be a member in any capacity, we're all welcome to join.

Roz is steeped in Girl Scout lore, but she's done so much more. As a child, she was always at her father's side, training as a dental assistant when she was still young. She was hired by another dentist before her kids were born, but he insisted she get a dental assistant certification. She says she didn't learn anything new that she hadn't already picked up from her father. She had her own catering business and taught professional cake decorating. Did you know Baskin Robbins still uses some of her original designs?

Roz met her husband, Phil, when she was in college in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They lived in Denver for a while and then moved to Madison, Wisconsin, when Phil's job transferred him there. Phil had a restaurant in Madison, and Roz made all the menu's desserts at home. There

was always mocha cake, rum pie, and chocolate cake. Sometimes she made blueberry pies. She remembers her kids pulling pots and pans from the cupboard, too young to help but trying their darndest anyway.

After four cold snowy winters in the Midwest, she told Phil she was moving west with the kids. She wanted to go back to Denver, but he wanted to go further west, so they moved to Bellevue, where lots of her relatives lived. Her son, Benjamin, a dentist just like his grandfather, still lives there. He wishes she'd move back, but she's not ready to leave our little town.

A lot has happened since she arrived in Port Ludlow twenty-three years ago. Her husband Phil died two years after they arrived. Her youngest daughter, Rhonda, also a lifelong Girl Scout and Roz's travel buddy, died almost five years ago. It's only been a couple months since her eldest daughter, Sarah, died from pancreatic cancer. Children shouldn't die before their parents, she says. When the grief is hard to bear, she keeps busy.

She still volunteers with community events. In March, she provided food at the fundraiser for Quilcene's Concerts in the Barn. Most of the events are free, she says. She told me the man who founded that festival played viola for the Minneapolis Symphony when she was an usher during college for free concerts. He also lived above her mother-in-law's Jewish delicatessen before Roz even met her husband-to-be. She reminds me how very small our big world is

Roz likes to collect trolls from Norway and craft when she's not busy girl-scouting. Lately, she's been into diamond painting, making all kinds of colorful art. It's like paint-by-number, but with resin rhinestones instead of paint. She tells me she'd love to get another dog. Years ago, she had a dachshund mix named Bagel who knew Yiddish. If she gets another one, perhaps she'll teach her new dog Yiddish too.

Got a story you want to share? Let's sit on the porch and share a cup of tea, coffee if you prefer. You can reach me at sports@plvoice.org to start the conversation. Looking forward to hearing from you!

From Rescue to Recovery - Everyone Can Help

Center Valley Animal Rescue (CVAR) is a no-kill animal sanctuary located near Quilcene in Jefferson County. Sara Penhallegon founded CVAR in 2002 as a 501(c)(3) charity. CVAR has grown rapidly and now houses a myriad of animals ranging from chickens to cats, and dogs to bearded dragons. The population fluctuates widely depending upon current rescue operations, but CVAR is currently home to about 300 animals. CVAR's unique focus is on

rehabilitating and rehoming animals that are victims of abuse, neglect, abandonment, or injury. All animals are given a medical exam, spayed or neutered, and receive loving care with the goal of rerelease if wild, or finding new, forever homes if domestic.

Care is a 24/7/365 task that couldn't be accomplished without the help of thousands of volunteer hours. Regardless of weather or day of the week, litter boxes must be cleaned, animals must be fed and watered, and injuries must be tended to. Along with a dedicated staff who keep the enterprise running, volunteers perform an array of tasks ranging from mucking out barns to helping with office work. CVAR always needs additional volunteers who are willing to donate their time for the betterment of our fellow critters.

Operations are housed in a formerly-abandoned building containing office space, laundry and storage areas, a medical room, central lobby, bathrooms, and rooms housing small animals. However, the existing facilities have reached their maximum capacity, particularly given the recent hoarding and cruelty cases which saw the influx of over 147 cats to CVAR in one case alone!

Faced with this overwhelming need, CVAR has embarked upon a brand-new capital campaign: "From Rescue to Recovery - Everyone Can Help," to raise money for a new, purpose-built wildlife and isolation building. The new building will cost approximately one million dollars and is designed to house wildlife and large carnivores on the ground floor, and domestic and smaller animals on the second floor. CVAR has already received over half of the money needed in support of the new building; sources include grants and \$200,000 from a generous anonymous benefactor. This leaves \$500,000 that CVAR hopes to raise by the end of 2025 with the support of caring donors like you.

The building site is cleared, and septic and site plans are approved; building plans are in the final stages of approval with the county. The planned building is an 80' x 40' two-story web steel structure with rooms for parvovirus treatment, a large carnivore rehabilitation area with stout enclosures, a ringworm treatment area, and a neonatal nursery capable of caring for the smallest, most vulnerable animals. All animals that come to CVAR must be quarantined initially so that they don't spread diseases or parasites to the other onsite animals.

Please consider donating to our Capital Campaign! CVAR is open to the public on weekends, and we welcome visitors to tour our facilities. Questions are encouraged, and who knows? You may leave the facility with a new-to-you furry, feathered, or scaled member of the family!

The Joys of Caramel Popcorn

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

National Caramel Popcorn Day is celebrated on April 6 each year. Most of us don't wait until that day to munch on such a tasty treat, but would rather enjoy it all year round.

A little history – by 1800, kettle corn was a popular treat enjoyed at fairs and carnivals across the country. In 1870, two brothers, Louis and Frederick Rueckheim, immigrants from Germany, opened a popcorn store in Chicago. The brothers began experimenting with different flavors and created a popcorn treat by adding peanuts and molasses. One of their customers cried “that’s crackerjack,” a term used to say that something was the best. Well, you probably guessed correctly – that was the beginning of Cracker Jack, a name brand that the brothers registered in 1896.

That craze led to other experiments and caramel corn was born. Years ago, I came across a recipe for caramel corn on the cardboard container for a pound of Land O’Lakes butter. I have been making that caramel corn since, and it was a huge favorite of my coworkers over the years. I thought you might enjoy trying it for yourself.

20 cups popped popcorn (pop the corn yourself)
2 cups firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup Land O’Lakes® Butter
1/2 cup dark corn syrup
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1 cup salted mixed nuts (or peanuts or nuts of your choice)

Heat oven to 200°F. Place popcorn in large ungreased roasting pan; set aside.

Combine brown sugar, butter, corn syrup, and salt in 2-quart saucepan. Cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 12-14 minutes or until mixture comes to a full boil.

Continue cooking, stirring occasionally, 4-6 minutes or until candy thermometer reaches 238°F or small amount of mixture dropped into ice water forms a soft ball.

Remove from heat; stir in baking soda. Carefully (mixture will be hot!) pour over popcorn; sprinkle nuts over caramel mixture. Stir until well coated.

Bake at 200°F for 45 minutes; stirring after 20 minutes. Remove from oven; immediately place caramel corn on waxed paper. Cool completely. Break into pieces. Store in container with tight-fitting lid.

Sakura - Cherry Blossoms

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer



One of the cheeriest reports in March is the announcement from U-Dub predicting the week when the cherry blossom trees in the quad will reach their peak bloom. Similar announcements are eagerly anticipated by citizens in the District of Columbia; Macon, Georgia; Brooklyn, New York; Newark, New Jersey; and the Canadian cities of Toronto and Vancouver, where there are cherry tree festivals associated with their emergence. Japan, the country which is most closely associated with the ornamental cherry blossom trees, has regional *hanami* (flower watching) celebrations from March through April, as cherry trees bloom across the different prefectures throughout the islands.

The tradition of flower watching associated with the blooming of cherry blossoms had its origin among the aristocracy during the Heian period (794-1185 AD) in Japan as noted in the novel, *The Tale of Genji*, written during that time. As more trees were planted outside of the palaces on temple grounds, around shrines, and on mountainsides during the Kamakura period (1185-1600), the tradition of flower watching expanded to the samurai and townspeople. During the Edo period (1600-1867) the cherry trees became a nationwide tradition. It was during this era that the parental strain of the Yoshino cherry tree was developed by the crossbreeding of the *Oshima-zakura* with *Edo Higan-zakura*. This practice of crossbreeding produced cultivars of cherry trees which retained the most favorable traits of the parent stock. The Meiji period (1868-1912) ushered in the era of modern Japan when the islands emerged from feudal governance to become an industrialized nation. At this time the predominant cherry tree was the Yoshino and other cultivars were being cut down to modernize cities and provide fuel for industries. Alarmed by this trend, a gardener, Magoemon Takagi, and the mayor of Kohoku Village, Shimizu Kengo, transplanted a number of cultivars along the Arakawa River in Tokyo. From this grove of cultivars came the original trees which were planted along the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. in 1912.

Mrs. Eliza Ruhamah Scidmore, a journalist and travel

writer, first introduced the idea of planting cherry trees along the Tidal Basin in 1885 when she returned from her first trip to Japan. Her suggestion was ignored by the U.S. Army Superintendent of the Office of Public Buildings and Grounds. For the ensuing 25 years, her annual plea fell upon deaf ears until 1909 when she approached the First Lady, Helen Herron Taft, with a proposal to raise money to purchase the trees and donate them to the government. Mrs. Taft was receptive to that idea, but saw the trees lining the road rather than the basin. Serendipitously and at the same time, news of having cherry blossom trees in the nation's capital was noted by the Japanese chemist, Jōkichi Takamine, who is renowned for being the first to isolate and purify epinephrine. Recognizing the opportunity to foster diplomatic ties with the United States, he approached the Japanese Consul in New York City, which offered a gift of 2,000 trees to the First Lady from the Japanese government as a goodwill gesture. However, when the trees arrived in Washington, D.C. in 1910, they were found to be infested with nematodes and insects. President Taft ordered the trees burned.

A second shipment of 3,020 trees arrived on March 26, 1912. This shipment, a gift from the city of Tokyo, exceeded the original gift and included 12 varieties of the cultivars planted along the Arakawa River. First Lady Taft and Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese Ambassador, participated in a ceremonial planting of two Yoshino cherry trees on the northern bank of the Tidal Basin on March 27, 1912. From 1913-1920, all of the cultivars from this shipment were planted around the Tidal basin. In 1935 the first Cherry Blossom Festival, sponsored by civic and business groups in the District, was held to celebrate the full blossoming of the cherry trees.

In 1941, following the attack on Pearl Harbor, four trees were cut down by vandals. There was no further action directed against any of the other trees. With the cessation of hostilities between the two countries, the United States responded to a request from Japan by sending budwood from the original 1912 stock to replenish the grove along the Arakawa River which had been ravaged by the war.

The University of Washington's cherry trees were initially planted during the Great Depression through the efforts of the Civilian Conservation Corps, and later moved to the quad in 1962. Twenty-nine of those trees now grace the quad with blooms attracting a large number of visitors to the campus.

For millennia in Japan and for centuries in the western world, varieties of these cherry trees have been cultivated for their beauty and fragrance. Their blooms are eagerly anticipated every spring as a symbol of the earth's revival after a winter of dormancy. Their arrival engenders a feeling of a new and beautiful – albeit transient – beginning. For the United States and Japan, there is an associated

reconciliation of previous hostilities with a continued exchange of the root stock and trees to replenish the aging trees in both countries.

The grove of cherry trees surrounding the Tidal Basin has become a national icon visited by more than 1.5 million people each spring. The nation owes a debt of gratitude to the two women whose world travels and interest in enriching the landscape around the nation's capital persevered in seeing their dreams come to blossom each spring. We in Port Ludlow can also celebrate spring with a visit to the quad at the University of Washington's Seattle campus in the last week of March. It is but a bus trip, a ferry crossing, and a light rail ride to get there. Such stress-free transit allows you to reflect on the beauty of the blossoms and the antics of the visitors attempting photos and selfies.

Further reflection may lead one to consider why so many through the ages have come to visit these blossoms and celebrate their arrival. What primal emotions do these blossoms evoke? What do they provide for us that we do not possess, but long for? This ancient tradition of flower watching brings us together as a family of fellow human beings. It reminds us that life is fleeting and each pleasurable moment is to be valued.

The PLA'S Development Agreement: Sound, Fury, and ... Shrug?

by Evie Maxwell, Staff Writer

The Port Ludlow Village Council's (PLVC) February town hall meeting raised a bit of a ruckus.

Speaking to Council members plus approximately 80 Port Ludlow residents, David Wayne Johnson, the lead planner for the Jefferson County Department of Community Development, laid it on the line:

The Development Community Department (DCD) will not recommend to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approval for a renewal of Port Ludlow Associates LLC's development agreement.

Cue a certain amount of sturm und drang with visions of:

- Trees toppling as the current agreement, with its prohibition on timbering in open spaces, expires.
- PLA-owned community's amenities such as the golf course, the marina and resort hotel being sold off.
- New waterfront homes popping up as the PLA rushes to build before its current, less restrictive, permit lapses.

I could continue. But the bottom line is: Will any of this actually happen?

As the old adage goes, 'Never say never.' Still, let's take a

closer look at the situation, starting with: Will the current PLA development agreement actually be axed?

Says Diana Smeland, president of the PLA. “It certainly sounds like the DCD is going to recommend not extending the agreement. I don’t know how the BOCC will vote.”

Many observers consider the agreement doomed for the dustbin, in which case, timbering in open space will – technically – be permitted. Smeland notes, without an agreement, “David says he doesn’t believe we can cut timber in Open Space Reserves. I don’t know if that’s true. We would probably have to go to court to decide the issue, and, at this moment, we have no plans to engage legal.”

As you may have gathered from the emphasis on ‘open space’ above, the PLA would be able to proceed with some limited timber cutting and that is “when we develop land for new housing.” This is inevitable as PLA has more than enough land. In terms of land developable for housing, the PLA currently has approximately 250 acres on which it can build about 350 homes out of its total cap of 2,250.

Among PLA-owned acreage already on the drawing board are plans for homes surrounding the lagoon. This has raised some concern with visions of houses being built next to waterfront. Given that the lagoon is a man-made pond, “We really don’t have waterfront,” Smeland says. “Besides, these lots are a final plat. We can build a total of 42 units, most likely multifamily.”

As for other pieces of the PLA portfolio – the marina, the golf course, the resort hotel and Olympic Water & Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) – Smeland indicates no plans for change, except in terms of maintaining and improving the properties. For example, for the marina, the PLA has scheduled a dock replacement at the cost of \$2.2 million. For OWSI, technology has been approved by the Washington Utilities Transportation Committee to hopefully eliminate, or at least vastly reduce, the problems with ‘brown ’water.

That will happen sometime late this summer when a company called American Pipeline Solutions (APS) brings its rather bizarrely named ‘ice pigging ’technology to Port Ludlow. The technology was developed in 2007 by a Nivalis engineering team in Oldendorf, Germany, and has since been deployed it around the world. Essentially, ice pigging relies on an ice slurry product to scour build-ups from pipes. APS will employ the technology throughout the Master Planned Resort, working to clean pipes from fire hydrant to fire hydrant. This will cause some dislocation for residents (a period of four to eight hours without water) while the process is underway in any given neighborhood. As per common utility practice, the cleaning comes with a surcharge to OWSI customers. (For more specific information on that, go to ows-inc.com/wa-utc-approve-temp-surcharge)

The good news is that the relatively small surcharge should

result in much cleaner, clearer water.

“We’ve talked to others who have had the process done, and they haven’t had any subsequent issues with brown water,” Smeland says.

But back to our main focus on the PLA development agreement. Yes, it will likely go the way of the dodo bird. And no, not much is going to change, at least for the foreseeable future.

PLVC: A Community Unifier ... With Complications

by Evie Maxwell, Staff Writer

Here we have our “little village in the woods by the bay” – a fitting tagline for a beautiful place. This so-called village offers fantastic views, great amenities, lots of activities, beautiful homes, and, really, most everything an active, outdoorsy populace could want.

It does, however, face one very knotty problem: That is, how the various groups within it can work together as one community to make the decisions and resolve the issues that affect all of us.

This is, obviously, Port Ludlow’s big kahuna, and all the groups involved with the community are well aware of that. Thus, all are seeking solutions or, at least, suitable work-arounds, for their areas of interest. Across the next several months, we intend to take an-depth look at each of the key groups that impact our community, discussing their areas of interest and how they’re looking to move into the future

We’ll start with the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC).

For more than two decades now, the PLVC has been working to resolve community-wide needs. These include things like emergency preparedness, our extensive trail system, common utilities, and the like. But finding resolutions for even obvious needs is not easy. We’ll explain why shortly, but first some history to help you understand what, and how, our community came to be:

The first inklings of a “Port Ludlow” community appeared in 1852 when Captain William R. Webster set himself, a group of workers, and a sawmill in the midst of this area’s vast woods. Webster’s logging operation grew, and proved fruitful for over a century. But inevitably, the harvests, and thus the business, declined. Thus Port Ludlow began to shift its interests to a residential and resort community.

By 1968, the area was vital enough to give rise to the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (also known as the Beach Club). This entity was created as a homeowners’ association responsible for managing and maintaining the look, existing common areas, and amenities in the North Bay Area.

By 1991, the Port Ludlow residential area had spread well beyond the footprint of the LMC. This led to the establishment of a second homeowners' group, the South Bay Community Association (SBCA).

Note that these two 'super' HOAs were designed as completely separate organizations with their own rules and their own income streams (aka homeowner dues). This has led to several community disconnects which, in turn, has made the PLVC's job more difficult.

To round out our history, the Port Ludlow Voice came into existence in 1998 in order to provide a good communications source for the area. The Port Ludlow Associates LLC (PLA) came to be in 2001 when Pope Resources (the last vestige of Webster's timber-harvesting operation) sold its 1,300 acre resort and real estate development assets to the newly formed PLA.

The Port Ludlow Village Council actually predates the PLA, having been established in 1999. Its purpose was (to quote from a 2001 Community Meeting report) to "address issues common to the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort Community and to provide a legally recognized entity to deal with State and County governments and the Developer with regard to community-wide problems."

Those are important goals, but, unfortunately, the shakers and movers, committees and such which established the PLVC, left out two critical tools:

Money and muscle.

Because the group has no set financial support, except through its own donation drives, "Our funding issue is always critical," says John Goldwood, president of the PLVC.

In fact, 2024 started as a notably tough year for the PLVC. However, Goldwood says, the group has since "stabilized the organization financially. Through community appeals we received donations from 202 people, some of them quite generous and we have enormous gratitude for that," he notes. "But our total donors comprised only 10 percent of the community, which can't be ignored in context of productive change for what the organization can be."

Despite this, the PLVC is making headway on the financial front. Which brings us to the subject of muscle.

In addition to giving the group no dues structure or other means for financial support, the PLVC creators gave them no authority to make things happen. As noted in the 2001 PLVC report, "We ... have no legal status or authority."

Thus organization and persuasion are the PLVC's only tools for getting things done. On that front, they've had some notable success.

First up is emergency preparedness, designed to help the

community protect itself in case of earthquake, tsunamis or other natural disaster. Through the Port Ludlow Emergency Management Committee (PLEM), the PLVC has worked to help educate the community on what it needs in case of an emergency and to help fill those needs. To this end, it has helped establish a number of neighborhood and community-wide self-help efforts. These include 35 existing response neighborhoods, four communication centers, and almost 100 volunteer block captains equipped with radios to assist in emergency response.

The group also boasts a Trails committee responsible for promoting and protecting Port Ludlow's famed trail system, including maintenance of existing trails, the development of new trails plus promotion of community awareness and appreciation of the established walking/bike trails. In addition, the PLVC's Holiday Lights committee helps honcho Port Ludlow's annual holiday display while a Community Opportunity Fair sponsors a bi-annual fair to showcase local clubs and activities, opportunities to volunteer in non-profits, and local service organizations. Last, but definitely not least, the PLVC's Utilities Committee keeps an eye on all utility-related issues and actively makes recommendations for future improvements.

"Even though we don't have authority, we can listen to issues and communicate to the county and others on how we see the issue," Goldwood notes.

This listening and communicating has helped on several fronts. In the all-important area of utilities, the PLVC committee closely monitors developments with the electric, water, sewer, solid waste (including recycling) and other utilities serving the Port Ludlow community. That committee is also keeping an eye on issues relating to the Port Ludlow Drainage District in the North Bay area and to other stormwater drainage facilities in the South Bay area, as well as issues relating to the Port Ludlow Marina.

Information on the PLVC's efforts on these fronts and more can be found on the Council's website: plvc.org/p-frontpage.php, via its emailed news (just write to info@plvc.org) and through its monthly board meetings which are open to the public.



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Arts & Entertainment

PLPA is Like a Box of Chocolates: You Never Know What You're Going to Get – Barbra Lica Quintet

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer



In keeping with its trend to bring in fresh, unusual, and captivating musicians, Port Ludlow Performing Arts will present the Barbra Lica Quintet in concert at the Bay Club on **Saturday, April 26**, at 7 p.m. Like The Wardens, who performed country music before a sellout crowd at the Bay Club in February, the Barbra Lica

Quintet members are also Canadian, but they specialize in a different genre – jazz – and they're among the best.

That said, the Barbra Lica Quintet will also mix in various other genres including elements of folk, rhythm and blues, indie pop, and existential synth.

Lica writes and performs her own original music. She was named one of Canada's top upcoming female jazz artists, was the first runner-up in the 2013 Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Competition, and has earned a plethora of other awards.

Her 2018 album, *You're Fine*, marked the first introduction of folk and Americana elements to Lica's repertoire and amassed over six million streams on Spotify. More recently, the album *Imposter Syndrome* garnered Lica two 2024 Canadian Folk Music Awards nominations in the categories of Single of the Year ("In 40 Years") and Solo Artist of the Year. The single "The Ghost of Me" took home the 2023 Ontario Folk Music Awards' Canadian Musical Reproduction Rights Agency Ltd. (CMRRA) Song of the Year prize.

Lica and her quintet have performed everywhere from New York City's legendary Birdland to Toronto's prestigious Koerner Hall. She also headlined at festivals around the world, including the Montreal International Jazz Festival, Tokyo International Jazz Festival, Port-au-Prince International Jazz Festival, and Xerox Rochester International Jazz Festival.

In addition to writing for herself, Lica has written cuts for such artists as jazz crooner Matt Dusk, rising J-Pop singer Harumi, and Taiwanese pop recording artist Morrison Ma.

She also is the co-founder/arranger (with Anders Azzopardi) and lead vocalist for the Toronto Chamber-Pop Orchestra, an all-new folk-jazz-classical crossover

project featuring original music cinematically arranged for 14 instruments plus voice.

Speaking of fresh music, just this month Lica released her latest single, "The Things We Don't Say." Lica said, "It's a co-write with one of my absolute favorite writers, Danielle Knibbe, and a first-time collaboration with producer Ben Whiteley. I'm intensely proud of it!"

Far more than just a singer and band leader, Lica also serves as a producer. Her first album working in that capacity, *Imposter Syndrome*, is now streaming and downloadable on all major music platforms and features the 2023 CMRRA Song of the Year Winner, "The Ghost of Me."

In a world where almost everyone appears to have their public image and hashtags in order, *Imposter Syndrome* instead explores an identity still in flux. Equal parts playful and somber, these songs flip unapologetically between genres, tempos, and production styles in search of what it means to be a flawed human with big dreams, bigger feelings, and a verifiably awkward social presence.

Like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're going to get with the Barbra Lica Quintet, but you can be certain it will be fresh, fun, and beautifully performed.

Tickets are still available online for \$38 each at portludlowperformingarts.com.

Disorderly Conduct Improv Show

by Kate Marshall, Artistic Director, Ludlow Village Players

Thank you to everyone who came out on February 28 for Disorderly Conduct's improv show. If you missed it, you have another chance to see it on **Friday, April 4**, 7 p.m. at the Beach Club. Disorderly Conduct, Port Ludlow's resident improv troupe, is part of the Ludlow Village Players family.

If you have never attended an improv show, then you are really missing out on a delightfully entertaining evening. Improvisational theater (or improv for short) is a live performance where the actors make up scenes based on suggestions from the audience. Improv is to traditional theater what jazz is to classical music; there is structure, but with a tremendous freedom to create based on individual inspiration. It is often comedic, unplanned, and unscripted, and always different from one show to the next.

The number one rule for improv actors is to always say YES! So say YES! and attend our next performance on **Friday, April 4**, 7 p.m. at the Beach Club. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door.

For more information on this upcoming season, please visit LudlowVillagePlayers.org.

Port Ludlow Art League - Upcoming Classes

Watercolor Class – Friday, April 4, 10 a.m. - noon
Join us for a class with Pamela Raine to complete the *Splashing Around* watercolor painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Acrylic Paint Class – Saturday, April 12, 9:30 a.m. - noon at the Bridge Deck

Join us for a fun class with Shirley Bomgaars to complete the *Dandelion Puffs* acrylic painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Artists of the Month - Port Ludlow Art League Members



Showers with Dinner, by Larry Davidson.

The Port Ludlow Art League challenged its members to create artwork that's reminiscent of April showers. Members met the challenge using their medium of choice, including acrylics, oils, watercolors, mixed media, and jewelry. Participating artists include Fran Bodman, Shirley Bomgaars, Shelley Brown, Denice Craig Tweedy, Larry Davidson, Sheryl Goldsberry, Barbara Grondal, Georganne Muse, and Pamela Raine. Participating jewelers include Jennifer Caldwell and Jolie Maki. During April, you can enjoy the group's artwork at Sound Community Bank.



Jewelry by Jolie Maki.

The public is invited to attend a reception for the participating artists on **Wednesday, April 9**, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the lobby of the bank, and 5 to 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is now open Tuesday through Saturday from noon to 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Northwind Art Exhibits and Classes



(Northwind Art Colored Pencil class) Colored Pencil Drawing on April 17.

On **April 5**, the Jeanette Best Gallery unveils a new exhibit entitled *A Closer Look* with Port Townsend artists Elissa Greisz and Max Yakush. Northwind spokesperson Diane Urbani states, "Their work combines interesting metal and stone shapes that are unlike anything we've shown before." *A Closer Look* runs through **May 19**.

The *Ars Poetica* project will also open on **April 5** and runs through **May 12**. This exhibition combines the work of local poets that inspired paintings by Northwind Art School participants. On **Saturday, April 12**, the public is invited to meet the *Ars Poetica* poets and painters at the Jeanette Best Gallery from 5 - 7 p.m.

Both exhibitions will be celebrated during Port Townsend's Art Walk on **Saturday, April 5**, when the Jeanette Best Gallery stays open until 8 p.m. so that visitors can meet the artists while diving deeper into the making process.

The *Showcase 2025* exhibit at the Jeanette Best Gallery continues through **May 12** and features artwork from 15 regional artists, including Port Ludlow artists Carol Nielsen and Rick Stafford.

The Jeanette Best Gallery is located at 701 Water St. in Port Townsend. Gallery hours are Thursdays - Mondays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information about the Jeanette Best Gallery exhibits, visit NorthwindArt.org.

Upcoming Classes

Northwind Art School at Fort Worden State Park offers a variety of youth and adult classes for beginner through advanced artists. April classes include:

- Embracing the Muse: Transformative Processes for Enhancing a Creative Life with Sally Jean Fox, **Thursday, April 10**
- Art Journaling through Change with Meg Kaczyk, **Sunday, April 13**
- Drawing in Colored Pencils with Nonie Gaines, **Thursday, April 17**
- Discovering the Self: Exploration in Self-Portraiture with Mon Kaczyk, **Saturday and Sunday, April 26 - 27**
- Open Sew & Quilt with Barbara Ramsey Sunday, **April 27**

Fort Worden State Park is located at 200 Battery Way in Port Townsend. For information about class dates, times, teachers, and curriculum, visit northwindart.org and select Take a Class.

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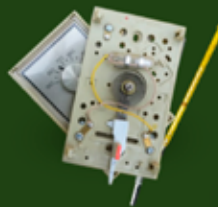
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Community Chorus April Concerts



The Community Chorus of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County is joined by singers from other choirs to rehearse the music of Shawn Kirchner for April concerts.

Photo by Lynn Nowak

The Community Chorus of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County celebrates 50 years by bringing the works of Los Angeles-based composer, arranger, and pianist Shawn Kirchner, to audiences in April.

The O! What a Beautiful City! program is performed on **April 4, 5, and 6** at three different locations:

- **Friday, April 4, 7 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin St., Port Townsend.
- **Saturday, April 5, 2 p.m.** at Trinity Methodist Church, 100 S. Blake Ave., Sequim.
- **Sunday, April 6, 3 p.m.** at Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, 45 Redeemer Way, Chimacum.

Last fall director Jon Stafford planted the seed for an all-Kirchner program with the hope that Shawn would participate and offer insights and guidance for shaping the music. Jon had the good fortune to work with Shawn as part of the local Summertime Singers, and jumped at the chance to collaborate with him again.

Jon states, “Kirchner is brilliant and energetic. He could have done other things, but he chose choral music. He’s just a treasure trove of information and knowledge. He’s so passionate and upbeat that it’s uplifting and inspirational.”

In March, Shawn offered a workshop and rehearsals with Community Chorus singers and members of three other choirs that are singing with the chorus this spring including Summertime Singers and RainShadow Chorale based in Port Townsend, and Peninsula Singers based in Sequim. Shawn also plans to be on hand for the April performances and states, “The music is fun to conduct and is enjoyable for singers and the audience.”

Linda Atkins, president of the chorus, stated, “It was inspiring to hear from the composer, his intention, and the process that went into the creation of the music we are singing. I feel so much more emotionally connected to the music and understand what Shawn wants us to convey to the audience.”

Jon sees the spring program as a launch for the fall season when the Community Chorus will collaborate with RainShadow Chorale to present George Frideric Handel’s

Messiah with an orchestral accompaniment. Laurie de Leonne, artistic director of RainShadow Chorale, will conduct as the guest director. The beloved oratorio is a favorite of the chorus that’s produced the work every five years since 1975. Although there were no performances in 2020, this year’s performance set for November will be special.

For more information, contact Lynn Nowak at nowak.lynn@gmail.com or 360-643-3345.

Port Ludlow Art League April Program Meeting Speaker – Leila Block

The Port Ludlow Art League welcomes Leila Block as the speaker for their April Program Meeting.

Leila Block is a multidisciplinary artist who makes her home on the Olympic Peninsula. She works in mixed media, oil, acrylic, watercolor, clay, video, and music. The common theme of exploration throughout Leila’s work consists of health, hope, happiness, harmony, and humor. Leila weaves these themes together to create a tapestry of prolific creative expression, guided by a desire to be in the here and now and to enjoy the creative process.

Leila’s most recent short film, *Clean Bill of Health*, was selected for the 2024 Port Townsend Film Festival. Leila’s mixed media, painting, and ceramic artwork has been exhibited in group shows at the Aurora Loop Gallery, Jeanette Best Gallery, and Grover Gallery in Port Townsend. Leila is looking forward to her first solo exhibition in October 2025 at the Aurora Loop Gallery. She’s currently an Artist in Residence with Centrum preparing for her exhibition. In addition to her artwork, Leila is an arts educator and administrator with a nourishing private practice supporting people wanting to feel more like themselves.

Leila’s presentation and guided demo, *Touching Your Craft, Touching Your World*, will explore thought-provoking considerations every artist faces, for example, how do we choose to spend our time and our offering to the world? How do we create a healthy and sustainable art practice? How do we show up to our creative practice as our wise self? Where do we put our attention before and during our studio time? Leila states, “Creative paths are never-ending roads of mastery. We don’t need to wait to be masters in our skillsets to hone our intentions of what we want our practices to be for ourselves, our lives, and the world.” Be sure to bring a pen and paper for a prompted exercise.

The program meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 16, 1 - 3 p.m.** at the Port Ludlow Beach Club. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome to attend for a \$5 fee. For more information, visit portludlowart.org.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center: *Photographs of Birds*

The Port Townsend Marine Science Center is thrilled to share the photographs of Kerry Tremain in the Gallery at Flagship Landing from **March 14 - June 8**. In his solo show, *Aves: Photographs of Birds*, Kerry's photographs demonstrate the close, patient observation of the natural world that is required to capture a moment in a bird's life. Tremain's images are also detailed records of birds we may have seen but never quite as beautifully captured as he saw them with his camera.

Kerry Tremain has worked in publishing and the arts as a writer, photographer, editor, art director, and curator. He served as creative director and executive editor of *Mother Jones* magazine and as editor-in-chief of *California* magazine. He was a founder and executive director of the Mother Jones International Fund for Documentary Photography, chaired by Sebastião Salgado, and curated related exhibitions at major venues in the U.S., Mexico, and France.

Tremain's books include *Yosemite: A Storied Landscape*, based on an exhibition at the California Historical Society that he initiated and co-curated; *Russian California: Hidden Stories From Fort Ross & Beyond*; *Year of the Birds: Photographs and Notes*; and *Aves: Photographs of Birds*. He has written on photography and art for books, including *Wayne F. Miller: Photographs 1942-1958*; *Witness in Our Time: Working Lives of Documentary Photographers*; and *Linda Okazaki: Into the Light*, the catalog for her recent retrospective exhibit at Bainbridge Island Museum of Art.

Tremain has also written for publications such as *American Art Review*, *Smithsonian Magazine*, *San Francisco Magazine*, and the *Vancouver Sun*. In the past five years, his photographs have been featured in multiple group exhibitions and two solo exhibitions. Kerry lives in Port Townsend with his wife Barbara Ramsey, a fiber artist. He is president emeritus of Northwind Art and Port Townsend School of the Arts.

Port Townsend Marine Science Center's Gallery at Flagship Landing is located at 1001 Water St., Port Townsend. The Gallery is open to the public on Fridays through Sundays, from 12 – 3 p.m. Gallery admission is free. For more information about the Port Townsend Marine Science Center, visit ptmsc.org; @[PortTownsendMarineScienceCenter](https://www.facebook.com/PortTownsendMarineScienceCenter) on Facebook; and @[ptmarinescictr](https://www.instagram.com/ptmarinescictr) on Instagram.

Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra's April Concert



Mark Hillard Wilson

Submitted photo

located at 91 W Valley Rd, Chimacum, WA.

This free concert presents some great movie music from composer John Williams, along with a performance by Seattle-based guitarist Mark Wilson.

John Williams may be the best-known composer of movie music today. With his first movie score written in 1952, he continued to work as a composer and orchestrator for films and TV. John worked with Steven Spielberg in 1974 and 1978. Spielberg recommended John to George Lucas for his 1978 Star Wars film. John has also composed music for the franchises of Superman, Harry Potter, and Jurassic Park. The Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra will play music from the Superman Returns, Harry Potter and the Goblin of Fire, Star Wars, The Force Awakens, and Jurassic Park movies.

Mark H. Wilson has been in Seattle for over 25 years working at Whatcom College, Bellevue College, and currently at Holy Name Academy. Mark has created organizations such as the Seattle Guitar Orchestra and written compositions that are published and performed. Recently, Mark has performed with the Westsound Bremerton Symphony, the Octava Orchestra, and Orquestra Northwest. Mark had a year's long collaboration with Ukrainian composer Oleg Boyko, and has released several records featuring guitar music.

With the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra, Mark will be performing Heitor Villa-Lobos concerto for Guitar and Orchestra. Villa-Lobos has been described as the single most significant creative figure in 20th-century Brazilian art music. He was a composer, conductor, cellist, and classical guitarist who melded Brazilian street music with European classical forms. On a tour of Spain, Mark met guitarist Andres Segovia who commissioned the Concerto that Mark and the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra will be performing.

For more information, visit ptsymphony.org.

Village News

Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Happenings

by Carolyn O'Keeffe, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Welcome to April! It is so good to be out in the yard again seeing what plants are poking out of the ground, what shrubs and trees have leaves unfolding, and seeing the return of the robins and juncos. Early spring flowers have been providing needed color after days of grey. Let's hear it for our winter and spring Hellebores with their sturdy leaves and beautiful blooms!

The SBCA Board of Directors has experienced a bit of change recently. Two board members have resigned for personal reasons, which leaves us with two open positions we hope to have filled soon, and whose terms run through June 2026. If you are interested in serving on the Board, we would be honored to have you as part of our mighty 5-member team. We are a dedicated group and enjoy working together and being there for our South Bay community. Contact our General Manager Mark Torres at gm@sbcclub.com if you are interested.

The big news for South Bay is the construction of two new housing developments in Olympic Terrace II. These developments were purchased from Port Ludlow Associates by Richmond American Homes. Their goal is to build and open a model home in June 2025 and to continue building more homes after that. Thirty-seven new homes will become part of Olympic Terrace II and our South Bay community once both developments have been built out.

In addition to the flowers, trees and birds, April is when the Board begins planning for the upcoming SBCA Annual Meeting to be held in July. This includes preparing the 2025-26 annual budget, as well as a 5-year budget forecast that will help ensure a balanced annual budget and a predictable, consistent budget plan for the next five years. As we look to the future, we want to plan for the transition from a growing community with new developments to a stabilized community of HOA villages.

And don't forget our upcoming events that are listed in the SBCA Important Dates section (e.g., Member Social - Pasta Extravaganza on **Tuesday, April 1**; Pancake Breakfast on **Friday, April 4** for Jefferson County Healthcare Hospice; and much more).

SBCA Important April Dates

Friday, April 4, 8:30 am. - Pancake Breakfast, benefiting Jefferson Healthcare Hospice

Thursday, April 10, 9:30 a.m. - Monthly Board Meeting **

Friday, April 11, 5 p.m. - Member Social (Pasta Extravaganza)

Thursday, April 17, 1 p.m. - Creating Balanced Meals

Saturday, April 26, 7 p.m. - PLPA Concert (Barbara Lica Quintet)

All Wednesdays 4 p.m., Member's Lounge

All SBCA members are welcome.

To keep informed of meeting dates and times, please visit sbcclub.com

Committee meeting minutes are posted at sbcclub.com, then click on the Board Minutes page.

** Unless there are changes to county requirements, meetings are in-person.

As always, we thank all who volunteer for our committees and activities and for everyone who comes and joins us at our events such as our Member's Lounge, Pancake Breakfasts and Member Socials. Your support and participation make South Bay a great community.

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Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) homeowner's association consists of 1,090 properties that include single family homes, condominiums and town homes. Our North Bay membership is made up of retirees, empty nesters and young families. It is a very diverse group that has a wealth of knowledge and experience.

I encourage all our LMC members to strongly consider becoming an LMC volunteer. There are numerous volunteer opportunities within our organization. Our Board and committee members are of course volunteer positions, but LMC also sponsors several social events each year that our volunteers help plan and implement.

In other words, we have lots of volunteer opportunities: they can be long-term such as serving on the Board or committee or they can be just assisting with a single event. If you have an interest in helping and improving the community you live in, here is your opportunity.

For details on our committees and meeting times, visit lmcbeachclub.org or email me for more information.

In addition to volunteers, LMC is in need of someone to prepare our monthly LMC Board of Trustees minutes. Carol Shamhart has been preparing our Board minutes for more than 15 years. After all this time Carol has decided it is time to hang up her keyboard. This is a paid position that requires approximately five hours per month in preparing the minutes. If you think you would be interested send me an email and I will provide additional information.

As always, if you have questions or comments about this article or the on-going work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or by email at GM@LMCBeachClub.org.

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Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council: Keeping on Task

by John Goldwood, President, Port Ludlow Village Council

Your Village Council continues to make progress on promises discussed in last month's *Voice*. I continue to be very pleased with the significant time and effort invested by our board members as we work together to energize our council while demonstrating value to our community.

Our Land Use Committee hosted our first Town Hall meeting on February 6 at the Bay Club. At that meeting, David Wayne Johnson, Associate Lead Planner for Jefferson County Department of Community Development (DCD), spoke with us regarding Jefferson County's decision to end their 25-year Development Agreement with Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) effective May 8, 2025. Johnson provided a detailed overview of the history of the agreement, and the rationale for letting it end as the second five-year extension ends in May.

The biggest concern has been that a Timber Harvest Agreement negotiated in 2015 between PLA and Jefferson County, tied to the Development Agreement, expires at the same time as the Development Agreement itself. Johnson indicated that a process is now in place for Jefferson County to ensure that although the Timber Harvest Agreement expires, no timber harvest will occur within the Master Planned Resort (MPR) in the future other than on those parcels of land within the MPR being cleared for residential development. Both Johnson's presentation and audio recording of his comments delivered during the meeting are available for viewing and listening by visiting plvc.org. Click on the box "February 2025 Town Hall PowerPoint and audio."

Our Utilities Committee expects to host our next Town Hall in late April, with a focus on utilities including electrical power, water and sewer systems, recycling, etc. We will send email notifications to our residents once we have finalized the date, time and location of the meeting, and will post details on our website as well.

Speaking of the website, our Communications Committee has invested a great deal of time and effort in creating a new website that we hope to launch by the end of March or possibly early April. Meanwhile, our current website at plvc.org remains fully operational. We will support our existing and new websites following the launch of the new website, after which we will transition completely to the new website after a few months of runtime on the new site. Kay Mol, who heads up the Social Wellness subcommittee of Communications, has already hosted a health and wellness benefit last month, and is hard at work on the

next event scheduled in May. Check out her article in this month's *Voice* for more details.

Another very time-consuming task has been driven by our Administration Committee as it evaluates and revises current Council Bylaws and Policies and Procedures to ensure compliance with Washington State regulations for non-profit corporations. It has been almost ten years since they were reviewed and revised, and we look forward to completing that task soon.

A new committee launched for 2025 is our Finance Committee, focused on managing the income and expenses of PLVC transparently while simultaneously working to develop financial sustainability. Having received questions and comments from a number of residents, here are some details. Our 2025 operating budget includes an estimated \$14,780 in expenses. Highlights include \$4880 in administrative costs; \$3400 in direct donations to Trails (\$1000) and the *Voice* (\$2400); Liability Insurance \$3400; Communications technology platforms \$1500 (Zoom, eblasts, etc.) The full budget and monthly financial reports are available on our website at PLVC.org.

Seeking sustainability, we continue to pursue a goal of gaining support from both LMC and SBCA to ask their members for a minimal (micro?) donation of at least \$10/year per household that would be collected by both HOAs and passed to the Village Council. That approach would generate approximately \$18,000 annually to sustain our basic annual operational requirements and would also facilitate managing special projects that might operate under the Village Council umbrella. Such projects might include a fireworks display on the Bay (\$30,000 at a minimum) or a van could be funded to transport residents unable to drive to medical appointments, grocery shopping, etc (a high-cost endeavor, but one that might bring a real opportunity for older adult residents to remain here in the Village for a few years longer). Even considering activities like this cannot be supported without a guarantee that we can sustain our minimal basic financial needs.

We continue to do our best to meet the needs of this community, and as always, we're grateful for your support! We hope to see you at our monthly board and workshop meetings, and as always you can reach me directly on my cell at 253-651-0664 or by email at john.goldwood@gmail.com.

Village Council Meetings

PLVC Board Meeting
Thursday, April 3
3 - 5 p.m., Bay Club

PLVC Workshop
Tuesday, April 15
3 - 5 p.m., Bay Club

PLVC Board Meeting
Thursday, May 1
3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club

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Successful Balance Workshop Fundraiser

by Kay Mol, Port Ludlow Village Council Board member, Social Wellness Committee Chair



On Saturday February 15, Kay Mol, Chair of the Port Ludlow Village Council's Social Wellness Committee, taught a successful Balance Workshop at the Beach Club, as a fundraiser for PLVC.

Open to all Port Ludlow master planned resort residents, 40 participants learned the principles of proprioception (how the body makes sense of where it is in space) and neuromuscular response, as they were guided through a progressive series of balance challenges, incorporating touch, vision, equilibrium, depth perception and center of gravity concepts.

A special thank-you to all those who supported this event, especially Geoff and Christie Lang, and Susan Pinick for assisting with registration and sound, and LMC for use of the Beach Club.

Community Outdoor Yard Sale/Spring Fair

Kay Mol PLVC Board Member, Social Wellness Committee Chair

Come to the Community Outdoor Yard Sale & Spring Fair on **Saturday, May 24** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Yacht Club's parking lots. Please support "local-first" vendors selling food, beverages, ice cream, and PLVC's home-made fundraising Bake Sale at the fair's Food Court. Visit with local non-profits, such as Jefferson County Humane Society of Washington.

LMC is also having an indoor yard sale on the same day, so visitors please utilize overspill parking beyond the Bridge Deck. Port Ludlow Marina will be celebrating its opening weekend, with visiting boats, so lots to see and enjoy!

Registration starts **Tuesday, April 1**. Secure your \$10 Yard-Sale spot by downloading a registration form at PLVC.org or collect a paper form at the Beach Club. Checks made payable to "PLVC" and completed forms should be returned in a sealed envelope to the Beach Club. There is a limited number of yard-sale spaces; registration will close once spots are filled. Payment must be included with the completed form to secure your registration. You will receive an email confirmation of your processed registration along with event day details.

This is a rain or shine event – let's hope for glorious weather! Open to all, please encourage family and friends from beyond our immediate area to join us for a FUN day out!

This event is being hosted by PLVC's Social Wellness Committee and social event volunteers, and is only possible with great thanks to Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), Dan Ratigan (General Manager of The Resort at Port Ludlow), and LMC for additional parking lot usage.

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by John Nuerenberg, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

Hikers meet at the Bridge Deck in Port Ludlow on the day of the hike at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads, arrange carpools, and depart at 8:30 a.m.

Those on the hiking email roster receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. If you would like to be added to the email roster, send a note to plhikingclub@yahoo.com, or go to the club's website at portludlowhikingclub.com and click on "Contact" to send a message. Anyone may join in the hikes; you don't have to be a member of the email roster or club.

Friday, April 11 – Gold Creek/Green Mountain

Gold Creek Trail/Green Mountain is in Kitsap County. The planned hike will be via "The High Road" that goes to the top of Green Mountain. If the weather is good, you will have great views of the Olympics and Hood Canal on one side, and all the way to Seattle on the other side. It is about a 1,000 foot elevation gain and 5.2 mile round trip for a moderate hike, rated M3.

It is about a 50-minute drive (address is 1400 Gold Creek Rd. W, Bremerton, WA 98312). A Discovery Pass is required. Dress appropriately for the forecasted weather. Bring your walking sticks. The trail is dog friendly. Hiking time is 2-1/2 to three hours. Privy restrooms are available at the trailhead and near the summit. Hike Leader: Gary Hicks, 510-566-2401. Gold Creek Trail Map: dnr.wa.gov/publications/eng_rms_green_08_full.pdf

Friday, April 25 – Upper Dungeness Trail

We will be hiking the Upper Dungeness River Trail, a 6.8-mile roundtrip hike with 600 feet of elevation gain. The river can be viewed and heard all along the trail. The trail is easy to follow and well maintained. This hike is rated M2. A Northwest Forest Pass or Interagency Senior Pass is required. Full restroom facilities are available at the trailhead. Make sure you have water, a snack or lunch, and your walking sticks, if needed. Hike Leader: Jack Riggen, 360-437-0370.

Wednesdays: Timberton Loop. Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a no-leader hike. Meet other walkers at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive at 9 a.m.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 8 a.m. Join the "Trail Club Group" that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led

walk on the abandoned golf cart path trail or other alternative route.

For more hiking information, a map of the Port Ludlow Trails, and descriptions and pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, go to portludlowhikingclub.com.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



The new Creek View Loop trail with its steward Jeff Sarantopulos.
Photo by Larry Scott

On March 7, just before my writing this April edition of "Trail Mix," Trails was the guest recipient of the SBCA Bay Club's First Friday Breakfast largesse. These fundraising breakfasts are held monthly in support of various local organizations. Trails had some "tools of the trade" on display, a continuously-running PowerPoint of "Trails Activity Over the Years," and over a hundred 8 1/2 x 11 photo placemats on the tables. The placemats were meant to entertain folks new to the area and to encourage seasoned Port Ludlow residents to actively search for a placemat that had their own picture on it from when they had helped out on Trails, or simply to reminisce. All in all, it was a very good turnout with something beyond 70 participants, at least that was the early count provided. Trails wants to thank the SBCA board and all who attended; support like this is always appreciated.

What else for Trails? Well, the long wait for the Creek View Loop trail (CVL) is over. By the time you read this, all the parts should be in place for a grand opening, that is, if some parts of the McCormick Rail trail will dry out. We were delayed in opening the CVL trail for various reasons:

we wanted the bridge across Ludlow Creek to be built (that's done); we wanted some signage (both directional and interpretive) up before opening (that's done); and we wanted four seating benches in place (being installed this coming week—fingers crossed) for viewing the creek in all its twisting, natural glory. With or without the “Grand Opening Ceremony,” the CVL is hikeable, even if a bit muddy on the McCormick Rail trail return leg. Access is off the Interpretive Trail a short distance after crossing the first bridge close to the arch and entrance garden.

Next, Trails will be heavily involved with the usual spring maintenance of mowing and trying to keep some of the side growth from reclaiming the trail and crowding hikers with salmonberries or grabbing them with their prickles. Once we can relax from that, it will be on to the new Springboard trail development. Never a lack of things to do on a “Fun Day” with good weather and camaraderie.

If you would like to help, send me an e-mail. “*Let's Keep Improving our Trails*” mclgscott@cablespeed.com.

Chipping 101

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC



Mancill demonstrating a chip from a downhill lie. Submitted photo

eye on the variety of shots being played from around the greens. You will see low running shots, high lob shots and other precise spinning chips and pitches that grab after a bounce or two and trickle to the hole. These shots are carefully planned out and most certainly will be affected by the lie of the ball as well as the circumstances and nerve of the player.

This month the Masters Golf Tournament is going to be played at the Augusta National Golf Club, signaling for many the arrival of spring. To win the Masters green jacket, a player will need to be in full control of their entire game, and most importantly, their emotions. Players will need to be able to recover from some very severe spots on the course, and most notably, around the treacherous greens.

If you watch the tournament, keep a close

So, what can we learn when watching the best players in the world facing the most demanding conditions? Take note of how they use those slopes to their advantage when chipping and pitching around the greens. On upslopes, they will generally play a higher lofted shot with spin while on downslopes, you'll see lower shots that may release and roll out a little more. In each case, the player is swinging with the slope, not into it. In the photo, I am demonstrating a chip from a downhill lie. You will notice the very low follow-through which produced a low flying chip that rolled out toward the hole.

Having a short game that you can count on goes a long way towards becoming more consistent and lowering your scores. To become more consistent around the greens, the most important thing to remember is to set up with your shoulders in line with the slope you are on. This sets you up to “swing with the slope,” not into it. Cleaner contact will lead to more up and down.

Practice:

Instead of chipping with a basket of balls and going to different cups, let's practice what really matters, distance control and hitting a spot.

- Grab five balls and something to use as a target. A headcover, a towel or maybe even your glove.
- Set your golf balls on a spot to chip from and identify a landing spot that you would like to chip to.
- Put your “target” on that spot and instead of trying to chip to it, have your chip land on the target.
- Practice from different lies and distances and start to notice how the focus of a real target can help you plan your shot for more success.

Good chippers see the spot they want the ball to land on and based on the club used can control the amount it runs afterwards. Try this easy game to make practice more fun and start transforming your short game. Go out there and have fun and I'll see you on the trails!

Keeping Ludlow Bay Beautiful

by Frederick T. Ensman, PLYC Port Captain

I'm certain that if you are reading this article, you already know about Port Ludlow's breathtaking beauty. It is nothing short of an inspiration for me and so many others. As a boy spending time with my family in the area through the 1970s, if you would have asked me about eagles

and hawks, I would have told you we didn't have them here. How exciting to see them return and thrive in such numbers. Ecological success is evident in sport fishing as well. Although I don't expect to see salmon and crab as plentiful as they were fifty years ago, I believe I have seen an increase from ten years ago.

As someone who walks the docks of the Port Ludlow Marina on nearly a daily basis, I was very excited this past spring to see the plethora of baitfish in Ludlow Bay. I thought to myself, "What an excellent sign of ecological wellness!" It also got me excited for salmon season. Conversely, when I was walking the docks this past December, I was shocked at the amount of Styrofoam floating where the baitfish had been the previous spring, and it was enough to stop me in my tracks. Most of it was very small particle stuff, as if bigger pieces had broken down, or the kind of thing you would find in a beanbag chair. There were some Styrofoam "peanut-size" pieces as well. I believe this was primarily the result of the fall runoffs, as the majority has since subsided.

I immediately started asking myself how this could have happened and who should be notified. I remembered that a piece of furniture that was recently shipped to us arrived in a box that had clearly sat in a warehouse for a time. I thought I was wise opening the box outside to not make a mess inside, but when I tried to lift the Styrofoam packing material out of the box, it literally disintegrated in my hands and made a mess in the driveway. I went for a broom and dustpan, but the wind came up, and despite my best efforts, I'm sure at least a handful blew away. As we all know, there are few things that float better than Styrofoam, and living close to the water as so many of us do, I would guess at least 90 percent of that washed down into Ludlow Bay. I've started paying attention, and I've realized I drop Styrofoam all the time. Every time I change the water in our hot tub, I remove a wall which is insulated with Styrofoam, and every time, a few "bits" fall on the ground. Even carrying bags of Styrofoam to the car to be recycled typically results in small pieces of Styrofoam on the ground. Tragically, I have to report that I was probably responsible for two handfuls worth of Styrofoam in Ludlow Bay last year. Can you imagine what a mess we would make if every Port Ludlow resident threw two handfuls of Styrofoam in Ludlow Bay?

As the Port Captain of the Port Ludlow Yacht Club (PLYC), I decided I was in as good a position as anyone to address this concern, and even if we only made a small difference, it was worth it. I met with PLYC members and included our phenomenal Port Ludlow Marina Manager, Kori Ward. We discussed efforts already being made which are clearly

evident and impressive. Kori and her staff employ a variety of best management practices, which made them one of the first marinas in Washington State to be recognized by the Clean Marina Washington program in which, "marinas assess their operations and make improvements to better protect the environment."

At our meeting, concerns were raised regarding people dumping yard waste in our bay. Boaters described boating through large collections of grass trimmings floating in the water, and even tree branches. This includes yard waste and trimmings dumped into the creeks and streams that feed into Ludlow Bay. I can understand where someone might think it's okay given it is all stuff that will naturally decompose, but in actuality it can be very harmful to marine life. The fertilizers in the yard waste aren't the only harmful thing. Yard waste naturally contains significant nitrogen which increases water temperatures and depletes the oxygen available in the water. Obviously, this can have a detrimental impact on marine life.

As a group, we decided that the number one thing we could do, in addition to increasing our own personal vigilance, was to raise awareness in our community. Although we believe the residents of Port Ludlow to be an extremely environmentally conscientious group of people, we also believe there is room for all of us to improve. We will be placing flyers in conspicuous places throughout the "neighborhood," reminding visitors and residents alike to pitch in and help keep Port Ludlow beautiful. These flyers will include best practice tips like "open your boxes containing Styrofoam inside where you can control the mess," or "composting is an excellent alternative to dumping yard waste in Ludlow Bay or its surrounding waters." Please join us in renewing our commitment to personal vigilance as well as encouraging vigilance in others with respect to the ecological wellness of Ludlow Bay.

We are discussing other concerns and options for intervening with regards to ecological health. During our meeting, the group felt it was important that we hear from you. I'm sure many readers of this article have recognized additional concerns and maybe have some great ideas for addressing them. We want to hear from you, so please email us at portcapt1@plyc.us. I cannot promise to reply to every email, but I can promise that your emails will be read and brought before our group for consideration.

Finally, a special thank you to all those people who go above and beyond to keep Port Ludlow beautiful! It was inspiring to read last month's *Port Ludlow Voice* and know that there are people like Dr. Ann volunteering her personal time. We also found the "Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, Recycle" article to be of great value.

Niners' News

by Kathleen Traci, Niners' Publicity Chairperson

The Port Ludlow (PL) Niners Men and Lady Niners, who play 9 holes of competitive golf weekly, are looking forward to a great 2025 season. On March 27, member Turney Oswald invited all Niners to a 12:30 pm social at the Sand Trap Café. This gave current members the opportunity to renew friendships and welcome new Niners members. Members also had their questions answered regarding the coming season.

The 2025 Niners Cocktail Party, scheduled for **Thursday, April 3** at the Sand Trap Café, is for Niners League members as well as their spouses and friends. Barb Burke, Niners' Captain, will welcome Niners members and high-light events of the coming season. Throughout the season, the Niners Men will precede the Lady Niners on the course and the league will alternate between the front and back nine. Niners Couples' events are planned for the fourth Thursday of each month. The Ludlow tees will be featured in games throughout the season. The length of the course is significantly shortened when teeing off from the Ludlow tees and allows members to practice their short games. Opening day is **Thursday, April 10**.

The Port Ludlow Golf Course's Golf Genius Scheduling Program will be used for Niners' event sign-ups. This computer program has been used successfully for the past 5 years by the Port Ludlow Golf Leagues, and also calculates individual golf statistics for members, including eclectic scores for the season.

The Niners' \$35 membership fee includes a Washington State Golf Association (WSGA) membership, which allows members to have a Golf Handicap & Information Network (GHIN) handicap. The WSGA updates members' handicaps and periodically e-mails updates to members. Individual e-mail addresses are needed for this service. The Niners collects additional minimal funds for weekly prizes. The Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) Pro Shop collects Thursday's score cards, enters the members' scores into Golf Genius, and deposits the winnings into the winning players' PLGC accounts, allowing members to purchase PLGC merchandise.

Prospective Niners members should contact the PLGC Pro Shop desk for league information. The Niners Men and Lady Niners invite prospective members to join the group for 9 holes of play any Thursday and PLGC membership is not required to join the Niners this season.

PLWGA League News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson

The Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) is an 18-hole Women's League led by Captain Sharon Russell with support provided by Co-Captain Linda Aho, Secretary Carol Fett, and Treasurer Linda Haskin. The PLWGA League's Opening Day will be on **Tuesday, April 8**. Two emailed invitations were sent to all active and social members. Members need to sign up for the luncheon at Sue Fechner's home and/or a 9-hole round of golf. League members Peggy Selby and Mandy Whipple are providing a delightful luncheon that will feature an exciting white elephant golf-themed gift exchange.

During the season, the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC) Pro Shop collects the Tuesday score cards, enters members' scores into the Golf Genius Scheduling Program, and deposits the winnings into the winning players' PLGC accounts. Golf Genius will again be used for all PLWGA event sign-ups. This computer program calculates individual golf statistics for members, including eclectic scores for the season. The Washington State Golf Association (WSGA) membership (included with PL Golf Course Membership fees) updates members' handicaps.

Turney Oswald, 2025 PLWGA Tournament Chairperson is currently confirming tournament dates with PLGC Pro Jim Mancill. Linda Haskin, coordinator of the 2025 Handbook, will distribute the handbook on Opening Day. The first tournament of the season is the Captain's Cup Tournament. The chairpersons of this tournament will address questions regarding the tournament's format changes on Opening Day. The Gals Getaway is tentatively scheduled for June and Captain Russell is working on Play Away dates and destinations.

PLWGA Casual Golf continued November 2024 through March 2025 (Tuesdays, Thursdays). A big thank you to former League Captain Linda Haskin for utilizing Golf Genius to organize Casual Golf for the past five months. Member news will be posted on the PLWGA bulletin board in the PLGC women's locker room and distributed by email.

Prospective PLWGA members may contact the PLGC Pro Shop for information about the league and they are invited to join the group on any Tuesday Play Day. Lastly, PLGC membership is not required for participation in the PLWGA.

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