

The background of the cover is a photograph of a garden in autumn. In the foreground, there is a bush with large, lobed leaves in shades of red, orange, and yellow. Behind it, tall, feathery grasses in a golden-brown hue are blowing in the wind. The background is filled with dense green foliage.

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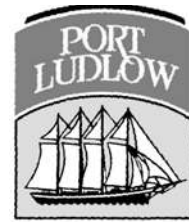
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# News & Community

## Is an End to the Print Version of the *Voice* at Hand?

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

Dear Readers, you would have to be deaf, dumb and blind not to know that volunteers in our community are—like the rhinos—almost extinct. At least the rhinos have an excuse, they are being poached mercilessly. What has happened to the volunteers? I'm not a sociologist so I don't really know. I'm sure it is a complex set of circumstances like most of the world's problems. Dare I say that the feeling is "let someone else do it?"

What I do know is that the print edition of the *Port Ludlow Voice* is on life support.

We are losing the talents and energies of our final proofreader, copy editor, and layout staff member. We have not had a North Bay editor, South Bay editor, or PLVC editor for over a year. Our classified ad manager, display ad manager, and distribution manager have been wearing several hats for several years. Our stellar proofreading staff is down to six or seven souls who gamely say yes again and again—much more often than they should have to.

If you are one of the many people who tell me, "I love the *Voice*! I so look forward to getting it and reading it cover to cover." I have advice for you. Volunteer.

As I write this, we are in the process of putting job descriptions for the open positions online. Please take a look and see which one matches your interest or skill set. Existing volunteers are MORE than happy to train you, as I have said more times than I can count.

Time marches on, things change, maybe it's time to put out a *Voice* with an RIP on the cover. As I edited this month's articles, I was so moved by some of them. How will you know about the stellar food program that is going on in the Chimacum schools? Who will tell you about their many years of medical experience and what vaccines mean to our children and grandchildren? How will you know about the upcoming art shows and holiday concerts and plays? Are we the only way you get your community news? I doubt that, but it is a wonderful, single source for so much that happens in our community.

Please give it some thought and find your way to the link for the job descriptions on our web page [plvoice.org](http://plvoice.org). Send

your thoughts about keeping the print version of the *Voice* alive to [editor@plvoice.org](mailto:editor@plvoice.org).

Surely you have a few hours each month to keep a community institution alive? We want to hear from you—no, we NEED to hear from you.

## First Wednesday Luncheon

by Stephanie Buehler, Guest Writer

On **Wednesday, November 5**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., please join us at the Beach Club to hear a very timely presentation on a way to address the affordable housing crisis in Jefferson County. Bayside Housing & Services provides housing, advocacy and human services supporting social and economic independence. Come and learn how this non-profit encourages civic participation among residents, guests, family members, students, and the broader community to play an active role in helping individuals and families find and maintain permanent housing, fostering a sense of inclusion and support.

Our luncheon has supported the Jefferson County Food Bank Association for over 50 years, with donations made by each attendee every month. Through our monthly programs, we also strive to educate and entertain our community as well as provide a venue for neighbors to meet and get to know one another. Luncheons alternate each month between the Beach and Bay Clubs.

This month is a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch). Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided. To help with room set-up, we ask you to please RSVP by **Monday, November 3**, to [firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com](mailto:firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com), or sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club. This is a courtesy to our volunteers as well as the Club's staff.

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. Food donations must be unopened, undamaged, and unexpired—such as condiments, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, boxed pasta, etc.

And come prepared to participate in our monthly raffle to win some fun prizes. Raffle money also helps support the Food Bank.

Be sure to mark your calendar for **Wednesday, December 3**, when First Wednesday Luncheon will jump-start your holiday celebration with the Choral Belles singing new and much-loved traditional holiday songs. The luncheon will be held at the Bay Club, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., with special holiday raffle prizes. As has become tradition, we'll be serving a lovely lunch, prepared by many volunteers, and it's therefore very important that we get RSVPs in by **Friday, November 28**.

## Dine and Discover “Discovers” the Naval Undersea Museum

*by Allan and Nancy Kiesler, Guest Writers*

Many of us have had the experience of watching a submarine travel through the opened Hood Canal Bridge while we waited in our car for the bridge to open. For some, this has prompted thoughts about the undersea environment, submarine weaponry, and other aspects of life in a submarine. These topics and others like deep sea diving and submariner rescue are addressed at the US Naval Undersea Museum which is in Keyport, WA. On **Monday, December 1**, 5:30 p.m., Ted Ross, a South Bay resident and volunteer at the Naval Undersea Museum, will provide a detailed look at the Museum and all that it has to offer its visitors. Please join us for this fascinating presentation.

Sign-up sheets will be available by **Friday, November 7**, at both the Beach and the Bay Club. This event will be at the Bay Club and is open to North and South Bay members and their guests. Doors open at 5:30 but those bringing an appetizer should arrive 10 minutes early. Please bring a dish that will serve 8-10 people and put a note on your dish if it contains any of the following allergens: wheat, soy, eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, or shellfish. You will also need to bring your place setting (plates, napkins, eating utensils, glasses), placemats if desired and a plastic bag to put your dirty dishes in to take home. We provide coffee/tea/water but if you would prefer something else, you're welcome to bring your beverage of choice. Admission is \$5 per person payable at the door. This covers the cost of the facility, coffee/tea, banquet permit and the honorarium we provide the speaker. If you sign up but are unable to attend, please let us know as no-shows can significantly affect the food selection. Questions or suggestions—call us at 360-437-8091. We hope to see you there along with a friend who has yet to experience Dine and Discover.

## Port Ludlow Garden Club Presents: Natural Landscaping

The Garden Club is pleased to present Mr. Joe Holtrop, District Manager for the Jefferson County Conservation District, who will share his expertise on Natural Landscaping in local counties and particularly in the Port Ludlow area. Natural Landscaping mimics the beauty of nature in function and appearance while giving the opportunity to individualize the look of your home.

Joe will share basic design principles to help you create a landscape that is green—not just in appearance—but also in its environmental impact. He will share information about native plants, dense plantings, color palettes, soil, and water. His tips on how to achieve the results you desire can help you meet your garden goals for all four seasons.

Our speaker completed a Bachelor of Science in Landscape Architecture and a Master's degree in Adult and Continuing Education at Washington State University, and a Master's of Landscape Architecture degree from the University of Michigan. In the mid 1980s he served in the Peace Corps in Nepal, and again in the 1990s, he served in the Peace Corps in Argentina and Guatemala.

Joe has worked in local conservation districts for 31 years and began conducting landscape workshops in Clallam County in 1989. For the past 4 ½ years, he has served the population of Jefferson County,

This event will be held at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, November 12**, at 11 a.m. The Garden Club is open to all local area residents. Because seating is limited, members and guests must RSVP five days prior to the event. Guests are welcome with a \$5 donation and those without an RSVP will be admitted if seating is available. Refreshments are complimentary. RSVP to [portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com](mailto:portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com).

## November at the Jefferson County Library District

November is here! As fall colors fade and winter settles in, it's time to be thankful for warm drinks, good books, and cozy places. Your library is the perfect spot to escape the chill and find comfort. Visit [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info) to see the full details about this month's programs.

Get ready for winter at November's Emergency Preparedness workshop. Join us on **Tuesday, November 4**, from 10:30 a.m. – noon. Guest speakers from Jefferson PUD and Jefferson County Public Works will share advice

on preparing for power outages, snow, ice, and other winter problems. Visit [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info) to register for the program.

Meet at the library on **Wednesday, November 5**, from 2 – 3 p.m. for an important talk about hospice. Jill Newsome, RN and Certified Grief Counselor at Jefferson Healthcare Hospice will explain what hospice is, who can use it, and when to request hospice services. She'll also answer questions from the audience.

Don't miss The Friends of the Library Autumn Book Sale on **Saturday, November 8**, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Support the Library District while you shop for gently used books, audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs. The sale will take place in the Hagen Building next to the library. We thank you for your generosity!

Celebrate the season of giving with the Library District's *Homes for the Holidays* program. Build a tasty candy house using sweet, edible materials, then bring your finished piece to the library for our holiday display. Need supplies? Starting **Wednesday, November 12**, we will have a small number of supply kits available. Each kit has everything you need to make two graham-cracker houses. Your house must fit on an 8.5 x 11-inch sheet and be brought to the library by **Wednesday, December 10**. Join us for our Annual Holiday Open House on **Thursday, December 18**, 3 – 6 p.m. to enjoy the complete display.

Build with LEGO bricks at the library! Meet on **Thursday, November 13**, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. to make LEGO creations in a friendly, creative space. Each LEGO session has fun activities that help practice working together and solving problems. This program is designed for children ages 7 to 11, but everyone is welcome to join. The Winter Read begins **Monday, November 17**! Kids and teens can read books chosen by librarians and teachers, then track their progress at [cleoreads.beanstack.com](http://cleoreads.beanstack.com) or with a paper tracker from the library. Complete the list for a chance to win a gift card to a local bookstore.

Storytime for Toddlers and Preschoolers is held every Monday at 10:30 a.m. Join us at the library for stories, songs, and fun movements to help spark a love of reading and learning. Storytime is for toddlers and preschoolers, but all family members are welcome. Storytime takes place in the Humphrey Room near the Children's Area.

Find the Jefferson County Library at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or help, call 360-385-6544 or email [information@jclibrary.info](mailto:information@jclibrary.info). Visit [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info) for complete event details and our program calendar.

## Library Book Sale Set for November 8



Winter is closing in fast, and now is the time to get stocked up on reading material and DVDs for those rainy days and chilly nights—and at bargain prices.

The Friends of the Jefferson County Library will have an extensive array of reading material and entertainment media on display at their fall book sale, to be held rain or shine, on **Saturday, November 8**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 620 Cedar Ave., Port Hadlock.

Hundreds of books across many genres will be available for purchase, with most hardback books priced at \$1, DVD movies at \$1 per disc, and pocket paperbacks and children's books costing only 50 cents. All proceeds from the sale go directly to the Jefferson County Library to support programs and services that are beyond the scope of its annual budget.

The Friends' book sales, held three times annually, "are a great opportunity to mingle with our neighbors and find some special buys—especially this close to the holidays," said Dale Hagen, president of the library's support group of volunteers. "We urge our book-loving friends in Port Ludlow to get in on this opportunity."

Shoppers can also get a first crack at the many publishing treasures. Members of the Friends of the Jefferson County Library are allowed to enter the sale at 9:30 a.m., a half-hour before the general public. The cost of membership is just \$10 per person, which can easily pay for itself in those first 30 minutes of shopping. New members can join at the book sale or in advance at [friendsjcl.org](http://friendsjcl.org) (click on "Join Us.") Memberships and book sale purchases may be made by cash, check, or credit card.

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Books and media for sale are primarily drawn from donations to the library. For this year's fall sale, the Friends will have a particularly strong array of cookbooks and art books, according to Claire Noland, a Friends volunteer who directs the sale.

Other categories include contemporary fiction, literary classics, biography and memoir, gardening, travel, spirituality, poetry and general nonfiction. There will also be a selection of music CDs (\$1 per disc) and books on CD (\$2 per title.)

Consider circling back to the sale in the late afternoon for even greater savings. Beginning at 2 p.m., the Friends will conduct their ever-popular bag sale. Bring a shopping bag (some will be provided), fill it to the brim with books and take home the whole lot for \$5.

The Friends' book sales are so popular that sometimes the library's parking lot can fill up. Be advised that there is overflow parking next door at Chimacum Creek Primary School, 313 Ness Corner Road, with easy access to the library through a pedestrian gate in the fence.

The Friends also maintain a used-book shop inside the library that is accessible during regular business hours. Holiday titles will be available in late November.

## Martha's Book Group - *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*

A young Roman Catholic priest is dispatched by his Bishop to an indigenous village in British Columbia. There he learns the critical lessons of life from his parishioners and the meaning of what awaits him when the owl calls his name. Margaret Craven's 1967 novel, *I Heard the Owl Call My Name*, was released in Canada to great acclaim. Six years later it was published in the United States and catapulted to number one on the *New York Times* Bestseller List. That same year it was made into a television movie.

Join us on **Tuesday, November 11**, at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club to discuss why this book resonated with so many then, and if it would have the same appeal today.

Martha's Book Group meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place. Contact Sarah Schuch at [bookclub@plvoice.org](mailto:bookclub@plvoice.org) for additional information.

December's book selection is *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon.

## 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.

### September Alarms

|                                |            |
|--------------------------------|------------|
| Fires.....                     | 5          |
| Rescue/Emergency Medical ..... | 345        |
| Good Intent .....              | 31         |
| Hazardous Conditions .....     | 3          |
| False Alarms .....             | 27         |
| Service Call .....             | 97         |
| <b>Total Alarms</b>            | <b>508</b> |

### Ambulance Transports

|                                   |     |
|-----------------------------------|-----|
| 911 Transports.....               | 233 |
| Hospital Requested Transport..... | 0   |
| Non Transports.....               | 134 |

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| <b>CARES Contacts.....</b> | <b>156</b> |
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## When and When *NOT* To Call 911

Calling 911 is for emergencies only: an event causing an immediate threat to life or property or creating conditions that could worsen or become life-threatening if not addressed immediately. Emergencies include a fire, a crime in progress or newly discovered, or a medical crisis.

If you are unsure how serious an incident is, do not hesitate to call 911. But if you need to report something to law enforcement that is not an emergency, call Jeffcom's 24-hour non-emergency line at 360-344-9779.

Power outages, potholes, vehicle lockouts, dead animals, snowy roads, traffic backups, bridge closures and the like should not be reported on a 911 call. Other agencies take care of those issues directly.

Contact Jefferson County Public Works about county roads at 360-385-0890 or go to [bit.ly/jeffcoroadproblemreport](http://bit.ly/jeffcoroadproblemreport). For adverse road conditions in the City of Port Townsend call 360-379-5096.

For information concerning the Hood Canal bridge, go to [wsdot.com/travel/real-time/hoodcanalbridgestatus](http://wsdot.com/travel/real-time/hoodcanalbridgestatus).

For information about ferries go to [wsdot.wa.gov/travel/Washington-state-ferries](http://wsdot.wa.gov/travel/Washington-state-ferries) or call 206-464-6400

To report power outages, call Jefferson County PUD at 360-385-5800 or visit [jeffpud.org/outage-info](http://jeffpud.org/outage-info).

More information can be found at [jeffcom911.us/when-to-call](http://jeffcom911.us/when-to-call).

## Candidates Sought for Port Ludlow Drainage District



The Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) is soliciting interested PLDD property owners to run for a six-year Commissioner term from 2026-2032. The elected Commissioner shall receive \$161 per diem for attendance at official meetings or in performance of other official services or duties. The candidate should be familiar with Revised Code of Washington (RCW85.38) [app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=85.38](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=85.38) and all its sections, as well as the operations and management of the Port Ludlow Drainage District which can be found at [PLDD.org](http://PLDD.org).

To be a candidate for PLDD Commissioner:

1. Register with the Jefferson County Auditor Office from **December 8-12**.
2. You must own property in the Port Ludlow Drainage District.
3. You must be a registered voter in the State of Washington.
4. You are not required to live within the boundaries of the PLDD.

The following dates are critically important for candidates filing for the six-year term (2026 -2032) for PLDD Commissioner 1.

- **December 8 through 12**  
Candidate Filing Period  
[app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=29a.24.131](http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=29a.24.131)

Withdrawal of candidacy - A candidate may withdraw the candidate's declaration of candidacy at any time before 5 p.m. on the Monday following the last day for candidates to file.

- **December 16**  
Candidate may be presumed elected if unopposed.
- **February 3, 2026**  
Elections conducted if multiple candidates running for term of Commissioner.

Important Sections in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) for Candidate Eligibility:

“RCW 85.38.070 Governing board... Qualifications. ... (3) ...Any voter of a special district may become a candidate for such a position by filing written notice of this intention with the county auditor at least thirty, but not more than sixty, days before a special district general election...”

“RCW 85.38.010 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter:

‘Governing body’ means the board of commissioners, ... of a special district.

‘Owner of land’ means the record owner of at least a majority ownership interest in a separate and legally created lot or parcel of land, as determined by the records of the county auditor, except that if the lot or parcel has been sold under a real estate contract, the vendee or grantee shall be deemed to be the owner of such land for purposes of authorizing voting rights. It is assumed, unless shown otherwise, that the name appearing as the owner of property on the property tax rolls is the current owner.

‘Qualified voter of a special district’ means a person who is either: (a) A natural person who is a voter under general state election laws, registered to vote in the state of Washington for a period of not less than thirty days before the election, and the owner of land located in the special district for a period of not less than thirty days before the election; (b) a corporation or partnership that has owned land located in the special district for a period of not less than sixty days before the election; or (c) the state, its agencies or political subdivisions that own land in the special district or lands proposed to be annexed into the special district except that the state, its agencies and political subdivisions shall not be eligible to vote to elect a member of the governing board of a special district.”

## Meet Your Firefighters

*by Ron Dawson, EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer*



Meet Lieutenant Gavin Rogers, firefighter and EMT with East Jefferson Fire Rescue. He has been a firefighter since 2003. He started as a volunteer out of college, and became part of the team in Port Townsend, so has served the department for twenty-two years. He says he has seen the department make many changes, as it has grown and merged with other departments, like Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue.

Gavin is from Port Townsend, where he lives with his family. His wife is Kara, and they have two boys, Treigan who is fourteen, and Rylan who is ten. When away from the job Gavin likes to spend time with his family; he is a high school football coach and has been president of the East Jefferson Little League baseball organization. He operates a carpet cleaning business in Port Townsend. He also dabbles in rebuilding motorcycles.

He decided to become a firefighter when he developed an interest as a child seeing the equipment and hearing the sirens on the equipment. Recognizing that he could help the community and enjoy the work, he set out on his career. Gavin says that when you are helping people, you can go home at night feeling good about what you do.

The thing that he likes best about his job is helping people—for example, administering CPR to someone in need. He is often serving people who he knows personally as a fellow community member. When people show up after an incident to personally thank him for what he has done, that makes the job special. The hardest part is seeing when people have a major loss in a fire, like their home, and when kids are involved in serious accidents.

Something Gavin said was new news to me. Firefighters have a shorter life span by about ten years due to stress on the job, exposure to smoke and chemicals, and being exposed to trauma in the community. So, staying healthy is an important priority.

Gavin says that he is an open book and is particularly appreciative of the relationships that he has with his peers which help him enjoy his job.

## Cultivating Curiosity: From Pumpkins to Pizza in the Chimacum School Garden



With school back in session, students at Chimacum are busy exploring their school gardens, tasting the bounty of summer, preparing exciting new recipes, and nourishing their bodies with scratch-cooked, school-made meals using locally grown food. And teachers are busy planning field

trips to farms and food producers in the Chimacum Valley.

The Garden program is a partnership between the nonprofit Community Wellness Project and Chimacum School District, with funding support from the NOAA Ocean Guardians program, community organizations, and individual donors. Each week students from preschool through 6th grade spend time in school gardens learning how to plant, cultivate, harvest, prepare, and taste fresh food, as well as learning about the watershed, ecosystem, and natural cycles that support food production.

Soon second graders will be harvesting the pumpkins they planted last spring and learning about all the ways we can prepare and enjoy squash. Some will get to visit Dharma



Ridge's U-Pick pumpkin patch at Glendale Farm.

Recently third graders prepared and tasted Caprese Salad, using vine-ripened tomatoes donated by the Organic Seed Alliance, school-grown basil, and fresh mozzarella. They practiced their knife skills, talked about culinary traditions, and challenged themselves to try new things. One student had this to say: "I've never tasted anything like this and I'm almost crying, it tastes so good!"

Fourth graders will be tending to their Healing Garden, a welcoming garden of native edible and medicinal plants. Fifth graders will be caring for a hedge of native shrubs that provide pollinator habitat as well as a windbreak for their vegetable garden. And as the culminating project for the elementary garden years, sixth grade students will spend the year learning about what it takes to make pizza from start to finish. Sixth graders learn all about planting, growing, harvesting, milling, baking, and tasting locally grown grains finishing with a field trip to Chimacum Grainery. They then take their knowledge back to school where they make and eat their own wood-fired pizzas!

By providing students with an opportunity to grow and eat local food, we know they develop a deeper sense of connection to community, and a lasting sense of place. If you'd like to support this program, please visit [jccwp.org/](http://jccwp.org/)

## Port Ludlow Tangle Club News



The Port Ludlow Tangle Club will meet **Thursday, November 13**, at the Bay Club from 1 – 3 p.m. 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, one unhurried stroke at a time. In November Certified Zentangle Teacher Alice Clive will continue a two-part series focused on botanical tangles. If you missed Part 1 in September, don't worry. These meetings are stand-alone and do not build on one another. There will be a November supply kit available for a nominal fee; RSVP to obtain a complete list of other supplies you might want to bring. Beginner kits for those who are new to the Method will be available for \$5. To RSVP, contact Alice at [foureyes22@outlook.com](mailto:foureyes22@outlook.com).

And a heads up! There will be a special bonus meeting in December. Mark your calendars now for **Thursday, December 11**—and plan to have fun with some holiday tangling; plus refreshments and door prizes!

Even more special: Club members have voted to begin meeting monthly beginning in January 2026! Stay tuned for coming details!

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# Features & Stories

## On Behalf of the Children

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

As a retired pediatrician who began his career in 1975, I feel compelled to provide my perspective on childhood immunizations from one who has treated children infected with the diseases for which vaccines were developed. The pathogens which caused these illnesses are not extinct nor are they less contagious but are held in check because there are fewer human hosts to allow them to proliferate. Children are the most vulnerable because their immune systems mature slowly and are unable to mount an adequate response.

In 1975 the only mandated vaccinations were DPT (diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus) and MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella). DPT was given at 2, 4, and 6 months with a booster at 4-6 years, and TD booster at 14-16 years. MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) was administered once at age 15 months. Infectious diseases such as pneumonia, meningitis, epiglottitis, and bacterial sepsis, were the leading causes of childhood mortality and the most feared by pediatricians. Although there were antibiotics which were effective in destroying these pathogens, in many cases they were not successful in stemming the tide of overwhelming sepsis or preventing permanent neurological sequelae in cases of meningitis. The early symptoms were often subtle and not cause for alarm until it was too late. For a young physician early into my career, these losses are not forgotten.

I joined the U.S. Public Health Service as a Commissioned Corp physician assigned to the Indian Health Service and accepted a position at Alaska Native Hospital in Bethel, Alaska. Bethel is a town on the Kuskokwim River in south-central Alaska about 50 miles from the Kuskokwim Bay and the Bering Sea. The hospital there served the 55 villages located on the Bering Sea coast and the banks of the Yukon and Kuskokwim Rivers. The people we served were Central Yupik Eskimos and Upper Kuskokwim Athabascans. Yupik and Kolchan were their primary languages and English their secondary.

During my three years as a primary care physician and four years as an epidemiologist with the Centers for Disease Control Alaskan Research Center, I was confronted with the endemic diseases unique to this population. Included among these was bacterial meningitis caused by the organism *Haemophilus influenza type B*, Hib.

It was the primary cause of bacterial meningitis for all children in the U.S. under two years of age. The rate among Yupik Eskimo children exceeded the national incidence by several hundred-fold. This high rate of endemicity was also seen among another native American group, the Navajos, in the southwest.

The challenges in managing such a devastating disease were compounded in an environment where most of the population resided in villages at significant distances from the hospital without a contiguous road system. Residents came to Bethel by boat or float plane in the summer and by snow machine or plane on skis in the winter. All the villages had a community health aide who resided in the village and had been trained to perform a history and physical exam and report these findings by short wave radio to the hospital. The community health aides learned to recognize the early signs of meningitis and made referrals to the hospital.

The physicians with whom I worked had completed a year of post-graduate training and opted for some experience before going on to residency training. In being posted to this remote site, they were provided additional training at the Alaska Native Medical Center in Anchorage in anesthesia, surgery, and obstetrics which gave them the tools to perform limited emergency surgeries and c-sections. I was the one who had completed a residency and was board-qualified at that time to serve as the pediatrician.

We met the challenges of caring for these children locally because of the dedicated efforts of every health professional on the staff: physicians, aides, nurses, pharmacists, and laboratory technicians. Every one of them performed at their level of expertise and beyond. In these cases, accurate diagnosis and immediate treatment was essential. We had to draw cultures from the blood and spinal fluid and obtain an intravenous access in a young child in the early stages of shock. Once the child was taken from the mother's arms, every member of the team needed to be ready. The nursing staff bore the brunt of monitoring the child during the first 48 critical hours and throughout their 10-day course of treatment. We did not have the option of transferring our patients 450 miles to Anchorage.

Three years of caring for these children during their illness and managing the neurological sequelae which included loss of hearing and seizure disorders impressed upon me the toll this disease exacted on the children, their parents,

and on the health care system. It was not enough to have antibiotics to treat these children. In this vulnerable population living in this unforgiving environment, preventing meningitis was more critical than just being able to treat it.

Part 2 of *On Behalf of the Children* will discuss how a vaccine was developed to prevent this devastating disease. By working with the epidemiologists at the Arctic Investigations Program in Anchorage, I learned that vaccines are developed as a result of the combined efforts of scientists in the fields of microbiology, immunology, epidemiology, and public health.

## The Orca's Order

by E.C. Haskell, Staff Writer

The ocean lies calm around us, blues and greens, shifting shadows, glinting in the morning sun. We're drifting with a steady breeze, our sail full and taut. I'm almost sleeping, lost in a daydream, when Huckleberry leaps from my lap.

His claws dig into my thigh, the equivalent of an electric shock. Jolted from my reverie, I watch as he scrabbles onto the teak deck. Tail high, he makes a beeline for the bow. A soft whine trails behind him.

"Come back, Huck!" I yell after him.

He pays no heed. No surprise there. A small sheltie who I rescued from a hoarding situation several years ago, Huckleberry has a mind of his own. And a will to match. I open my mouth to call again, but Huck's stopped cold at the tip of the bow. He hunkers down, staring forward, shivering. Huck is no coward, and no fool either. That shiver means trouble.

Leaning on the tiller, I bring our 20-foot Flicka into the wind, then jigger the sail so we stall, backwinded. I jump up and head for the bow.

Without warning, a sudden wind whips my ponytail sideways across my cheek. The boat shimmies sideways. I gasp and flatten myself on teak. The mainsail rockets across the cockpit, missing my head by inches. The mast shrieks its disapproval.

The wind has shifted, enough to jibe the sail. I'm lucky the mast hasn't broken, to say nothing of my head. I look to Huck. He hasn't budged.

But the mainsail's jawing, jiggling the boat like a penny arcade. That needs my attention. I crawl back to the tiller, pulling on sheets to trim the sail. Once that's done, I grab my binoculars, skimming the water.

At first, I see only dancing waves. Then the shimmer of a porpoise, moving fast. It bounds from the waves, only to dive deep, disappearing. A gull cries overhead. I scan to starboard.

A black dorsal fin appears, then vanishes, replaced by a black and white tail rising, up and up, a tower of pure muscle. Without warning, it flips against the ocean's surface, sending seawater stinging in my eyes.

My breath lets go with a whoosh.

"Orca," I whisper. Then raise my voice. "Huck! Come!"

This time he listens, scurrying across the deck, pressing his little body against mine, still shaking.

I scan the waters, but the orca's disappeared. I find myself counting the seconds, wondering when, and how, the whale, a female by the shape of her fin, might reappear.

It's not even a minute, when that incredible creature—as long as the boat and far faster—shoots through the ocean's surface, water drops glistening like diamonds around her.

Huck and I huddle closer together, watching as she dives again. I'm not surprised to see an orca. They've been frequent visitors to the Strait of Juan de Fuca for centuries, if not longer. But lately their numbers have grown. They've become more aggressive. And more lethal, killing even some of the massive gray whales that visit our area in spring.

I keep a close eye on the waves around us. The female isn't alone. Cruising just 15 feet behind us is the tall dorsal fin of a male. Then a second fin, a third and, with the smallest fin of all, a fourth. It's only a baby, about nine feet long, its big brother sticking close by.

Counting the mother, this whale pod numbers five.

For some time, they linger, the mother leading the pack, occasionally spy-hopping as she sticks her black and white head out of the water to survey the area around her. I know she's seen us—orcas have excellent eyesight both in and out of water—but we're just a little boat, no match for her speed or power, especially when crewed only by a small woman and even smaller dog.

As if to emphasize our insignificance, the mother whale lets out a blow, a cascade of white water that sprinkles our hull.

Is she playing with us? I'm not sure. But whatever, it ends abruptly. The massive muscle of her body coils. Her progeny spread out in a circle, well-drilled soldiers all. Tales of orcas attacking boats streak through my mind. But it isn't

us they're stalking. Silently, they dive, black and white missiles headed for the deeps.

As we drift closer to the spot where they've gone down, a chill wraps itself around us. The ocean roils, a heaving, rocking motion. Huck snuggles closer, tucking his nose into my armpit.

Something pops up in the water beside us. A shredded mass of porpoise lung, trailing blood.

I tighten my grip on Huck. A cold mist rises from green waters, redolent of living and loss, decay and hunger and animal energy. Altogether it conjures the darkness that hunkers deep in all creatures. Even something as sublimely beautiful as an orca.

I hold my breath, and an orca shoots up, black and white body draped in a sheath of streaming water. A second orca appears, two more, and finally the baby, twisting in delight.

For nearly half an hour, they celebrate their meal. Breaching, spy-hopping, porpoising, splashing, whistling, jaw clapping, chasing each other down, then shooting up in a breathtaking ballet in black and white.

Finally, they settle and sink beneath the surface. I think them gone. But no. The mother's head appears, not five feet off starboard. Her facing eye—a deep reddish brown encircled by blue—takes us in, two small creatures afloat on the surface of her world. Then she speaks, a winny, punctuated with jaw claps and guttural pops.

I stare at her. Not moving. Uncertain.

A nasal grunt and she opens her mouth, lips drawn back. Long rows of teeth—pointed, sharp and still bloody—glisten in the sun.

Her meaning is clear. I salute and trim the sail to leave her be.

*This story was previously published in Bright Flash Literary Review.*

#### Reminder to Dog Owners

So we all can enjoy our walks, please carry doggy-poo bags and clean up after your dog.



## Porch Talk with Doris and Milt Lum

*by Donna Geer, Staff Writer*

We've all made consequential decisions, even if we didn't recognize it at the time. It happens to everyone. Milt Lum's crossroad came after he'd worked for the United States Public Health Service Commission Corp for 11 years in Anchorage, Alaska. He was ready for something more, so he decided to start his own pediatric practice in Palmer, Alaska, a farming community with a small rural hospital. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Milt was attracted to the independent and spirited people residing in the Mat-Su Valley, a place born of the 1930's New Deal resettlement plan called the Matanuska Colony Project. Palmer is famous for producing huge record-setting vegetables.

Doris Lum had come to the Copper River Valley of Alaska, an area the size of West Virginia, in 1963. Born in Salem County, New Jersey, and one of four daughters, she worked at Faith Hospital, a small hospital and clinic with a professional staff of six. The hospital, one of several service projects of the Central Alaskan Missions ministry founded in 1933 by Rev. Vince Joy, was built in 1956 when medical services weren't available in the valley.

Sideline by health issues for a while, Doris resumed nursing in 1980, and by 1986, she was the Home Health Manager at Valley Hospital in Palmer. With a doctor's referral, she'd assign the appropriate staff and nurses for patients requiring home health care. That's how she met Milt. He'd call to set up care for children requiring IV medications in their homes.

They were married in 1988, and between them, they have five children. Blending families has always been challenging for parents and children alike, but Milt and Doris solved any problems they encountered together.

It was also in 1988 that Milt joined the Alaska Army National Guard. As the commander of the medical company, his focus was on training medics. He stayed in the National Guard for 16 years, eventually becoming the Alaska State Surgeon. He says it was this experience, coinciding with the Global War on Terrorism in 2004, that led him to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. At the age of 58, Colonel Milt Lum was sworn into active duty as a general pediatrician in charge of the outpatient pediatric clinic. Milt was more than ready for the challenge, staying for seven years.

Now he volunteers with the *Port Ludlow Voice*, weaving bits of the past with the present in every article he writes. In the previous issue, his story takes place in Hawaii, but it speaks to universal nursing care. He's written many articles, including the one about the McNeil River lottery trip to Alaska, when he photographed bears in their natural habitats.



*Doris and Milt Lum in Korcula, Croatia.*

Submitted photo

But Milt would rather talk about Doris.

In 1990, Doris established the first Medicare-certified hospice in Alaska. As the Home Health manager, she was instrumental in creating and staffing a department designed and licensed to help people live fully and then die peacefully at home.

It seems like Doris has always cared for people. Though she'd retired when they moved to D.C., she still picked up nursing volunteer hours. She even started a program at the National Presbyterian Church of D.C. they attended, enlisting volunteers to visit people who were unable to come to church. Living in D.C. also meant that Doris, after residing in Alaska for 41 years, could see her mother in New Jersey, who was then in her 90's. They saw three of their grandchildren a lot more too, since their oldest daughter already lived in D.C.

It was around this same time that they started thinking about Milt's upcoming retirement. They visited his sister in Port Ludlow's Timberton Village in 2005 and were attracted by the rural outdoor life. That same year, they bought their condo in Inner Harbor, a neighborhood full of active community-minded people, and rented it out until they moved here in 2011.

Doris continues to volunteer, much of it by sewing. She makes Quilts of Valor with the local Olympic Peninsula chapter, texture quilts for the Holly Ridge Early Childhood Development Center in Bremerton, and purses for a co-op in Zambia. She belongs to the Bay Club's *Quilters by the Bay*, and *Prayers and Squares* at the Port Townsend First Presbyterian Church. She's made 34 high-school graduation quilts, one for every grandchild, plus her grand-nieces and -nephews. Doris has even made one for a great-grandchild, and she's not done.

Milt and Doris have traveled up and down the east coast, Europe and Asia, and they've got the stories to tell. They got lost once using a navigational aid on a trip to Croatia and ended up driving far too close to the Bosnian border, which was definitely not their destination. On other trips, they've had to visit two different police stations and an emergency room. They laugh that it's, "one way to become intimate with another country." Doris knows there is joy in laughing with each other. She says that Milt is her inspiration. He encourages her to reach her potential during good times, and when things are difficult, he sustains her. Despite activity adjustments for recent health challenges, she says there are still so many interesting things she gets to do, like spending time with family, traveling, designing and making her quilts. She's got nine more high school graduation quilts to make.

Her masterpiece hangs in their living room. It's a fabulous tapestry with textured shades of mauve and green. In the center of the quilt is a deep purple vase of roses, lilies and baby's breath, flowers of various hues of pinks and yellows, light blues and undertones of white. Doris calls her showpiece *Opus*. Milt keeps the shades slightly drawn so the sun won't bleach the deep greens.

When asked what he'd do over if he could, Milt says he wouldn't change a thing, that mistakes are what lead us, that life's just a series of redirections. He's clearly given this a lot of thought. When he wakes up every morning, it's another good day. He says Doris always makes him smile. That sounds about right.

Do you know someone who's got a great story? We can sit on the porch and have a conversation, and share a cup of coffee, or tea if they prefer. You can reach me at [sports@plvoice.org](mailto:sports@plvoice.org) to start the conversation. Looking forward to hearing from you.

# Arts & Entertainment

## Port Ludlow Art League Artist of the Month

Featured Artist – Kathleen Harvey



*The Fruits of Letting Go, by  
Kathleen Harvey.*

Submitted photo

viewers to find their story in the detail of objects, words, and symbols. Her exhibit explores the themes of ecology, loss, and wonder.

Kathleen states, “I try to create artwork that gives the viewer a chance to see things they may not have noticed before or see how a collection of overlooked items might have a tale to tell.” By curating small treasures and ephemera into narrative compositions, Kathleen hopes to elicit a deeper empathy with our world and each other by telling visual stories about the wonder and fragility of life.

During November, you can enjoy Kathleen’s artwork at Sound Community Bank and online at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

The public is invited to attend a reception for Kathleen on **Wednesday, November 12**, 4 – 5 p.m. in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 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 open Tuesday through Saturday, noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org) or visit [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

## Port Ludlow Art League Jeweler of the Month

Jeweler of the Month – Jolie Maki

Jolie’s jewelry collection uses traditional metal making techniques with gold, silver, copper, and bronze to create unique, one-of-kind jewelry. Jolie’s recent work explores the use of color using torch-fired enamels and interesting shapes to create jewelry that echoes narratives and symbols inspired by nature. She draws inspiration from the cultural symbolism those shapes represent.



*Necklace by Jolie Maki.*

Submitted photo

Jolie states, “I hope people find the technique of torch enameling interesting and delightful with a side of whimsy.”

During November, Jolie’s jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, Sound Community Bank, and online at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

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## Port Ludlow Art League Art Around Town

The Port Ludlow Art League partners with local businesses that graciously offer locations for artists to exhibit and sell their artwork. From **November** through **January 2026**, you can enjoy original art by local artists at the following locations:

Active Life Physical Therapy – Cynthia LeRouge: Mixed Media paintings

Coldwell Banker Best Realty – Sheryl Goldsberry: Acrylic and Watercolor paintings

The Beach Club Gallery conference room – Fran Bodman:  
Acrylic and Watercolor paintings

The Bay Club Lobby – Barbara Grondal: Abstract Acrylic  
paintings

John L. Scott Real Estate – Denice Craig Tweedy:  
Watercolor and Batik paintings

If you'd like to purchase any of the artwork, please use the  
label information to contact the artist.

## Port Ludlow Art League November Program

The Port Ludlow Art League welcomes Margaret  
Woodcock as the speaker for their November Program  
Meeting.



Some Kind of Order, by Margaret  
Woodcock.

Submitted photo

Margaret uses multiple mediums and processes to create her unique and colorful collages including drawing materials like pastel, charcoal, or ink, cutting and glueing images, transferring visual information to a surface, and developing etched plates and printing them.

Margaret states, "I enjoy working in multiple media as each has its challenges and the result

enables me to access different creative levels and senses of myself." All of her work is grounded in and greatly influenced by the imagery of the natural world and our attempts to catalog, measure, control, and find our place in this world. Within her images, viewers find natural imagery such as landscapes, animals, birds, flowers, as well as maps, diagrams, written text, charts, music, and other graphic pieces. Layering of all these elements makes a statement about our variety and multiple levels of understanding, and the odd juxtaposition of memory, dream, knowledge, and mystery.

Margaret's presentation will talk about her work, methods, and inspirations. She will also demonstrate her collage process. For more information about Margaret's artwork, please visit [mwoodcockart.com](http://mwoodcockart.com).

Margaret has exhibited her artwork in Sacramento, San Francisco, and Chicago. She is currently a juried member at the Port Townsend Gallery,

The program meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 19**, from 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, please visit [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

## Bay Club Art Exhibit: Creations of the Night



Celestial Flight, by Pamela Raine.

Submitted photo

From **November** through **December**, Port Ludlow Art League members will share their artwork inspired by the theme *Creations of the Night*. Viewers should expect artwork that has been inspired by dreams.

The art exhibit is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. Be sure to stop by the Bay Club to vote for your favorite piece.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Lane in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please email Sheryl Goldsberry at [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).

## Save the Date—Holiday Shopping in Port Ludlow

Don't miss the opportunity to shop for your holiday gifts at not one, but two, events conveniently located in Port Ludlow.

### Annual Holiday Art Fair – Saturday, December 6



The Port Ludlow Beach Club will host the annual Holiday Art Fair sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League on **Saturday, December 6**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enhance your holiday gift shopping this season by selecting unique artwork created by local artists. You'll also have the opportunity to help raise funds for the Port Ludlow Art League Scholarship Fund that benefits Jefferson County students and residents.

The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please visit [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

### Holiday Open House at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery – Wednesday, December 10



On **Wednesday, December 10**, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery will be brimming with original artwork from local artists to make your holiday shopping a joy. Customers will be greeted with seasonal refreshments and the chance to win a \$100 gift certificate

to be used at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The gallery is an artists' cooperative that offers artwork, jewelry, ceramics, woodwork, textiles, glassware, and cards.

The gallery is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please visit [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).

## Port Ludlow Art League Upcoming Classes



*Holiday cards, by Pamela Raine.*

**Watercolor Class – Friday, November 7, 10 a.m. – noon** at the Bridge Deck, 121 Marina View Drive

Join us for a class with Pamela Raine to complete three holiday greeting cards. All supplies and instructions are provided for \$25. To register, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).

**Acrylic Paint Class – Saturday, November 8, 9:30 a.m. - noon** at the Bridge Deck, 121 Marina View Drive Join us for a fun class with artist, Shirley Bomgaars, to complete the “Want to Build an Acrylic Painting.” Supplies, instructions, and breakfast-type sips and nibbles are provided for \$50. To register, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).



Do you want to build a..., by Shirley Bomgaars.

Submitted photos

## Northwind Art: November Exhibits and Classes

Northwind Art is turning over a new leaf this fall, with three major exhibitions at Jeanette Best Gallery and a slate of fresh art classes at the Fort Worden State Park campus.

### New Exhibits



Waterfall, by Sally Jablonsky

*Sally's World*, a one-woman show starring Sally Jablonsky, is on exhibit through **Monday, November 17**, at Jeanette Best Gallery. Jablonsky is influenced by the wild places where she grew

up, and by her belief that humans are not separate from the natural world.

**November 20 through January 5, 2026**, the annual *Small Expressions* exhibit will open with Northwest artists' creations, all under 16 inches in any direction. This exhibition is designed to make it easy for you to do your holiday shopping by giving art from local makers. Jewelry, mixed media art, ceramics, paintings, collage, photography, embroidery, and more will fill the gallery.

Also at Jeanette Best Gallery, the *Showcase 2025* exhibit celebrates 14 artists from across and beyond the Olympic Peninsula. Kim Tepe, a participating fiber artist, will give a free gallery talk at 3 p.m. on **Saturday, November 8**.

Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery is located at 701 Water St. in Port Townsend and is open Thursday through Monday from noon – 5 p.m.

### Northwind Art School

Northwind Art School at Fort Worden State Park offers a variety of new workshops for beginning, intermediate, and advanced artists.

- **November 4 and November 18:** *Aging Creatively*, an art workshop for people with memory loss, and their caregivers.
- **November 7:** *Women in Art History: Hildegard von Bingen* is the first in a series of classes exploring formidable female artists.

- **November 15:** *Sift, Fire, Wear: Enamel Jewelry for Beginners* is an afternoon workshop that introduces you to the fun of making enamel earrings, pendants and ornaments.



Art enamel jewelry.

Submitted photos

- **November 30:** *Hand printed Holiday Wrapping Paper* is a lighthearted workshop with artist Martha Worthley.

- **December 2:** *Collage Holiday Cards* is a workshop for creating unique, artistic greeting cards.

For information on enrolling in a workshop, please visit [NorthwindArt.org](http://NorthwindArt.org) and select "Take a Class." The Fort Worden State Park campus is located at 200 Battery Way in Port Townsend.

## Ad-liberation for Your Amusement

by Jim Gormly, President, Ludlow Village Players

For a fun evening where anything can happen on the stage, you do not want to miss an evening of *Disorderly Conduct*, Ludlow Village Players' improv group, on **Friday, November 7, 7 p.m.**, at the Beach Club. Admission is \$10 at the door.



Left –right: Disorderly Conduct Troupe. Back row: Pete Alexander, Nancy Peterson, David Johnson. Front row, L-R: Madelyn Curll, Keith Bowen, Mary Fortman.

Submitted photo

This troupe of performers works without a net, creating scenes, characters, and dialogue, relying on immediate collaboration and quick thinking, frequently starting with a suggestion from the audience. The actors have added some new improv skits that the audience should find as funny as they do.

This show features a surprise guest "musical" act, and if you come to the show, you will understand why that is in quotes. While you will see the usual group of suspects performing that night, they are delighted to welcome a new member, Christie Capps, who comes with a great improv background.

## TAKE3 Returns to the Bay Club for a One-of-a-Kind Holiday Concert

by Dave Cunningham, Guest Writer



TAKE3 returns to the Bay Club on **Sunday, December 14**, at 2 p.m. to herald in the holidays, featuring the music of Bach, Beethoven, Bizet, The Beach Boys, The Beatles, Justin Bieber, and your favorite holiday tunes.

Founded by violinist Lindsey Deutsch, TAKE3 defies musical boundaries. Deutsch, who has toured internationally as featured violin soloist with Yanni, brings her virtuosity and energy to this dynamic trio. While Yanni is known for his new-age fusion of jazz, classical, and world music, TAKE3 charts its own adventurous course—seamlessly blending rock, pop, jazz, classical, country, and everything in between.

Rounding out the trio are cellist Mikala Schmitz and pianist Alexa Constantine. Known for their infectious stage presence and engaging humor, the group has captivated audiences across the country. As one Nevada reviewer wrote, “This group gave us a tremendous night of undisputed talent from some of the most passionate musicians around.”

Doors open at 1 p.m. so you can enjoy the festive atmosphere with a glass of wine or beer, available for purchase before the concert and at intermission. Take time to browse the Bay Club Gallery’s new art exhibit before, during, and after the performance.

This is one concert you won’t want to miss! If their last visit was any indication, tickets will go fast. To buy tickets, please visit [portludlowperformingarts.com](http://portludlowperformingarts.com). The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow.

## Key City Public Theatre presents Ebenezer Scrooge’s *Big Christmas Show* & a One-Man Christmas Carol

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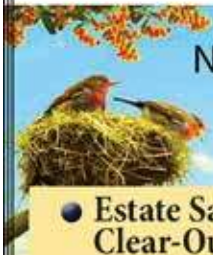


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# Village News

## Bay Club / South Bay

### SBCA Happenings

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

It's hard to believe that we are in November already! It's time for the rain to return, the sun to set earlier, the return to Standard time, and the holiday season.

On **Tuesday, November 11**, we pause to remember and honor all our veterans who served in the military to protect our country. **November 11** is a federal holiday that originated from Armistice Day, which marked the end of WWI on November 11, 1918. Wearing a red poppy, adding flags to the gravesites of veterans, attending local veterans association ceremonies, and reaching out to veterans we know to thank them for their service are ways we can take time to honor our vets.

Our SBCA Activities Committee has been hard at work. Here are a few of their upcoming activities for November:

First in our Speakers Series is "The First Nations of the Pacific Northwest on the North Olympic Peninsula," by Mr. David Brownell, Executive Director of the North Olympic History Center in Port Angeles. I hope you've had the chance to attend one of the two presentations that have occurred in September and October. The last session in the series will be on **Tuesday, November 25**, at 1 p.m. Please come and join us at the Bay Club to hear Mr. Brownell's informative and interesting presentation.

Next in their line up this month is our 2nd Friday's Member Social on **Friday, November 14**. It's our annual Salmon Fest! Please check the Bay Club website for more details.

Our Health/Fitness Committee is committed to ensuring there are multiple ways we can keep healthy and fit during the holiday season. For those who love the water, we have water aerobics activities that include virtual water aerobics, aqua walk, lap swim and individual water exercises. The

### SBCA Important Dates

**Sunday - November 2**, 2 p.m. - PLPA Concert - "The Moaning Frogs"

**Friday - November 7**, 8:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast, benefiting Tri-Area Food Bank

**Thursday - November 13**, 9:30 a.m. - Monthly Board Meeting \*\*

**Friday - November 14**, 5 p.m. - Member Social - Salmon Feed

**Tuesday - November 25**, 1 p.m. - Speaker: David Brownell - Tribes of the Pacific Northwest

**Thursday - December 11**, 9:30 a.m. - Monthly Board Meeting \*\*

**Friday - December 12**, 5 p.m. - Member Social - Annual Holiday Gala

**Sunday - December 14**, 2 p.m. - PLPA Concert - "TAKE3"

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

\*\* All SBCA members are welcome.

To keep informed of meeting dates and times, please visit [sbca.club](http://sbca.club)

Committee meetings minutes are posted at [sbca.club](http://sbca.club), then select the Board Minutes page.

cardio room has multiple exercise machines to get our hearts pumping. The weights room is a great place to either begin or continue your resistance journey.

The SBCA Board and Village Presidents met in October to discuss upcoming changes to the SBCA's and Villages' governing documents based on required changes to Washington State RCW 64.90. Bylaws are the first documents that will need to be updated by January 1, 2026. Check our Bay Club website for updates.

## Beach Club / North Bay

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more information about your North Bay HOA

### Update from the Manager

The update this month is that Brian Belmont is busy trying to pass on 20 years' experience as manager of the Beach Club to the new manager of the Beach Club, Mike Wilson—a daunting task!

We look forward to Brian's final update in the December issue of the *Voice*.

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# Village Council

## Port Ludlow Village Council: Seasons of Change

*by Geoff Lang, Director, Communications Co-Chair, Port Ludlow Village Council*

When I hear a reference to the changing of seasons, particularly autumn, I usually hear Nat King Cole crooning about “Autumn Leaves” in my head. Sometimes though, it is the Byrd’s “Turn! Turn! Turn!” Perhaps for you, it is Vivaldi’s “Four Seasons” or the Mama’s and the Papa’s “California Dreaming” for the snowbirds in the crowd. For your Port Ludlow Village Council, it is a season of change as well, but it is unrelated to the weather!

Your Port Ludlow Village Council is in the middle of our election process as I write this, but as you are reading this article, we have elected new board members to replace those who have stepped down, and we now have new officers ready to pick up the charge to serve our community. We’ll provide election results in next month’s article. I hope you had a chance to attend our annual meeting last month to hear about our 2025 accomplishments, relay to us your hopes for the coming year, and enjoyed the reception with a chance to chat with Council members and neighbors from throughout the community.

Your Council came into existence in 1999 with a mission to Protect, Preserve, Promote and Unify the Village in the Woods by the Bay. That mission remains unchanged. What has changed, however, is that over the years, there have been many people who stepped up and helped to drive your Council’s Mission with their time, energy, focus, and belief that the ‘Ludlow life’ is worth preserving. Three of those folks are moving on from their director roles this year, and while others have eagerly come forth to join us, I want to recognize their contributions.

A year and a half ago, John Goldwood stepped in to fill the Council’s need for leadership at a time when the future of your Council was uncertain. With John’s calm demeanor and strong conviction at the helm, we were able to stabilize the future of your Council. I believe that I would not have had the opportunity to write this article without the efforts of John. At this time last year, we also needed a new treasurer. John Cacho stepped in to take it on, giving us the detailed, timely, financial information and insight needed.

### Village Council Meetings

**PLVC Board Meeting**

**Thursday, November 6**

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Lastly, Tam McDearmid has decided to retire from the Council’s Board of Directors after 14 years of service. In addition to serving with eight different Council Presidents during her tenure, Tam has been responsible for the Council’s success on so many levels. Tam led the team for the Port Ludlow Farmer’s Market, Holiday Tree Lighting, Elections, PLVC Website, Community Opportunity Fair, Communications, all things Administration, as well as serving as the Vice-President for many years. Dave, the other half of the McDearmid Dynamic Duo, has been an integral part of the council as well. Dave led the Community Development Committee that was responsible for maintaining our relationships with the County, the Developer, and local business partners, but you likely know him best for the Holiday Lights in the median of Paradise Bay Road in front of the Village Center. Tam and Dave will be greatly missed on the Council but will still be active and present in our community. When you next see them around the Village, please congratulate and thank them both for their commitment to the Village.

The Board of Directors, past and present, encourage you to engage with any of our outgoing Directors, wish them well and thank them for their time, energy, and vision as they worked on your behalf, whether you knew it or not.

As we look to the future together, the Board will not only begin planning the year ahead but start to formulate a 5-year plan. We look forward to your input via our website *[PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org](http://PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org)*, email *[info@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org](mailto:info@PortLudlowVillageCouncil.org)*, and via our Residents Survey which we will be sending your way this winter. Of course, we welcome the opportunity to chat *in person* at any of our first Thursday of the month Board Meetings which are always open to the public.

Finally, over the coming months you'll hear about our fundraising efforts, our newly elected board members and officers, upcoming events, and details of our 1- and 5-year plans. As for now, here is a nudge for community volunteerism. We are fortunate to have many opportunities in Port Ludlow that enrich our lives and our quality of life. We have local performing arts that come to us, clubs and classes that range from Arts to Zumba (and every letter in between), numerous social events from the offerings at the Beach and Bay Clubs, the Yacht Club, educational offerings from Dine and Discover and First Wednesday Luncheon. The list goes on. Of course, your Port Ludlow Village Council provides you with trails, emergency management, social activities, and holiday cheer as well. As diverse as the list is, they all share one common theme: dependence on volunteers to keep them running. As much as we would like to welcome your energy and talent to the Council, we understand that not everyone wants to spend their free time in board or committee meetings. However, if you do enjoy the quality of life here in the Village in the Woods by the Bay, please consider volunteering for an event or plugging in to one of the local groups that matches with your passion and interest, so that we can all continue to reap the benefits of our village.

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## Join the Port Ludlow Photographers

Everyone is invited to join the Port Ludlow Photographers on the fourth Monday of each month, 10 a.m. – noon at the Bay Club. The group is open to everyone. No photographic experience is required and there are no dues. The next meeting is **Monday, November 24**. There will be a discussion about converting color images to black and white using Photoshop Elements. Members who use a different program should experiment with it before the meeting.

The next image challenge is autumn- and/or winter-themed photographs. Use your cameras to capture colorful leaves, mushrooms, wind, rain, or snow, or animals and people braving the weather. Send your images to [Aven1936@live.com](mailto:Aven1936@live.com) to review at the **Monday, December 22**, meeting.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. For more information, please contact Aven Andersen at [aven1936@live.com](mailto:aven1936@live.com).

## A Meaningful Way to Celebrate Thanksgiving

A *Hymns for a Hungry World* piano recital will be held **on Sunday, November 16**, at 6 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Community Church.

Pianist Sung-Ling Hsu will be performing. This is a free concert with no tickets or reservations required. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door and during a break in the concert with all monies going to the Apple of His Eye Charity.

The Port Ludlow Community Church is located at 9534 Oak Bay Road, Port Ludlow.

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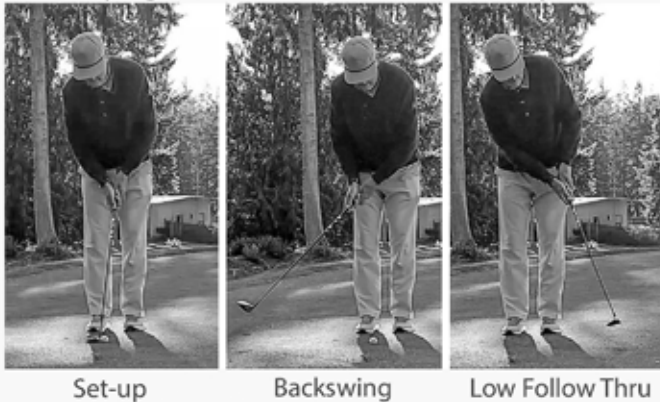
## Chipping Options

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC

As we head into fall/winter golf, softer and wet turf becomes some of the most challenging conditions we can face around the green. Time to think “out of the box” a little and put your lofted wedge away and try a couple of other clubs. If this sounds familiar, we talked about using a hybrid to chip back in spring of 2024. Still a great option, but now it’s time to look at two more clubs, a high lofted fairway club and your 8-iron.

The fairway club allows you to “sweep” the ball, which allows for the club to stay above the turf and will result in a shot that will skip across the green and run out to the hole. The 8-iron is a club that will send the ball out lower and run farther. The hardest shot to play is a lofted wedge off a wet lie hitting to a green that is soft. You must fly it all the way to the hole which is extremely difficult to judge. Both clubs should hit a low running shot that looks more like a putt.

Playing the Shot With a Lofted Fairway Club

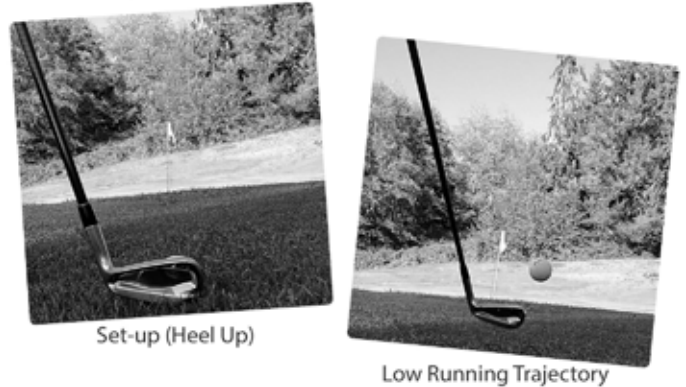


Let’s go through the basics of how to play the shot with a lofted fairway club (Figure 1):

- This shot will be played like a putt, so start by choking down on the grip to where it meets the shaft.
- Play the ball in the same position as you do a putt and if it helps, use the same grip as you do when putting.

- Using the same action as when putting, the goal is a stroke that is a sweep-like putt, not a downward hit like a normal shot.
- Using a lofted fairway club will result in much more distance than your putter when given the same sized stroke, so practice would be recommended before using on the course.

Playing the shot with an 8-iron on wet turf



Let’s go through the basics of how to play the shot with an 8-iron (Figure 2):

- This may be easier for some of you as the shaft is shorter than a hybrid or fairway club, making it easier to control.
- Play the ball in the same position as you do a putt and if it helps, use the same grip as you do when putting.
- Stand closer to the ball than a normal chip so the heel of the club is above the ground. We are going to use the toe of the club for the shot.
- Hands slightly ahead of the ball, make a stroke similar to your putting stroke like you are putting more than chipping.
- Let the loft of your club get the ball airborne, then watch it run out to the hole.

Get out there and practice these a couple of times, then give them a try. Bet you’ll save some shots around the green using that wedge a little less. See you on the trails!

## Port Ludlow Hiking Club

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](mailto:plhikingclub@yahoo.com), or go to the club's website at [portludlowhikingclub.com](http://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.

**Please Note:** The Hiking Club needs a scribe to manage the club's business. If you are interested in volunteering for this position, please contact John Nuerenberg at 623-229-4657 or [plhikingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:plhikingclub@yahoo.com).

### Wednesday, November 5 – Hike Schedule Planning

We are going to try a different strategy this time in planning our hikes for December 2025 through May 2026. Realizing we are all busy and appreciate time off instead of attending innumerable meetings, we will do it via email any time before **Tuesday, November 4**.

If you are interested in leading a hike, please send me an email, and we will talk on the phone or communicate via email to arrange a date and stats about the hike. Please start by emailing your desired hike and your phone number to John Nuerenberg, [plhikingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:plhikingclub@yahoo.com).

### Friday, November 7 – Tamanowas/Peregrine Rocks

The hike begins at HJ Carroll Park's parking lot. After walking on streets to get to the trail, we will begin our trail walk toward Tamanowas Rock Sanctuary. We will spend some time there before we continue north to the Crack ending up at Peregrine Rock. We will return the way we came. This hike is about 3.5 miles long with more than 400 feet of elevation gain. There are a couple steep upgrades that make it tougher than the rating indicates. It is rated at E2.

Tamanowas Rock is a sacred site of the S'Klallam Tribe and other tribes for at least 10,000 years. It is currently owned and maintained by Jefferson Land Trust. There is a restroom in HJ Carroll Park. No parking pass required. Hike leaders: Sally Nuerenberg, 623-229-4257; and John Nuerenberg, 623-229-4657.

**Wednesday: 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. every Wednesday.

**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, map of the Port Ludlow Trails, and descriptions and pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, go to [portludlowhikingclub.com](http://portludlowhikingclub.com).

## Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair

### "Port Ludlow – A Destination Hiking Village"

Autumn Equinox in Port Townsend, Washington, USA was September 22, 2025, at 11:19 a.m. PDT. Fall is here in the northern hemisphere. Officially, it's autumn because our little blue marble in space is tilted just a little over 23°, thus making different angles to our star throughout its 365¼ day cycle.



So why is it also called *Before and after on Old Cart Path Trail on Sep 24, 2025.*

Photo by Larry Scott

I guess **you** can guess the answer to that. The trees start shedding their foliage, and what does it do? It falls—sometimes heavily on our paved trails. The Old Cart Path Trail is a good example. After we had mown each side of the trail to get rid of the extensive grass overhanging onto the trail, we embarked on clearing the grass cuttings with blowers. That exposed the extensive grass/weed growth bunched up through splits in the asphalt. That in turn displayed the superfluous side growth of salmon berry/blackberry grabbers and overhanging cedar limbs. With all that need 'dominoing,' the simple grass-blowing project morphed into a full-scale trail improvement, and we went at it daily for over a week. Regular users of this trail (both hikers and bikers) will notice a significant difference. The photo shows a before/after in the same frame.

"Watch This Space" is an old advertising/marketing ploy to keep an audience's attention. That is what I'll use here. Watch this space for updates on our efforts and/or progress

to finish the Oak Bay Trail from Walker Way to the Around the Bay Trail (ABT). The trail will pass near the revived Port Ludlow Historical Cemetery, connecting at ABT's northern road crossing. When this final segment is built, a dedicated hiker could travel the margins of our Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort. There will be a direct route from the most northern end at the top of Pioneer Drive behind the fire station to the most southern end at the retention ponds on Ludlow Bay Road. How great is that? It's no wonder Washington Trails Association, AllTrails, and Google Maps have our trails on their web sites.

If you want to come out for a fun day of camaraderie while helping to improve our community, send me an email at [mclgscott@cablespeed.com](mailto:mclgscott@cablespeed.com).

*"Let's Keep Improving our Trails"*

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## Combined Choirs Perform Classic Messiah Concerts



The Community Chorus of Port Townsend and East Jefferson County is thinking big for its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this season. The Community Chorus, in collaboration with RainShadow Chorale, brings George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* to audiences in two upcoming concerts, **Saturday and Sunday, November 22 and 23**, at 3 p.m. Both concerts will be held at the Chimacum High School Auditorium located at 91 W Valley Road in Chimacum.

The combined choir of 100 voices strong will join a select orchestra to perform *Messiah*, possibly the world's most famous and beloved oratorio, and a masterpiece of inspired

melodies and Baroque splendor. The concert will include choral pieces such as *For Unto Us a Child Is Born* and the famous *Hallelujah* chorus, as well as soaring solos and instrumental interludes. "It's a real honor to belong to an organization that is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, especially to bring the joy and love of song to our friends, family, and the community," stated Linda Atkins, president of the chorus.

Handel wrote the *Messiah* oratorio in 1741 in 24 days. He composed it for the concert hall, not the church, making slight adjustments over time and transcribing arias as needed for different voices. He conducted the work himself on many occasions, including the first performance in Dublin, Ireland, in 1742.

Performers have said that regardless of a person's religious or non-religious inclinations, *Messiah's* themes of birth, joy, praise, scorn, despair, redemption, and gratitude are universal, and the music reflects these basic human experiences.

Rebecca Nerison, president of RainShadow Chorale, states, "The *Messiah* production is an important gift for our community, a classic and much-beloved work performed live. It is an opportunity to experience classical works as an aspect of cultural literacy to be kept alive for future generations."

Nerison said that RainShadow agreed to co-sponsor these concerts because it supports the Community Chorus as a sister organization in the arts. "The *Messiah* performance is a huge undertaking, so combining our efforts just makes sense." Both groups share the larger mission of providing opportunities for singers as well as audiences, and everyone benefits. Nelson states, "We're thrilled that Laurie de Leonne, RainShadow artistic director, is eager to conduct the resulting community-based choir with Lisa Lanza at the piano and a small orchestra that will accompany the choir."

Germaine Arthur, one of the original singers in the 1975 chorus and most likely the only continuous member in the organization's 50-year history, feels that when she sings *Messiah*, she not only meets people with a shared love of choral music but also connects with singers across the centuries. Rehearsing is like a mini voice lesson that helps singers learn new skills and techniques.

Concert tickets are \$20 and available at the door. For more information about the Community Chorus and its collaborative *Messiah* production, please visit [ptchorus.org](http://ptchorus.org), call 360-643-3345, or find the group on Facebook.

## What Is Mom's Gift?

by Kate Marshall, Artistic Director, Ludlow Village Players

Happy November from the Ludlow Village Players!



As the days turn from warmth and sunshine to fall and darkness, we prepare for the holiday season and remember all the blessings we have had over the past year. This year, as part of our annual scholarship fundraising event, your local community theater is bringing you something a little different.

The Ludlow Village Players are excited to present *Mom's Gift* on **Friday and Saturday, November 14 and 15**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Beach Club. The doors open at 6 p.m. In this comedy with a heart, Mom has been dead for 11 months and shows up at her husband's birthday party as a ghost with a mission. Like Clarence in *It's a Wonderful Life*, she must accomplish a task to earn her wings—only the task is a mystery. There are so many things to fix. The problem is compounded by the fact that the only person who can hear or see Mom is her daughter, who has been ordered by the court to spend Dad's birthday with him as part of her anger management program. One by one, the family's secrets are peeled away, revealing a shocking truth that surprises everyone, including the ghost.

In addition, a favorite local band, Foulweather Friends, will be performing live, so come early, get good seats, and listen to the band as they lift up our spirits! Wine will also be available for your enjoyment.

All proceeds and donations will go to our annual scholarship program that supports local kids and student organizations pursuing extracurricular endeavors in the arts. Tickets are available at [LudlowVillagePlayers.org](http://LudlowVillagePlayers.org) and at the door on the day of the show. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow.

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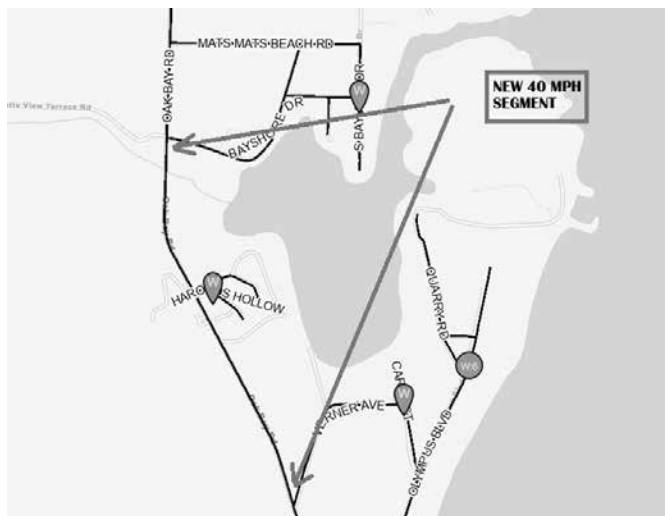
## Public Notice Of County Forces Construction

### Speed Reduction.

In response to requests from the Port Ludlow community Jefferson County Public Works has reduced the speed limit on Oak Bay Road between MP 6.1 (Bay Shore Dr.) and MP 7.1 (Verner Ave.) from 50 MPH to 40 MPH. This change is part of the County's ongoing efforts to improve traffic safety. New signage has been installed and temporary digital reader boards will be used to advise motorists of speed limit change.

### For further information or questions please contact:

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## Special Needs Estate Planning Keeping Your Vulnerable Loved Ones in Mind

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:** The Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place, Port Ludlow

**Date/Time:** Wednesday, November 12, 1–2 p.m.  
Walk-ins welcome but RSVP appreciated at 360-437-4172 or [info@nwpepp.com](mailto:info@nwpepp.com)

## Olympic Water and Sewer 2025 Third Quarter Report

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) is pleased to share highlights from the third quarter of 2025, including key operational updates, infrastructure improvements, and ongoing collaboration with the Port Ludlow Village Council and the community we serve. The following recap outlines notable initiatives and developments from the past quarter:

### Water Treatment and Distribution Updates

#### Water System Plan Update:

We are still awaiting final approval of our Water System Plan update from the Washington State Department of Health (DOH). The DOH requested comment from the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE), which has not yet responded.

#### Cross-Connection Program:

Cross-connection surveys have been sent to all residences. Our tariff requires a 100% response rate, but so far, we have received less than 10% of surveys back. You can now complete the survey conveniently online at [ows-inc.com](https://ows-inc.com). OWSI is required to perform on-site hazard assessments, and your participation is essential to helping us maintain a safe and reliable water system.

#### Ice Pigging Lab Results:

Laboratory results are in from samples collected during the ice pigging project earlier this year. As suspected, the primary materials scoured from the system were iron and manganese. The analysis also identified a significant presence of iron-feeding bacteria.

Join us at the Bay Club for our annual Town Hall on **Thursday, November 6**, at 3 p.m. to learn more about these findings and our next steps.

#### New Telemetry:

Reservoirs A and C have been upgraded with new Mission Controls MyDro50 units, allowing OWSI technicians to monitor real-time water levels. This improvement marks a crucial step in completing the corrective action plan established by the Washington State Department of Health.

#### New Vac Truck:

Our operators are thrilled about the recent acquisition of a “new-to-us” vacuum truck, purchased at auction. Port Ludlow residents will soon see this large vehicle with its distinctive snorkel tube in operation. Please give it plenty of space and remain alert for operators who may

have limited visibility or hearing while using the heavy equipment.

### Sanitary Sewer System Developments

#### Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP):

The DOE regional engineers have issued a new permit for our wastewater treatment plant, effective **November 1**. The updated permit introduces new limits for nitrogen and adds extra sampling requirements, while most other conditions remain unchanged.

OWSI is working with engineers at BHC Consultants to initiate Phase 1 of the WWTP upgrade, focusing on solids handling improvements and restoring the plant’s designed hydraulic capacity. Join us at the Bay Club for our annual Town Hall on **Thursday, November 6**, at 3 p.m. for more details.

#### Collection System Cleaning:

OWSI will begin its annual sewer mainline cleaning the first week of October. We’ll again be contracting with Badger Daylighting to jet and inspect one-fifth of our sewer collection system. With our new Vac Truck now in service, we hope to complete this work in-house next year.

#### Apprenticeship Program:

Operator Timothy Muth has entered the second and final year of his apprenticeship through our partnership with Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW). We’re proud of his progress and remain committed to supporting the next generation of water professionals.

### Looking Ahead

At OWSI, we’re excited about the opportunities for growth and improvement that lie ahead. Our team remains committed to minimizing service disruptions as we continue upgrading infrastructure and systems to better serve the community. We’re also focused on fostering goodwill with residents through open communication and ongoing collaboration with the Port Ludlow Village Council.

By working together with local agencies, contractors, and the community, we will continue addressing key challenges and striving for excellence in every aspect of our operations.

#### P.S. OWSI is Hiring!

We currently have two open positions. Apply online at [ows-inc.com](https://ows-inc.com) or visit our main office to fill out an application in person.

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