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Ah, lovely Port Ludlow with its beautiful tree-lined two lane roads. We love all that Port Ludlow has to offer, including the four seasons with cool springs and blooming rhododendrons, mild sunny summers, bright clear skies in the fall (between rain showers) with trees turning red to gold, and the occasional winter snowfall.

In the beautiful Olympic Peninsula, the only traffic glitch is the occasional deer crossing. The Hood Canal Bridge can always make life interesting, but that is what separates us from the "mainland." Lately, we notice a bit more traffic on the way to Poulsbo and beyond. So it would be best check back with me in a few more years for the next traffic report.

## Update from the Manager

*by Brian Belmont, General Manager*

In late September, the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Strategic Planning Committee provided LMC members a copy of the Long Range Planning survey and asked that they be completed and returned by October 24. The survey was distributed via email to those members that have provided LMC with their email addresses and, for those owners that haven't, a copy of the survey was mailed to them.

In the survey, LMC members were asked to consider potential goals that will be used by LMC through its Board and Committees to plan our association's course and focus over the next 5 years. Once the survey data has been collected, a final report will be made available to our LMC members.

Beginning **October 2** through **April 30**, the Sunday hours for the Beach Club are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Sunday pool hours are 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. By the time this article is published the outdoor swimming pool will have closed for the winter and will not open again until **Friday, May 19, 2017**.

Speaking of swimming pools, the indoor pool repairs and re-surfacing have been completed. LMC staff has repainted the indoor pool room interior walls and pool deck, and we are now ready for our swimmers to return. With the exception of Sundays, our indoor pool hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

As always, if you have questions or comments about this article or the work that is ongoing at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or [beachclub@olympus.net](mailto:beachclub@olympus.net).

## New Commissioner Appointed to PLDD

Katie Smith has been appointed by the Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners as Port Ludlow Drainage District's (PLDD) new commissioner. Smith fills the position recently vacated by Jim Boyer, and will serve the remainder of the Commissioner 1 unexpired term until the next Special District General Election in **February 2018**.

Our new commissioner is not new to the District, having owned property in Port Ludlow since 1978 and been a permanent resident of North Bay since 1980. Smith believes that she and her husband have probably attended more PLDD meetings than any other citizen since the Special District was established by a vote of property owners in 2000.

The purpose of the District, then and now, is to resolve storm water drainage problems on common property within North Bay. There have been 19 capital improvement and storm drainage projects completed by PLDD since its inception. They have improved storm water flow and eliminated deficiencies in infrastructure that were either not considered in the initial 1968 plat, or occurred later. PLDD levies an assessment to fund District activities and receives annual revenue from 1,100 North Bay property owners within its boundary. The amount assessed is based on the impervious surface area and size of each parcel in the District.

Smith stated: "To me, the Drainage District is probably one of our most valuable investments in North Bay. It has corrected many problems, and I consider the expenditure of this assessment to be one of the best values we have as long-term residents. Our annual assessment is low. It is one of the lowest dollar items on my county tax bill."

PLDD coordinates with North Bay's homeowner's association and the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) addressing storm water, drainage, and vegetation issues according to a 2002 Agreement between the PLDD and the LMC.

PLDD improvements have addressed community safety, preservation of property, and water quality for the benefit of all residents. The maintenance of PLDD projects and facilities and the review of drainage problems is an ongoing focus of PLDD. Everyone is invited to attend monthly PLDD Board meetings on the second Thursday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Beach Club.