

# Beach Club/North Bay News

After our winter Polar Plunge on Saturday, December 29, we will be closed during the holiday season. We will be closed on Christmas Eve, December 24, and on Christmas Day, December 25. We will be closed on New Year's Day, January 1.

## Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

As we move closer to the holiday season, I thought it would be a good time to let everyone know that the Beach Club will close at 1:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, and will be closed on Christmas Day **December 25**, and on New Year's Day **January 1**.

This year's Polar Plunge will be held on **Saturday, December 29**, at 11:00 a.m. For those of you who may be new to the community, this is the fourth year we have held this event in our unheated outdoor pool. The first year we had the coldest conditions with air temperature in the upper 30s and water temperature in the low 40s. Needless to say, this is our shortest event of the year.

We will all jump in as a group at 11:00 a.m., and five seconds later, we will all be scrambling to get out of the water as fast as possible. To warm up everyone, the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) will have plenty of coffee and hot chocolate on hand, along with some snacks.

We will again require all participants to sign a liability release. Please come down 5 - 10 minutes early so that we can get the paperwork completed. We don't have any age restrictions, but I encourage everyone to use common sense. If you aren't feeling 100 percent or have a heart condition, this is probably not the event for you. And we will again ask our Port Ludlow Fire Department to be onsite. Fire Chief Brad Martin and his firemen have been very supportive of this event in past years, but there is always the caveat that they will be here unless called out for an emergency.

Diana "Di" Monti, who has worked in our Maintenance Department since 2012, is moving out of Port Ludlow. Her last day of work was October 30. The Beach Club staff and many of our members will miss Di tremendously. She was a good co-worker, a good friend, and a good person. We all wish her the very best and hope she comes back to visit.

Taking over for Di is a new LMC employee Scott Braund, who should be easy to spot. Like me, Scott is 6' 5" tall, but unlike me, he has a full head of hair. I'm so jealous. Scott

## Important Dates

### 1st Meeting

Monday, December 17th 6:00pm

Beach Club will be open for sign-up for the Polar Plunge by signing the forms at the

### 2nd Meeting

Thursday, December 20th 6:00pm

Phone: 360-437-9201

### 3rd Meeting

Sign-up for the Polar Plunge will be at the Beach Club

and the Beach Club will be open for sign-up

All 11 members are welcome

is catching on quickly and seems to be a good fit for our Beach Club crew. If you see Scott around, please make him feel welcome.

If you have questions about my article or other Beach Club activities, please contact me at the Beach Club at 360-437-9201 or by email at [beachclub@olympus.net](mailto:beachclub@olympus.net).

## Drainage District Winterization

Our summer growing season has kept the maintenance crew of the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) very busy. To ensure stormwater is transported down the hill and into the bay, the PLDD crew is in the midst of an intensive readiness effort to trim and clean all of the district facilities in preparation for winter.

Now would be a good time for homeowners to clean driveway culverts and ditches to maintain free flow through the culvert. Driveway culverts are installed by owners and are the responsibility of owners to maintain, clean, and replace. While the ditches along our roadways are the responsibility of the county, driveway culverts placed in ditches are not county culverts. The county did not install them, and the county will not replace them.

Roadside ditches are located within county right-of-way and are not on private property. The purpose of a ditch is to direct stormwater off of the road surface to a designated point of discharge. If the ditches are filled or obstructed by landscaping materials, the capacity of the ditch to convey stormwater is compromised. Jefferson County Public Works does not approve of filling in ditches or installing culverts in the ditch, other than for a driveway access.

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