# Beach Club/North Bay News

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### 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 Years' 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



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*.

## **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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Uphill stormwater - PLDD Project #12.

Submitted photo

The county performs basic maintenance on the ditches such as mowing and reshaping; however, if a homeowner has installed rocks or other landscaping materials in the ditch, the county cannot provide maintenance. Many homeowners maintain the ditches surrounding their culverts and property, which adds to the appearance of individual properties and is appreciated by the entire neighborhood.

In a recent district meeting, it was noted that some trimmings have been discarded into ravines and ditches, rather than being hauled away. This debris can cause blockage of the stormwater path and create drainage problems. Please, if you cut it, remove it. Do not dispose of trimmings in the drainage facilities or public right-of-way ditches.

This time of year, another effort of the PLDD board is the annual budget-planning. The PLDD Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on October 11 that ratified the 2019 fiscal year budget, representing a

reduction of 7 percent and an accompanying 8.8 percent reduction in the special assessment that appears on your county tax bill. The board delivers the budget to Jefferson County for implementation. PLDD governs and administers the activities of the district but does not collect, hold, or disburse funds. Those functions are performed and overseen by the county.

Interested in keeping up-to-date with activities of the PLDD? Please attend the regular meetings, held in the training room of the Port Ludlow Fire Hall, at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month, or visit the district website at *pldd.org*.

### Beach Club Breakfast with Santa

The North Bay Lot Owners' Association (NBLOA) will host the annual Christmas breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 22**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There will be pancakes, entertainment, and, of course—Santa!

Bring the children and grandchildren to the Beach Club and join in the fun! Santa will arrive promptly at 10:00 a.m. (He has a busy schedule that day.)

Please bring a small wrapped gift for your child with the child's name and age clearly written (Santa is old). You may drop off the gift at the Beach Club prior to the day of the event if you wish.

We look forward to having you join us! Volunteers are always welcome and important. For more information or to volunteer, please call Jamie Bima at 360-437-9335.

### Welcome New Neighbors

For privacy reasons, the Ludlow Maintenance Commission no longer publishes the names of our new neighbors. However, we do want to say welcome. We are very glad that you are here. Welcome to our North Bay neighborhood!