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by changes in state or federal regulations. If, for example, salmon recovery efforts result in more stringent stormwater management requirements or stream or shoreline setbacks, these would supersede the Development Agreement.

It is ORM's objective to adopt the Development Agreement before the end of the year. The process will include a full review of the proposed DA by county staff and the county prosecuting attorney's office, as well as a public hearing. The Board of Commissioners ultimately adopts or rejects the DA—and it is requesting that the new Port Ludlow Village Council play a key role in its implementation.

Role of Village Council

The County enters into the Development Agreement, but it does not want to be the primary regulatory agency for management of issues beyond typical County-enforced codes. The County wants a local authority, the Village Council, to say if an architectural submission for construction on ORM-controlled property is in compliance with the approved standards and guidelines. They will require this approval before they will accept a permit application for further review. The Village Council may, according to its Articles of Incorporation, "engage in architectural control in areas not under the architectural control of SBCA, LMC or other entities." One of its first tasks is to determine and put into place a mechanism for the architectural review the County desires. Architectural control over single-family development continues to reside with the respective community associations.

Construction When?

The passage of zoning regulations means that ORM may apply to the County for building and development permits. Some permits are likely to be easier to receive than others. Construction in the commercial center, or up at the golf course pro shop, for example, is encompassed by the 1993 EIS unless the scope of proposed development changes from what was then reviewed. The resort area requires a new project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, a very public process in which physical specifics such as building appearance, placement, lighting, parking, colors, landscaping and noise are considered. Arriving at a final, approved SEIS will probably take a year or more, estimates ORM consultant Mike Derrig, and must precede building permits and construction contracts.

Storm Water District Moves Forward

At a Special Meeting of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission, the Board of Trustees endorsed the formation of a Storm Water Control District for the north side. This issue is one that has concerned residents of the north side of the Village for some time. The Ludlow Maintenance Commission approved the posting of a bond that is required by the County to start the process toward a vote of the residents of the proposed district. If this vote passes, a Board of three Commissioners will be appointed for three months. An election will then be held to elect the Commissioners.

One of the first tasks of the District will be to have an engineering study completed that hopefully will show the extent of the problem of storm water control. The storm water issue finds the major associations of the north side in agreement. The Ludlow Maintenance Commission, the Lot Owners Association and the North Bay Coalition all agree that a District is in the best interests of the community.

LMC Trustee Bob Linrothe stated that while he personally does not have a storm water problem, he recognizes the problem is a community issue that requires we get together and resolve the problem. "We should all support the District just like we have supported the Fire District in the past," he said. It was also pointed out that one of the advantages of a local District is that all of the money collected would have to be spent in Port Ludlow unlike a County-wide District where the funds collected could be spent anywhere in the County.

The final map of the district is still under consideration but it will encompass all of the north side and possibly some portions of the commercial area. Meanwhile a new 30-inch pipe has been installed in the Montgomery area that should resolve some of the problems for those residents living nearby.

Vaughn Hubbard, a north side resident, suggested that the south side of the Village might want to join the District. The Board of Trustees indicated that the south would be welcome but that they most likely would not be interested at this time since their system is relatively new unlike the system on the north side.

Drainage District Election Approved

The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners met on May 16th at the Beach Club in what could be described as one of the shortest public meetings on record. The purpose of the meeting was to provide a public forum on the issue of creating a Drainage District for the North Bay. A small but enthusiastic crowd was on hand and provided input to the Commissioners.

Only four members of the audience addressed the Commissioners with somewhat the same message. They all testified in essence that although they had solved their own drainage problems they felt that the overall problem was a community issue that ultimately could only be solved with community action, i.e. a Drainage District.

Bob Balck an LMC member who is building his retirement home on Montgomery Court told the Commissioners that he had spent the equivalent of the cost of a small home to insure that his foundation was anchored to the bluff in such a way to preclude any possibility of erosion. He also told the Commissioners that he and his neighbors had at their own expense corrected a drainage problem so that their properties would be protected. Nonetheless, Mr. Balck felt that the only long-term remedy to drainage problems was the formation of a District and he urged the Commissioners to approve the election process. (The voters in a special election must approve the District before it can be formed.)

Ron Gregory, a local builder, told the Commissioners that unless the law of gravity was rescinded, water will continue to flow downhill and will continue to be a problem to the North Bay. He urged them to approve the District election.

Jim Brannaman, President of the LMC, told the Commissioners that the LMC was totally in support of the formation of the District and he also asked them to approve the election. All of those who spoke favored the District as a long-term solution to the problem of drainage.

The Commissioners acted swiftly to approve the Special Election to be held on September 19th. The next step, if the District is approved by the voters is for the Commissioners to name 3 District Commissioners to serve until 2002 when a formal election of District Commissioners can occur in accordance with Washington State law.

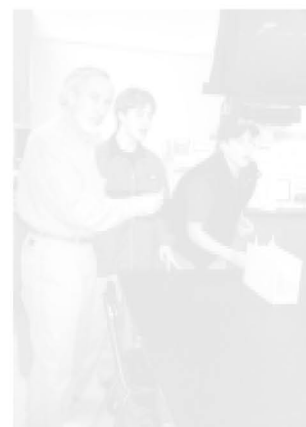
Bluebills an Opportunity to Serve

The purpose of the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills is to provide opportunities for all retirees (not only Boeing retirees) and their spouses to volunteer their time, energy, skills, knowledge and experience to enhance their own lives and to improve the quality of life in their respective communities and in all of Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Groups of Bluebills are active in Port Townsend, Port Angeles, Sequim and North Kitsap County.

The Bluebills are active in a number of volunteer projects. Many Port Ludlow residents are active in this service organization.

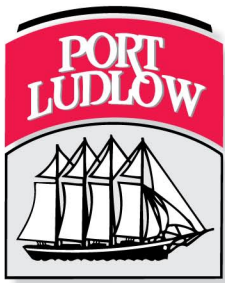
Students in Port Townsend High School have been conducting science and engineering experiments in the homeroom of physics teacher John Van Auken since September. They formed a club sponsored by the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills. The Bluebills obtained a \$1500 grant from the Boeing Company to pay for the student club materials and kits from an organization called Future Scientists and Engineers of America (FSEA). They are a non-profit organization that provides lesson plans, project material, documentation and awards for school technology clubs. Their goal is to give students an opportunity to experience engineering and science through use of hands-on experiments. The FSEA is supported by the National Science Foundation and by grants from industry. There are over 100 student clubs in the country each of which is sponsored by a private company, professional society or community organization.

These projects are designed to demonstrate to the students various scientific principles and the practical engineering hands-on way to design and construct their models. The enthusiasm of the students, many of whom have little exposure or inclination to science and engineering, was encouraging.



Bluebills mentor volunteer Bert Goldstein.

The Bluebills have an office in the Skookum Industries Building in Port Townsend and can be reached at 360-385-4980, ext 115. Anyone interested in participating in these activities can contact us at our office or call one of your neighbors.



PORT LUDLOW VOICE

Will Port Ludlow Have Its Own *Perfect Storm*?

by Ralph Thomas

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The purpose of this article is to draw your attention to an outdated drainage system and also to a potential cure. Drainage is a community problem. Many of us have taken steps to move surface water from our properties, which causes a tremendous amount of water to move laterally under many of our properties. This water must be conveyed down the hill in such a way that it does not create a hazard for our neighbors. The soon-to-be-voted-on North Bay Drainage District can bring us back to a condition that precludes the types of problems that have occurred in other areas and is a first step to protect all of our properties. The Drainage District will have very little financial impact on most homeowners while increasing our property value and making our homes safer. We have done nothing to date about the problem of a “perfect storm” and supersaturated land that could cause instability on the hillsides.

The possibility of a 100-year storm is only a probability that a monster storm will have a one-in-a-one hundred chance of occurring at any given time. As the period of time increases the probability of a monster storm also increases. This means that in a 100-year period there is a 100 percent chance that a monster storm will occur. It does not mean that we will only have a 100-year storm once every 100 years. A 25-year storm will drop 3.5 inches in a 24-hour period, a 50-year storm will have 3.7 inches and a 100-year storm will drop 4 inches in 24-hours.

From a hydrological point of view the danger from such a storm increases in proportion to the amount of saturation that already exists. If the ground already contains more water than normal, then runoff is more likely to cause damage since the ground cannot accept any more moisture. If the amount of rainfall in a given time period is excessive, the rain will have nowhere to go and will cut new channels, cause banks to collapse and hillsides to become unstable. In fact we don’t really need a monster storm because time will create the same condition. If we have even normal rain over a sustained period, the water will not have an opportunity to dissipate and the ground will become supersaturated.

In 1962 in Oakland, California, 9.4 inches of rain fell in a single day creating a 24-hour storm-of-record (greatest amount of rain in a 24-hour period ever recorded). This storm continued to dump water into the already oversaturated area resulting in 13.73 inches in 48 hours and considerable damage. In January of 1982 a storm dumped 27 inches of rain on the coastal area of San Francisco Bay. Not a record, but they still experienced slides and debris flows causing 17 fatalities and millions of dollars in damage. Heavy rainfall in 1996 in Seattle caused extensive damage and the loss of many homes. To this day you can still see homes that slid from Perkins Lane in Magnolia and ended up on the beach. Perkins Lane suffered six large mudslides causing forty homes to be vacated. On Bainbridge Island in 1997 a young couple that were remodeling a home that had been in existence for some time were killed along with their two children when their home was covered by a mudslide. Bainbridge Island had experienced more than 20 inches of rain in the previous two months. The ground was supersaturated and extremely unstable.

A long period of saturation and then a heavy rainfall can cause buoyancy that will turn dirt into a liquid-like substance causing slopes to destabilize. Gravity then steps in and the hillside



*Remember
August 6th,
Summerfest
See story on
page 5.*

comes down. Another factor contributing to slides is the buildup over time of soil and debris in drainage ditches and culverts. These dams divert the flow of runoff cutting new channels and causing erosion.

In addition to excessive rainfall we also have a problem of snow. The Edmonds Marina on December 29th, 1996 sustained 20 million dollars in damage due to snow. Edmonds rarely gets any significant snowfall. When a large snowfall melts it creates the same conditions that occur with rainstorms.

What has all this to do with Port Ludlow and particularly the North Bay?

We have been fortunate that the majority of our properties are stable and hopefully will remain so. However the North Bay has approximately 500 lots that have not been built on. When these lots have homes on them they will decrease the space available to handle rainfall. Using a figure of 3000 square feet for a home and driveway, multiplied by 500 lots we get 1,500,000 square feet of impervious surface added to an already over-taxed drainage system. The current drainage system for North Bay has culverts that were installed 35 years ago, some have rusted out and some are plugged. When first established the system took advantage of natural swales to get runoff water to the Sound. These swales have changed over time; water is no longer following the same paths it followed 35 years ago. Water has been diverted into the greenbelt areas to the point where they reach supersaturation each year. When this occurs the water follows the clay beds or bedrock and then, considering gravity, proceeds to move laterally to a point where it exits the greenbelt and enters drainage ditches on the other side. There are culverts within the greenbelt but they are in need of repair or replacement.

We have already seen the damage that can occur when a culvert is incapable of handling the runoff. Fortunately the County replaced the culvert on Montgomery. We have also seen the damage that occurred on Montgomery Court when a portion of the bluff eroded exposing and endangering the sewer line. Once again we are fortunate that it was repaired in time.

If Port Ludlow does have its own "perfect storm," we can be ready for it. Support the new Drainage District. It is a first step to protect all of our properties.

Our thanks to Dan Collins, Lt. Comdr. US Navy Retired and Meteorologist, who provided weather data.

Shellfish Monitoring

Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP), commonly known as Red Tide, is a continuing environmental problem in Puget Sound. Microscopic plankton release a toxin, which concentrates in shellfish. Eating contaminated shellfish can cause nervous system problems and even death.

Adopt-a-Beach recruits volunteers to assist state and local health agencies in monitoring for PSP and other biotoxins. Volunteers collect shellfish samples from 25 Puget Sound locations and the results are available on the PSP Hotline at 1-800-562-5632 or on the Internet at website www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/sf/biotoxin.htm

For the past three years Doris Monti and Janet Samples have been collecting mussels every other week for the Washington Department of Health Shellfish Program. Presently the Port Ludlow shellfish are contaminated with a reading of 101 micrograms. Washington State standard for PSP is under 80 micrograms per 100 grams. Janet or Doris will be glad to provide a reading monthly.

Investor Beware—Fraud Alert

Another attempt to defraud senior citizens has been uncovered. It's estimated that to date 300 million dollars have been taken by con artists using a business-related promissory note fraud. These investments are being promoted as risk free because they are insured notes. The insurance companies are from outside of the country and in some cases don't exist. The lure of the phony notes is the promise of insured obligations paying from 9 to 12 percent. This sum while not high enough to make one suspicious is pretty attractive for an insured no risk, bonded investment. However, there is really considerable risk since the insurance factor is non-existent.

A 38-state task force has been formed to fight this fraud. Civil and criminal charges are being filed as well as cease and desist orders. Many unwitting insurance agents have been recruited to sell these notes. In some cases insurance agents, unaware of the danger of these uninsured obligations, are selling them to their local clients. Federal securities regulators have asked insurance commissioners to educate agents about the fraud.

Thanks to George Dyer for bringing this scheme to our attention.

Beach Club Update

Nan Smith is the correspondent for the North Bay and the Communications Chair for the LMC. She can be reached at 437-2162 or by e-mail at justnan@olypen.com. All items of interest to the North Bay may be submitted to her.

LMC Meetings

Third Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. at the Beach Club. All LMC members are welcome. Agendas are posted at the Beach Club.

25th Arts and Crafts Fair—Beach Club

Labor Day weekend plan to attend the 25th Arts and Crafts Fair at the Beach Club on **Saturday and Sunday, September 2nd and 3rd**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. LMC members will display and sell their handiwork.

A “Shared Community” table will allow new artists, craftspersons and authors who may not produce either the variety or the quantity of items to fill a whole table for two days to sell their creations.

Western Bar-B-Q

Wahoo!! Dig out your cowpoke duds and join your neighbors at a Western Bar-B-Q on **Saturday, September 16th**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Beach Club.

Chicken and ribs will be cooked on the outdoor grill. Wine, beer and soft drinks will be furnished. BYOB for other beverages.

The cost is \$6 per person. Please bring your own place settings.

Sign up at the Beach Club. Y’all come!

New LMC Subcommittee Formed

The LMC Operations Committee has declared a subcommittee for Programming, which will operate to enhance the use of Beach Club facilities. Patsy Swindler has volunteered to chair the new subcommittee. She is looking for volunteers, both men and women, to work with her to establish new programs. So far, adults only swim lessons have been authorized for the off-season, September to December.

If you would like to help Patsy on this project, she can be reached at 437-0479.

LOA Meeting Summary

Supports Drainage District

The August meeting of the Lot Owners Association (LOA) was held on the evening of August 11th. The Board approved support of the formation of the North Bay Drainage District. It was suggested that a table be set up at the Village Post Office prior to the election to remind voters to vote. A telephone and e-mail campaign to support the election was also proposed.

Larry Nobles, LMC Operations Committee Chairman, reported that of the 984 questionnaires sent out by the LMC to North Bay lot owners, as of August 10th, 472 had been returned, with over 50 per cent being homeowners. Of that percentage, over half had submitted written commentary. The survey is the first step in establishing a plan for the Beach Club. The next steps will be to evaluate what the community wants, develop a program of requirements, estimate costs, develop financing and seek the approval of the membership.

Michael Cahn, LOA President, advised that a committee be being formed to develop activities for children in North Bay.

Stan Kadesh gave a presentation on the benefits to Jefferson County Transit if Proposition 1 were passed. The Transit District currently receives three-tenths of 1 per cent of the County sales taxes collected. Proposition 1 would increase this amount to six-tenths of 1 per cent of the sales tax to make up for the loss of funds created by passage of I-695.

The Board voted to go back to morning meetings except when we have a speaker or important event to present. The next meeting will be on the second Thursday of the month, **Thursday, September 14th** at 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to New LMC Members

Since June 1st, 2000, the LMC has welcomed the following new members:

Wayne and Rosalie Barber
 Kevin O'Connor and
 Lara Daciuk
 Richard and Patricia
 Fritch
 Clarence and
 Catherine Garrison
 Bard Glenne
 Richard and Marilyn Hampton
 James and Evelyn Hoodless
 Gary and Susan Kaysinger
 Steven and Marin Moore
 Willard and Pamela Newland
 James Alan Nichols
 David and Virginia Nordin
 Douglas Price
 John and Elsie Roehm
 William Jackson and Riggan Shilstone
 Allen and Dorothy Wright



A Special Note Regarding the Drainage District Election

LMC members owning land within the boundaries of the proposed Drainage District should have received a mailing from the County Auditor explaining the upcoming Special Election on Sept. 19th. These notices were mailed to all members with a mailing address in the State of Washington. If you own property and are a registered voter in the State of Washington, but do not receive your mail in Washington State, you should contact the County Auditor to obtain an absentee ballot. If your property is in a corporate name or in the name of a trust, you must notify the County Auditor, in writing by August 30th, of the person or two people who will cast the two votes for your property.

Contact Donna Eldridge, Jefferson County Auditor, P.O. Box 563, Port Townsend, WA 98368 or phone 1-800-831-2678 ext. 118

Cribbage, Anyone?

Port Ludlow is happy to announce the formation of a brand new interest group: a Cribbage Club.

Okay, okay. All you long-time Ludlians will tell me that this was tried before, but guess what? We have a new resident who is willing to try again! His name is Michael Walker and he can be contacted by e-mail at Walkermr@aol.com or by phone at 437-0876.

Michael has a notice on the Bulletin Board at the Beach Club, but so far, only one person has shown any interest. Have you always wanted to know how the game is played? Did you inherit a cribbage board from your great uncle Charlie and haven't a clue what to do with it? Are you a master cribbage player who needs a playing partner or two? Give Michael a call and he will schedule a meeting date and time convenient for all.

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Thurs., September 28th

11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Nifty Niners and 18-Holers Luncheon
 7:00 p.m., Youth Violence Prevention Class, Community Church

Fri., September 29th

8:00 a.m., Regular Hiking Club Departure, Bridge Deck
 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Farmers Market, Village Center
 9:00 a.m.-Noon, CERT Program, Fire Station
 5:30-7:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Kitchens Tasting Party
 Deadline for return of Village Council Ballots

Sat., September 30th

7:00-11:00 p.m., Michael Kaeshammer Concert

Future Events

October:

2nd-5th, Hiking Club Getaway
 3rd, CERT Program
 3rd-4th, 55 Alive/Mature Driving Class
 6th, CERT Program
 10th, CERT Program
 11th, Garden Club Meeting, Political Candidates Forum
 13th, CERT Program
 16th, Dine & Discover Club
 17th, CERT Program
 18th, CPR Class
 19th, First Aid Class
 26th, Youth Violence Prevention Class
 28th, Port Ludlow Kitchens Tasting Party

Village Council Meeting Agenda

Thursday, September 7th 9:00 a.m., Bay Club

- Questions and Answers on the Proposed School District Levy to appear on the September 19th Ballot
- Committee Reports
- OPG Monthly Update

All members of the community are welcome to attend.

Drainage District to Determine Assessments

The Port Ludlow Drainage District has been meeting to develop its assessment methodology. The County Commissioners will be at the Beach Club on **Tuesday, July 24**, at 7:30 p.m. for a public hearing on an ordinance establishing the assessment system. All residents living within the District are urged to attend.

At the last District meeting, the consultant and engineer employed by the Drainage District made a presentation on the various methods of assessment that are being considered by the Commissioners. The Commissioners will shortly make their decision and forward their recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners which will schedule a public hearing and most likely adopt the recommendation.

Some of the criteria and fees being considered are outlined below and are based on a hypothetical \$100,000 assessment for a single family residential lot:

Gross area only	\$65.64
Impervious area only	\$96.47
Gross area 30%, Impervious area 70%	\$87.22
Gross area 35%, Impervious area 65%	\$85.68
Gross area 50%, Impervious area 50%	\$81.05

Additional data presented to the Drainage District Commissioners included 5-acre lots, multifamily lots, condominiums, vacant lots and commercial acreage. Calculations were also presented regarding greenbelt exclusion and inclusion. Space does not permit presentation of this data. The next District meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 11**, at 9:00 a.m. at the Beach Club and will most likely result in the establishment of an assessment recommendation. Anyone living in the District wanting to be heard on this matter should be in attendance. The actual cost to the homeowner or landowner cannot be determined until a budget is formalized and all grant money and loans are considered. At this time, engineering studies are not complete so, consequently, the cost of new construction and repair of existing drainage systems cannot be calculated. This year's assessment will probably not include any funds for new construction or maintenance.

The Drainage District Commissioners also discussed sending letters to the Board of County Commissioners regarding sediment and erosion control on 5-acre parcels and Drainage District review of any construction that might impact drainage.

Jon Rose Will Relocate to Poulsbo as President of OPG

Greg McCarry and Tom Griffin Will Join New Company formed by HCV

In a June 14 memo to Olympic Resource Management (ORM) employees on the sale of the Port Ludlow Resort and real estate assets, Chief Operating Officer Dave Nunes said, "Transaction negotiations are complete and the focus is now on the closing process. At this stage we are confident that we will close this transaction before the end of June, with the target closing date of Wednesday, June 27."

Randy Verrue, CEO of HCV Pacific Partners, was expected to be in Port Ludlow the last week of June to sign final closing documents and commence with the ownership transition, according to Nunes. He added, "An important element of this transition is settling on the future leadership for Port Ludlow."

Jon Rose has accepted ORM's offer to remain with the company, announced Nunes, where he will serve as President of Olympic Property Group (OPG). He will relocate to the Poulsbo office immediately after the closing of the Port Ludlow transaction. The company's portfolio of higher-and-better-use properties stretch from Gig Harbor to the Hansville Peninsula and will require a tremendous amount of effort to successfully complete the entitlement process and see them through to later stages of development.

Nunes also extended congratulations to Greg McCarry and Tom Griffin, who have accepted leadership positions with Port Ludlow Associates LLC, the new company formed by HCV to own and operate the Port Ludlow Resort operations and real estate development assets.

Port Ludlow Friday Market

The market continues to attract new vendors and brings out shoppers each Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A new vendor of note is Victoria's Venture with stone-ware and whimsical garden art. Her garden fairies are adorable and you will want them in your own garden. Steve Hart continues to show his exceptional glass decorative items that would make a lovely gift or a treasure for your own home. John Potter keeps on entertaining us with his very enjoyable music. We need to support our market. Stop by on Friday and say hello.

Commissioners Conduct Public Hearing on Drainage

by Ralph Thomas

The Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) took testimony during a public hearing on the Drainage District Assessment System. There were approximately sixty people in attendance; most of the persons testifying were in opposition to the method of assessment. The owners of the five-acre parcels in Port Ludlow were concerned that they were being assessed at a rate that was unreasonable. They argued their assessment is about five times as much as a smaller parcel, yet both are limited to one dwelling. They also argued that the location of their property was such that it did not have a drainage problem and did not contribute to the overall problem within the District.

The method of assessment recommended by the Drainage District Commissioners to the BOCC was a system that took the acreage within the District and created an assessment factor that represented 35 percent of the assessment per acre. Each parcel would be assessed on its proportion of the total area of the District.

In the event that a dwelling was on that parcel, a factor that represented 65% of the total impervious surface of the District was added to the area charge. Each occupied parcel would be assessed on the proportion of the total and its proportion of the total impervious surface. Some considerations that could have been used would be matters in mitigation and aggravation and a method of increasing the assessment for those who gained the most benefit or caused the most problem. This adjustment would probably require zones to be created. Some of the disagreement with the system was based on these factors not being considered. Other protests were based on existing surface water systems that have already been installed and paid for by the owner. Future assessments would likely take these matters into consideration. At present the Drainage Commissioners are only concerned with an operating budget since an engineering study and recommended improvements are not yet available.

Members of the audience spoke to all the above points. Greg McCarry, representing the Developer, submitted written testimony. He also spoke to the inequity of excluding some reserve acreage while not excluding all of the land not yet built on. Throughout the testimony it became abundantly clear that the entire audience supported the Drainage District but did not necessarily support the

method of assessment first suggested. Almost everyone who addressed the Commissioners praised the efforts of the Drainage District Commissioners and agreed that storm water control was and is a community issue. The consultants hired by the County did not fare as well and did receive comments to the effect that more thought should have gone into their recommendation. To their credit they did submit revised methods of assessment for consideration by the Board of County Commissioners.

Bert Loomis spoke to the BOCC regarding the amount of money he has spent developing his on-site system and the fact that no consideration was given to that effort. Speaking of the Consultants he said, "They didn't do their homework."

The Drainage Commissioners were able to report that they had just received word that a five-year loan has been approved for \$80,000. This will spread the cost of the District out and make it easier to fund this first budget.

Commissioner Walt Cairns, responding to a resident of Plot 7, said he personally agreed they should not be required to pay an assessment to their homeowners' association and the District, and he felt that the District should take over maintenance of their drainage facility. Joe Darcy rose and said he is ready to quitclaim the facility to the District right now.

During testimony the Commissioners were asked to consider the matter of mitigation and aggravation, as well as zones based on those who received the most benefit, and those who created the most problem. They were also asked to establish an appeals process. The Commissioners were told that they had the authority to reestablish the assessment process (with public hearings) at any time it was appropriate.

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Consider running for office. The usual suspects can get burnt out—or be revitalized by others' enthusiasm. Consider attending meetings, and sharing your thoughts. Do you have suggestions for soliciting candidates, for telling voters about them, for structuring organizations to attract more involvement, for bringing more folks to meetings? If you've been telling dinner companions or hiking buddies your ideas, let one of your elected officials know as well. What do you propose and why? Your participation can make a (small) world of difference!

Thanks to Port Ludlow from a Neighbor

by Mary Lynne Derrington, School Superintendent

On behalf of the students and staff of the Chimacum School District, we thank you for supporting education and our young people in the recent election. The two-year levy replacement was passed with a record high approval of close to 72 percent—yes, across the School District. Absentee ballot results were over 68 percent—yes, another record high. The three Port Ludlow precincts that vote at the polls ranged from 81 to 89.5 percent. Yes! Our young people are truly blessed to have this positive educational support in our community.

The passage of the levy enables us to maintain and continue existing programs. Moreover, it allows us to continuously strive to provide the quality of education that you expect and that Chimacum students deserve in this ever-changing world. Thank you for your continued support not only on the two-year levy renewal but for all that you do for education and for our youths.

Book Club

Daughter of Fortune is an entertaining historical book about a young girl, born in Chile, who follows her lover to California in the Gold Rush of 1849. There she finds a society of single men and prostitutes and a Chinese doctor who becomes her friend and savior. This daring woman finds a society that offers her unbelievable personal freedoms and situations that help to transform her and put her in charge of her destiny. Please join us on **Tuesday, March 12**, 7:00 p.m. at the Bay Club to discuss this novel by acclaimed author Isabel Allende. Questions? Call Martha Dawson at 437-4167. Open to all.

Drainage Commissioners Elected

The results of the election for Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) Commissioners have been announced. Ranking in terms of votes received were Dick Regan, Jim Laker and Leland Amundson. According to State law, the ranking establishes the position of each candidate, with Regan serving a six-year term; Laker, a four-year term; and Amundson, who was a write-in candidate, serving the two-year term. Hereafter, there will be just one vacancy every two years.

The March meeting of the PLDD Commissioners will take place at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, March 13**, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting is an open one, and members of the Drainage District are encouraged to attend. Information about the PLDD is posted on a designated bulletin board across from the Beach Club reception desk.

Rain Barrels Available for Less

The first two sales of rain barrels were so successful that Water Watchers will hold a third sale on **Saturday, April 13**, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds. If you are interested in these 55-gallon food-grade white plastic barrels at \$25 each, call 379-5610 or stop by to see Fostine Talltree at WSU Cooperative Extension in Port Hadlock. She can put you on the order list. Supplies are limited, so please order soon.

Scouting for Food

The Chief Seattle Council and Food Lifeline are partnering for the Scouting for Food Good Turn. This annual event helps fill the shelves of our local food banks. Scouting for Food bags will be distributed in various areas of Port Ludlow around **Saturday, March 16**, by local scouts including the Cub Scouts of Pack 480. Pack 480 is sponsored by Community United Methodist Church in Port Hadlock. The bag delivery may vary according to the meeting times of the various dens.

Food pick-up day will be in the morning of **Saturday, March 23**. Just set the bags, or any bag, out by your step, mailbox or any place conspicuous to a Cub Scout, Boy Scout or an adult leader. If you have questions please call the cubmaster of Pack 480, Lonnie Reynolds at 437-0328.

Port Ludlow's Newest Fire Commissioner

by Maureen Poole

After only eighteen months in our Village, Bill Hansen has agreed to serve as the fifth Commissioner in Jefferson County Fire District 3. Bill and his wife Phyllis have attended Village meetings, joined clubs, volunteered, and thoroughly immersed themselves in their new home.

Bill's interest in the study of parliamentary procedures has earned him recognition in many sectors. This reputation, and the experience he gained while serving fifteen years as a Commissioner in Battle Ground, Clark County District 11 (a suburb of Vancouver, WA), made him a prime candidate for Fire Commissioner. Clark County District 11 is a rural fire district with many of the same concerns and issues as Port Ludlow. During Bill's terms, the issues of consolidation and merger with nearby districts were studied. Consolidations to save costs and obtain better use of personnel took place during his tenure. Bill has experience in melding districts with great differences and in establishing programs to promote and attract volunteers—accomplishments that will be valuable in Port Ludlow.

When Commission Chair Howard Morse asked Bill to consider the open position of Fire Commissioner, Bill drew on his belief in public service and accepted. This is a strong tradition in the Hansen family, starting with his mother who was a long-standing volunteer in Oregon.

In addition to Bill's ongoing consulting (grant writing and evaluation of state and federal programs), and his background of school administration, parliamentarian, and musician make him a well-rounded, accomplished

Port Ludlow Artists League

The Port Ludlow Artists League's regular meeting on **Wednesday, August 20** will not have a scheduled speaker. We will be discussing the details of our **Friday, August 22, Art Walk**. All exhibiting artists are urged to attend. Our next scheduled meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 17**.

All residents and guests are invited to visit our second Art Walk! (See related story on page 8.)

Drainage District Update

Over the last few months the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) Commissioners have been re-evaluating the assessment methodology adopted for the Port Ludlow Drainage District by the Board of the County Commissioners in August of 2001. Recent completion of the Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan provided the Commissioners with documented proof that some previously made assumptions were incorrect, therefore making a case for an assessment change. On **Monday, August 18**, the PLDD Commissioners and the County Commissioners will hold a joint public hearing at the Beach Club, 7:00 p.m., to present the new assessment methodology report and recommendations and to take public testimony. The County Commissioners will take the final action at their regular meeting on **Monday, August 25**. If approved, new assessment methodology will be used to collect PLDD assessment revenues during 2004.

The North Bay Condo Drainage Project contract was awarded to Seton Construction Inc. of Port Townsend. Construction has started and is expected to be completed in a timely and orderly manner.

Area 7 Detention Pond cleanup and rehabilitation were completed last month.

PLDD meets at the Beach Club at 10:00 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Our meetings are held in an open forum style, inviting the audience to participate in drainage discussions.

Fire District Commission Meetings

Monthly meetings of the Jefferson County Fire District No. 3 Commissioners are held on the second Tuesday of each month. This was erroneously reported in the July *Voice* as the third Tuesday. The public is invited to attend these meetings. Please contact the District at 437-2899 for further information.

Notice of Public Hearing

Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD)
Comprehensive Stormwater Management Plan
Thursday, August 14, 7:00 p.m.
Beach Club Bay View Room

Mineral Resource Land Hearing Held

by Beverly Browne, Contributing Editor

County Commissioners heard testimony about Fred Hill Material's (FHM) Mineral Resource Land (MRL) designation on Wednesday, June 9, at Chimacum High School. Commissioner Glen Huntingford, Chair, was joined by Commissioners Pat Rogers and Dan Titterness and County Planner Greg Ballard. Members of the Hood Canal Coalition, representatives of FHM, and members of the Teamsters Union, were present. As expected, the auditorium was packed and security was heavy. Pickets for opposing groups bearing signs crowded the parking lot.

Huntingford, who expects a decision in approximately two weeks, reviewed three alternatives before the Board. The alternatives are: the Approved Action Alternative (modified 690-acre MRL plus 15 conditions), the No Action Alternative (no designated MRL and reliance on the current Unified Development Code), and the Proposed Action Alternative (a 6,240-acre MRL originally proposed by FHM). Greg Ballard reviewed the Community Development Department report on the MRL proposal. Ballard emphasized that the Pit-to-Pier Project was not the issue being evaluated.

Testimony began with James C. Tracy, Land Use Attorney for FHM. Tracy reiterated that the MRL proposal was not linked to the Pit-to-Pier Project and supported the modified action alternative. The Pit-to-Pier project, certain to engender biblical controversy, is in the application stage. Tracy stated that FHM will continue to grow and accused the Hood Canal Coalition (HCC) of using unethical tactics and making unsupported claims.

John Fabian, representing HCC, said the MRL was all about the Pit-to-Pier project. He stated that Jefferson County only rules on the MRL, not on the Pit-to-Pier project and received wild applause. He accused FHM of manufacturing bogus claims of benefits to the County, and the Commissioners of manufacturing bogus law. HCC supports the No Action Alternative and believes existing environmental protections will be sufficient.

After testimony from a Teamsters lawyer in support of the MRL designation, Teamsters dramatically exited the auditorium. Norm Dicks sent warnings about considering MRL an isolated action when it may lead to unalterable changes in Hood Canal. Other testimony focused on the fragile environment of the Canal, concern about

water supply, the fishing industry, risks to the Hood Canal Bridge, social responsibility of business, and inequality of benefits compared with risk. FHM reaps benefits; the people of the Peninsula assume risk.

Your Drainage District at Work

by Gene Amundson, Drainage District Commissioner

The Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) has awarded Seton Construction a contract for the replacement of the storm water drainage line running from the junction of Montgomery Lane and Libby Court down to the bluff where it discharges onto the beach. The existing line consists of a 32-inch pipe that has rusted out, and the water has been undercutting the pipe and discharging about six feet below the pipe onto the beach, causing erosion to the bluff. A sewer line runs north and south under this line and is in jeopardy due to the failure of the piping.

The planned replacement is to install a new pipe to the bluff and add additional piping down the bluff to the beach where the water will be dispersed through a diffuser. Work is anticipated to start in the **July-August** time frame and will take about two weeks to a month to complete at a cost of approximately \$120,000.

Also on tap is Phase II, repairing the deep drainage ditch created by heavy storm water between Oak Bay Road and Montgomery Lane at a cost of approximately \$68,000. The current ditch is up to five feet or deeper in some areas creating a hazard to a person walking in the Greenbelt. The Drainage District will be installing catch basins and piping plus regrading, straightening and stabilizing the ditch.

We encourage everyone to keep up-to-date on the activities of the Drainage District by attending the meetings held on the **second and fourth Thursdays** of every month, 10:00 a.m., at the Beach Club.



Reminder to Dog Owners

So we all can enjoy our walks please carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog, large or small!

- Fee for property liens (filing lien and/or lien satisfaction documents) will be \$100 per lien document. (County filing and recording fees were amended as of 8/1/05.)
- The Beach Club will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, and on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day at 1:00 p.m.
- The LMC Annual Assessment for 2006 will be \$408.20.

Other items of interest:

- Congratulations to Finance Committee Chair Bruce Pyles and Architectural Control Committee Chair Veronica Cross on their September 10 marriage.
- Database assistance using Microsoft Access would be appreciated. Contact Brian Belmont at the Beach Club for more information.
- Local contractor Joe Thompson will use a small excavator to dig holes around the drains at Kehele Park.
- The Beach Club pool table will be for sale on *e-Bay*. Minimum bid is \$3,000.
- The rebuild of Admiralty Building 12 is progressing.
- Approximately 25 new homes have been approved to date.

LMC Board and committee meetings (with the exception of Executive Board meetings) are open to all LMC members. Check at the Beach Club for date and time.

The next LMC Board of Trustees Meeting will be held at the Beach Club on **Saturday, October 8**, at 9:00 a.m. LMC members are encouraged to attend. ☼

It's That Time Again: Octoberfest at the Beach Club!

Preparations are under way for our popular Homeowners' Octoberfest at the Beach Club. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 15**, at 6:00 p.m., and reserve early, for this popular event is always a sell-out!

We're still keeping the tradition alive with plenty of German sausage and German beer and the great sounds of polka. As usual, wine and soda will be provided, but we ask you to bring a German side dish. Don't forget to bring your place setting.

Tickets are \$8 per person, payable when you make your reservations. Members of the Beach Club and their guests are welcome. Please sign up for your side dish or dessert when making your reservations. If you have questions, call Veronica Crossor Bruce Pyles at 437-8109. See you there!

Your Drainage District at Work

by Lee Amundson, Drainage District Commissioner

The Drainage District currently has two projects under contract with Seaton Construction; namely, Adventurer Lane French drain, and phase III of the Libby Court project partially completed last summer.

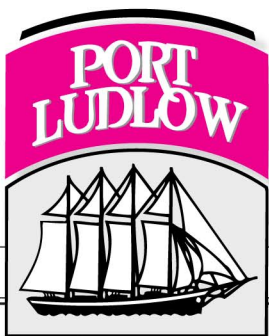
Storm water is presently being directed from the area upslope from Adventurer Lane into the greenbelt to the west of the path leading from the end of Adventurer Lane to the park and the tennis courts. During heavy rainfalls, water inundates the path and driveway of the home at the end of Adventurer Lane, causing problems to the homes east of Adventurer Lane. A French drain will be installed in the greenbelt to pick up the water and direct it to the County ditch on Adventurer Lane and subsequently to the ditch on Fleet Drive.

Phase III of the Libby Court project involves modifying the County ditch on the west side of Oak Bay Road. The culverts crossing under Oak Bay road between Swansonville Road north to Montgomery Lane will be modified to restrict the amount of water that can enter the culverts. The flow of the water in the ditch will be directed away from a number of small existing culverts under Oak Bay road toward the culvert at Baldwin Lane. This culvert leads into the completed project between Oak Bay Road and the beach which is now able to handle the additional water.

These projects had been scheduled for completion in August, but will more likely be done in early to mid-September.

Additionally, the District has initiated a website at pldd.org containing status on completed, current, and future projects, minutes of meetings for the last six months, current budget, and the boundaries of the District. The District plans to expand the website in the future to provide further information with respect to the activities of your District and to also allow you to express your concerns.

Our meetings are held at 10:00 a.m. on the **second and fourth Thursday of each month** at the Beach Club. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate.



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Resort Plan Decision Announced

by Beverly Browne, Co-editor in Chief

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Hearing Examiner Irv Berteig approved the proposal for the expansion of the Port Ludlow Master Plan Resort on Thursday, February 8. The decision follows an extensive review of the plan that began in January 2006 and included several public hearings and a site tour and produced volumes of records. According to Barbara Nightingale, Jefferson County Department of Community Development (CDC) planner, the approval and conditions were consistent with what the County proposed (also see "News from the County Administrator on page 14). It limits construction of new residential units to 42 in Ludlow Bay Village and 38 in Admiralty III. New moorage slips are limited to 64.

The approval added three new conditions to the existing 27. The first demands that the applicant provide amenities according to the Proposed Amenity Phasing Schedule. The second says that the CDC must notify residents on Gamble Lane when the building applications and plans are submitted for permit review. Residents there were concerned about building heights and view preservation. The third incorporated the conditions recommended by the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC).

The PLVC asked the Developer to redevelop the auxiliary exit to Oak Bay Road just north of the Conference Center to Jefferson County Public Works and Fire District 3 standards. They also asked that plans for placement of a retention pond or other dispersal of surface runoff be approved by the Port Ludlow Drainage District prior to construction of Admiralty III. Last, they asked that an alternative site for an emergency helipad, approved by Fire District 3, be provided. The helipad would be for emergency purposes only. Private helicopters would not be allowed.

The decision paves the way for build-out of the Resort and the Marina. Les Powers, a Yakima tax attorney who owns property in Port Ludlow, was expected to likely file an appeal. He indicated that he would seek a legal determination that will void Berteig's decision. At issue is whether Berteig had recused himself from continuing on the case in a letter to the Board of County Commissioners. Powers maintained that Berteig had no jurisdiction because he had indicated doubt in his ability to deliver a fair decision and should not be able to reinstate himself. According to Nightingale, appeals of the decision, accompanied by the \$709 filing fee, had to be received by the Board of County Commissioners by 4:30 p.m. on February 23.

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More appeals are expected. An important effect of delay is that PLA has missed a favorable sales market. An effect on LMC is loss of sorely-needed income and some amenities. Townhome owners lose guest parking, correction of deeds and documents, and transfer of the Home Owners Association to the owners.

Building at Olympic Terrace II was to begin in the summer of 2005. It didn't because there was a request for reconsideration of the Hearing Examiner's decision followed by an appeal to the Appellant Examiner, a reconsideration of the Appellant Examiner's decision, and an appeal to Superior Court by Powers and Richard Rozzell. This was followed by an effort at mediation. PLA broke ground at Olympic Terrace II in 2007 but had lost pre-sales, entirely missed the favorable selling market, and is stuck now in a period of economic doldrums and lagging home sales.

Along the way there have been other skirmishes. They include the issue of whether South Bay documents were registered properly. Water rights, their ownership and their adequacy were hotly disputed for a while. The use of buoys in Ludlow Bay brought out the troops. Those topics have receded to the back burner. Although the current litigants have every right to argue with court judgments, many residents say an end to the battles would be welcomed.

Check Before You Chop

by Beverly Browne, Editor

County Associate Planner David Wayne Johnson wants Port Ludlow landowners to think about the environmentally sensitive areas designated "critical areas" in the Growth Management Act (GMA). The County and the State believe that these areas must be regulated for the good of the landowner and the people of the State. Critical areas include: wetlands, aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically sensitive areas, and fish and wildlife areas. The Counties have attempted to map these areas and devise rules for managing them.

The Jefferson County Critical Areas Ordinance began with the passage of an interim ordinance in 1994. Since that time it has undergone changes and updates with public agencies using a "best available science" standard to review it. The current law, finalized in 2008, was developed through an extensive planning process that considered public comment. The County's intent was to improve citizen understanding of the rules while providing protections of the function and value of critical areas.

Besides having fish and wildlife habitat and wetlands, Port Ludlow has some geologically hazardous areas, areas susceptible to erosion, sliding, earthquake or other geological events. These areas are determined by geologic and topographic investigation, hydrologic factors and previous history of the site. Steepness of slope (greater than 15 percent), ground water seepage, and soil conditions are factors for consideration. Areas that have high potential for landslides include areas below Sea Vista Terrace, Condon Lane and Montgomery Court. Maps show slight to moderate hazard along Oak Bay Road and in most of Timberton Village. Residents in these areas need to consult with the County before disturbing vegetation.

Retention of native vegetation, reduction of impervious surfaces, and landscaping can improve the volume and rate of water flow and decrease slide potential. Therefore removal of vegetation within a critical area requires County review and a permit. Other preventative measures include improving and repairing existing drainage systems and directing rainwater through storm sewers. Maps indicating which areas are considered "critical" may be viewed at the Bay and Beach Clubs or by clicking on "Maps" on the County's home page, www.co.jefferson.wa.us.

Yes We Can ... Go to the Inauguration

by Stephen Cunliffe, Contributing Editor

At the end of 2008 my daughter moved to Washington D.C., into a little apartment just five blocks from the White House. She suggested I make my first visit there during the Inauguration. I gulped, my wife diligently found an airfare that did not break the already fragile bank, and I arrived 48 hours ahead of the Big Day on a plane full of happy people.

My first impression of my daughter's new digs was that security was a touch overdone, with a Humvee and a platoon of soldiers outside the front door. She explained that this was not the usual state of affairs. On Monday, Martin Luther King Day, we made an exploratory trip to the National Mall. Security was omnipresent, the sound of sirens almost continuous. Much of it came from regular police vehicles, which also used "the rumbler," a sonic device that works on much the same principal that howler monkeys use to penetrate the rainforest. At one point a convoy of 12 tow trucks went shrieking past, lights flashing, nose to tail. There was no apparent reason for such urgency, but it must have been the highlight of the tow truck drivers' careers. The occasional break in sirens allowed us to hear the throbbing of helicopters flying low overhead.

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Local News

Knock Out Noxious Weeds Day

by Dick Ullmann, Trails/Natural Resources Committee

The eighth annual noxious weed party is just around the corner. Once again, the Trails/Natural Resources Committee will be sponsoring the event. Over the past seven years, volunteers have pulled, cut and whacked multiple truckloads of Scotch Broom and taken them to their final resting place. We also will be looking for patches of Herb Robert and Tansy Ragwort.

Wednesday, April 1 is the date! We are looking for volunteers to meet at the Beach Club at 1:00 p.m. to form teams and get directions to the infested locations. We will work until 4:00 p.m. and then return to the Beach Club for a complimentary BBQ and social time. All volunteers and their spouses are invited.

Sign-up sheets are at both Clubs. Bring along a lopper or pruning saw and a pair of gloves. We will have several weed wrenches available. We also could use a few trucks to transport our "loot" to a nearby dumpsite. Join us in this effort to improve the health of our forested areas. You'll enjoy the accomplishment and the chance to work and socialize with some great Port Ludlow volunteers.

OWSI Pump Failure Causes Spill

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc., (OWSI) has reported that a pump failure in its electrical system permitted waste water to flow into Ludlow Bay in late January. An estimated 10,000 to 20,000 gallons of wastewater escaped through the bio-swales into the Bay.

According to Larry Smith, OWSI president, no long-term damage or health risks were expected. Water quality samples were taken and analyzed as a precaution. Outside consultants did water quality tests in the Bay. Their tests confirmed that there was no threat to public health.

The pump failure is highly unusual and was fixed quickly. Treatment plant records were analyzed to obtain an accurate estimate of the flow. Officials are investigating electrical modifications to prevent a recurrence of the incidence.

According to *The Leader* and *Peninsula Daily News*, investigators with the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) also looked into the spill.

Road Work Undertaken on Oak Bay Road

Monte Reinders, County Engineer, recently explained the geotechnical work at Oak Bay Road near the four-way intersection with Paradise Bay Road. He said that a soldier pile retaining wall at this location was failing. The failure caused the piles to



View of the challenged retaining wall with Oak Bay Road at upper right.

Photo by Bob Duncan.

lean outwards, some quite substantially, with associated cracking of the asphalt and settling of the road surface.

Jefferson County Public Works hired an engineering consulting firm to analyze the situation and design repair concepts, leading to selection of an alternate road construction. Analysis of the required roadwork at the site is expected to be completed by **April**. Final design will take longer depending on the alternative selected for completing repairs. The existence of a 55-foot deep ravine with loose fill complicates the project. The challenge for the consulting firm and Public Works is to find a durable, cost-effective solution.

The consultant team carried out the recent surveying and drilling activity as part of the project.

Northwest Maritime Center and Waterfront Tour

Ships ahoy! Imagine yourself in the pilothouse atop a ship with a commanding view of Admiralty Inlet, and with state-of-the-art navigation technology at your fingertips. You have found yourself in the Maritime Heritage Resource Building in Port Townsend, a staffed information center. This will be your gateway to the maritime activities and learning center housed in the facility. The history and culture of Puget Sound will be showcased via museum quality exhibits.

If you can hardly wait to get out on the water, this facility will assist you to do just that, as it will offer the place to

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Drainage District Discussed at Presidents' Meeting

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Annexation of South Bay to the North Bay Drainage District was the topic of a panel discussion at the Bay Club in February. Speakers were Walter Cairns, Commissioner of the Drainage District; Nancy Lockett, Civil Engineer for Gray and Osborne; Jim Pearson, Project Engineer for Jefferson County Department of Public Works; and Pat Pearson, Water Quality Agent from Washington State University. The objective of the meeting was to provide information about the Drainage District to aid decisions about whether the South Bay should become a member.

Association presidents and other attendees learned that the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) was the result of a 1999 petition of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board. Trustees and residents were concerned about drainage problems in North Bay related to handling storm water runoff with drainage ditches and culverts. The vote and formation took place in 2000 with the encouragement of Jefferson County.

The District has a Board of three elected officers who serve for a term of six years each. The terms are staggered so that one commissioner is elected every two years. If South Bay elects to join the District, a commissioner would represent it. The District has a number of powers, most importantly the ability to engage in drainage, storm water, and surface water control and construct and maintain projects that offer further control.

Residents are assessed for the operation according to District. Assessments are based on the ratio of benefit that households in the zone obtain and on the amount of impervious surface represented. The real property that receives greater benefit or uses more of the resources pays a greater proportion of the cost. Special assessments may be levied to pay for construction, repair or maintenance of facilities and operations. The District also has the ability to acquire loans, which it has done in the past. The Seattle engineering firm of Gray and Osborne is hired for larger projects and storm water monitoring.

The South Bay has a somewhat different situation than in North Bay because the system is newer. By the time South Bay was developed, regulations had changed and tightened. The newer system relies on detention ponds that allow filtering and settling before water runs into the Bay. During the question-and-answer session, some attendees expressed disbelief in the advantages of joining the PLDD given that drainage issues in South Bay do not approach the severity of the earlier development. Others noted that changes in regulatory conditions could change that situation.

Head-on Collision Impacts Local Recycling

by Steve Failla, PLVC Recycling Chair

Conrad Dickey, the Skookum Recycling truck driver, was seriously injured on February 10 in a head-on collision with a gravel truck on Highway 101 during a snowstorm. At this writing he is in Harborview Hospital and will likely survive but probably will never be able to work again. Conrad, his wife Stephanie, and 11-year-old daughter are Port Hadlock residents.

This accident had a very detrimental effect on our recycling program in Port Ludlow. The Skookum truck was totaled and the change-out bin for cardboard was destroyed. Skookum is attempting to replace both as soon as possible. Fortunately Skookum and Murray Disposal help each other out. Since Murray has two trucks, whenever they have one available, they will pick up at Skookum's sites. So at the best, our pickup service is intermittent, and no cardboard bin is on site at times.

Everyone Can Help:

- Leave absolutely nothing on the ground. Let us not repeat our year-end performance, which not only was disgraceful, but drastically slowed down the pick-up process.
- If the bin is full, take your recyclables home and try again.
- Break down all cardboard. One unflattened box will take the room of ten or more flattened ones.
- Flatten all of your plastic bottles underfoot and put the caps in your garbage since they are not recyclable.
- Flatten beverage cans. Likewise, many tin cans can be opened at both ends then flattened.
- If you are going to Port Townsend or Poulsbo, take your recyclables with you.
- As a last alternative, you might have to put some recyclables in your garbage.

Conrad has been a good and reliable driver, serving Port Ludlow and Skookum's other communities. He and his family will be in for some very difficult financial times. If you feel inclined to help his family, you can write a tax-deductible check to Skookum, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation with the notation "Conrad Dickey Fund." Mail to Skookum, Inc., P.O. Box 1159, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

Thank you for both your recycling help and your contributions to Conrad and his family.

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being considered are a weekly calendar of scheduled Beach Club events and the ability to poll or survey the membership on topics where the association would like more input.

Improving LMC's ability and methods of communicating with the membership is of high importance to your association leaders. As the redesign of the website progresses, we will be keeping members apprised of our progress. If you have questions or comments about this article or the work that is ongoing at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 437-9201 or beachclub@olympus.net.

Drainage District Confronts Greenbelt Problem

by Nan Smith and Larry Nobles, Guest Writers

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) on May 10 drew an audience of approximately 100 North Bay residents to hear Commissioners Dwayne Wilcox, Dick Regan and Walter Cairns discuss the Rainier to Oak Bay drainage project. At issue is the construction of a waterway through the greenbelt between Swansonville Road and Walker Way from Rainier Lane down to Oak Bay Road to alleviate flooding on Cascade Lane and Goliah Lane.

The project involves removal of 110 large trees, construction of a drainage canal 20 feet wide with a round bottom and sloping rock-lined sides, which will wind through the greenbelt for approximately a quarter of a mile. Six bids, ranging from \$259,000 to nearly \$600,000, have been received. If the project is approved as bid, the estimated addition to the average owner's property tax bill each year for the next 20 years is about \$17 per year.

Several problems have come to light. The Commission has failed to comply with Chapter 85.06.660 of the RCW wherein a declaratory resolution must be passed and the resolution and a notice of hearing must be posted "in three public places in such district at least ten days before the date of the hearing, hold a public hearing, and pass a final resolution approving the project." Some property owners are concerned about the impact on the popular and scenic Rainier Loop trail and about privacy issues. Others question whether the plan will solve the water problem for the waterfront properties.

After much discussion and resident input, the Commission agreed that it will either e-mail or mail information on the proposed project to all North Bay property owners so that everyone has a clear understanding of the scope, environmental ramifications and costs of what is

proposed. Blocking the project will require at least 40 percent of the drainage district acreage to submit letters of opposition to the project.

The Commission will hold an informational meeting on **Tuesday, June 5** at 7:00 p.m. at the Beach Club. Written protests, questions, and alternative solutions will be discussed at that time. The Final Public Hearing will be held on **Thursday, June 14** at 10:00 a.m. at the Beach Club. At that hearing "the board shall give full consideration to the project and all protests filed" and may make a final decision to proceed, modify, delay or abandon the project.

RCW 85.60.660 states "If protests are filed before said hearing by owners of more than forty percent of the property in said district, the board shall not have the power to make the proposed improvement nor again initiate the same for one year." Written letters of protest must clearly state the basis of the protest and must include the property owners name and address, along with the Assessor's lot number. Send letters to Port Ludlow Drainage District, P. O. Box 65261, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

Drainage: The Other View

by Bruce Van Buren, Guest Writer

The drainage problem discussed in the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) meeting in May is real for the residents living by the water. This is a project that has been in the works for over 10 years and is the last major construction project for the PLDD. Other major projects solved the flooding on Montgomery and drainage work to prevent the bluff along the bay from sliding. These projects cost over \$300,000 and, if adjusted for inflation, would be more.

While there will be an impact to the trail as with any construction project, the engineers have made every effort to keep this as natural a wooded area as possible including new plantings to the disturbed areas and foot bridges added to the trail. The result was not just a 20-foot "canal" lined with rock. Nobody wants that.

The addition of about \$17 per year to the drainage district's portion of the average owner's property tax bill each year for the next 20 years is a half-truth. While the assessment to cover cost of this project is approximately \$17, it was stated at the meeting that the present budget can absorb this with no increase in the assessment to property owners. Furthermore, the PLDD feels confident the current assessment will actually decrease in a few years as it turns its attention to maintenance and not new construction.

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Several people wanted the hearing tabled for 90 days. We believe this would have caused bids to be thrown out and the project would have to go out for bids again. My personal experience with bids would mean this project could cost lot owners more. An improved drainage ditch is a sensible solution proposed by experienced engineers.

The "downhill" property owners encourage other residents to become informed about drainage problems in North Bay and attend the scheduled meetings. We are confident that the board shall consider the merits of the project and its impact on concerned property owners.

North Bay Garage Sale

The North Bay Lot Owners Association (NBLOA) is sponsoring a Garage Sale on **Saturday, June 2**, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Bay View Room of the Beach Club. North Bay residents received information online in May via the North Bay Bulletin, and others may have seen the garage sale posters at the Beach Club and Bay Club. Everyone is welcome; a good home is waiting for those loved items that will provide value to someone else. For more information, call Jamie Bima at 437-9335.

June Yard Waste Pickup

The North Bay Lot Owners Association (NBLOA) has scheduled a residential yard waste pickup for **Saturday, June 9**. Place yard waste into composting bags ready for pickup curbside by 9:00 a.m. These bags are available at any hardware store or may be picked up free at the Beach Club, but our supplies are limited. Bags available at the Beach Club were purchased with NBLOA funds; additional donations are welcome! Branches can be bundled, tied with string and do not require bagging. Volunteers with pickup trucks, trailers or just muscles and a cheerful attitude are needed. Meet a little before 9:00 a.m. at the Bridge Deck for instructions. ☼

North Bay Beach Concert

The North Bay Lot Owners Association (NBLOA) is sponsoring a summer concert on **Friday, June 22**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on the Beach Club lawn. To offset the cost of the band, we will have jumbo dogs with chips and drinks for \$5 per person. Bring your own beach blanket, lawn chairs and other food and beverages. Everyone is welcome. Connect with your neighbors and enjoy our glorious views. For more concert dates contact Bryan Diehl at 437-0602.

NBLOA Annual Family Picnic

The North Bay Lot Owner's Association (NBLOA) is sponsoring the Annual Family Picnic on **Sunday, June 24**, from noon to 4:00 p.m. at Kehele Park. It is an opportunity to meet your neighbors and enjoy the park, a benefit of our Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) membership. The NBLOA is providing burgers and hot dogs; everything else is potluck. Bring salads, baked beans, desserts, beverages to be shared and yourselves. There will be pickleball, croquet, basketball, tennis and many other fun activities. Kids of all ages are welcome and the event will go on rain or shine. For more information, call Bryan or Piper Diehl at 437-0602. ☼

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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.

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.

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

As we near the end of 2016, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) members will be asked to vote on the 2017 Budget. At this writing, I anticipate that the member budget vote will take place on Thursday, December 15, at 1:00 p.m. in the Bay View room of the Beach Club.

On or about December 1, our members will be receiving a packet of information from LMC that includes 2017 Budget information, Budget Ballot/Proxy information, and 2017 assessment notice. Please familiarize yourself with this information; if you have any questions, I'm available to answer them by phone or email.

As for the 2017 Budget, the LMC Finance Committee and Board of Trustees have completed a full line item review of the Operating Budget and the updated Reserve Study. In order to meet the budgetary and Reserve Fund needs, the LMC Board of Trustees has voted to increase the LMC annual assessments to \$586.58 which is a 2.22 percent increase over the 2016 annual assessment. This assessment increase is in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.14.2.3 of the recently amended LMC Bylaws.

LMC has hired the firm of Cagianut & Company CPA, to conduct an independent audit of the 2015 LMC financial statements. Cagianut's report will be made available to our members once completed.

On **Friday, December 30**, at 1:00 p.m., LMC members and their guests may get an early start on the New Year with an invigorating leap into the chilly outdoor pool. While not quite the frigid temperatures that many "Polar Bear Plunges" boast, our pool will be in the low 50s which should still be cold enough to get your attention.

Bring your suits, fluffy towels, and a warm change of clothes to the Beach Club, and take the plunge on December 30. LMC will provide warm beverages and snacks to all our brave plungers. Bring your cameras; there should be plenty of memorable moments.

If you have questions or comments about this article, or the work that is ongoing at the Beach Club, contact me at 360-437-9201 or beachclub@olympus.net.

PLDD Adds Another New Commissioner

Following the retirement of Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) Chair Commissioner Dwayne Wilcox, the District will have a new Commissioner 2 position appointed by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners. This term runs through February 2018.

Although Commissioner Wilcox had been planning to retire at the end of November, he tendered his resignation at the October 13 Board Meeting, amid controversy over compensation issues. He was appointed to the PLDD in December 2010 by fellow PLDD commissioners.

During the October meeting, the District's 2017 budget was presented, including a history of all past work. That slide presentation is available online at pldd.org. Also of note, is that throughout the wettest October on record, all of the 18 projects constructed by PLDD since 2003 were tested by Mother Nature and proven to be working well. For a review of the history of the District's work, you can see descriptions and photos on the website pldd.org/projects.

Beach Club Breakfast with Santa

The North Bay Lot Owner's Association (NBLOA) is sponsoring the Port Ludlow Kids' Club for their annual Christmas Eve pancake breakfast with Santa on **Saturday, December 24**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Take the children and grandchildren to the Beach Club and join in the fun! There will be the pancake breakfast, entertainment, and of course, Santa! Santa will arrive promptly at 11:00 a.m. (He has a busy schedule that day.)

Please take a small wrapped gift for your child with child's name and age clearly written (Santa is old). You may drop off the gift at the Beach Club prior to arriving if you wish. We look forward to having you join us! Volunteers are always welcome! We can't do it without you. For more information or to volunteer, please call Bryan or Piper Diehl at 360-437-0602. ☺

Festive Holiday Dinner Hosted by the Beach Club

Join the Port Ludlow Singers at our North Bay holiday dinner with musical entertainment. Dinner will be held at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, December 14**, 5:00 p.m. The dinner is catered by the Belmont Restaurant. Diners will have a choice of salmon or chicken as the main course. Musical entertainment is provided by piano Soloist Kathie Sharp and the Port Ludlow Singers, directed by David Weakley. Soloist Diana Bond and Pianist Mia Torres will also perform for the guests.

Seating is limited to North Bay residents and their guests. Please make your pre-paid reservation early at the Beach Club, no later than **December 9**. Cost per person is \$30. Please bring your beverage of choice. The dinner will benefit the Tri-Area Food Bank. ☺

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If you are an LMC member interested in running for election, LMC would like to include your biographical summary in the mailing packet that is sent to the membership with their annual meeting ballot. We ask candidates to limit their summaries to 300 words, and that the submitted information be single spaced. If possible, please submit via email to beachclub@olympus.net. Otherwise, a hard copy of the summary can be delivered to the Beach Club or mailed to PO Box 65060, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. To be included in the mailing packet, LMC asks that the bios be submitted by **March 15, 2017**.

Please give background information about yourself that might include such things as education, training, occupational experience, prior experience in a homeowner association, involvement in LMC committees and/or participation in other Port Ludlow activities. Consider sharing your perspective concerning the issues facing the LMC and suggestions as to how you would like to contribute to its improvement.

The LMC Board of Trustees has a monthly board meeting and monthly workshop that is used to prepare for the board meetings. In addition, each trustee is assigned to at least one standing committee that meets at least once per month.

Volunteers serving on the Board of Trustees find that the obligation requires an average of 10 - 20 hours per month, including monthly board meetings and acting as a representative on one or two committees.

Serving on the LMC Board of Trustees is an excellent opportunity to serve your North Bay Community Association. As a trustee, you will meet many members of our community, as well as work with other trustees and committee members. It is also an excellent way to truly understand our community association.

If you have any questions regarding candidacy matters, please feel free to contact me at the Beach Club at 360-437-9201 or beachclub@olympus.net.

PLDD Gains an Engineer as New Commissioner

The Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) has a new commissioner, Don Forbes, appointed by the Jefferson County Board of Commissioners and sworn in on December 6 to fill the vacancy of Position 2, vacated by the former Chair on October 13.

Commissioner Forbes brings to the District valuable engineering experience which has been missed on the Board since 2012. From the inception of PLDD in 2000 until

2012, at least one commissioner with engineering experience has served the District. This new board member restores that much-needed technical expertise at the local level, in addition to public sector experience, according to fellow Commissioner Smith.

Commissioner Forbes and his wife relocated to Port Ludlow from Seattle in the summer of 2016 and have been remodeling their waterfront home in the North Bay. Don heard about the position through engineers he knew and was asked to become a candidate for the appointment. Even though not fully retired, he has stated that he feels this to be a great opportunity to help the community. His qualifications include a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Pacific Lutheran University and a Master's in structural engineering from the University of Colorado. Forbes was the former director of the Oregon Department of Transportation, and continues to serve as a specialty consultant on major projects in the U.S. and Canada, including the \$3.9 billion replacement of the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York City.

This time of year, with major rainfall, the 18 completed projects of PLDD continuously serve the North Bay community. These past projects are revealed in new postings on the PLDD website, pldd.org, including historical photos and videos. Everyone is encouraged to check out this online update, and all are welcome to attend the Regular Meeting at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Beach Club.

North Bay Potluck St. Patrick's Day Event

Come join your neighbors on **Saturday, March 18**, at 6:00 p.m., at the Beach Club for a "Wearin' o' the Green" potluck dinner. Delicious corned beef will be served for only \$6 per person. Join in after dinner for a rousing Trivia Tournament with prizes for the best teams.

Bring your own tableware and an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. BYOB if you wish. Sign up at the Beach Club or call Fran Bodman at 360-437-5110 or Nancy Kiesler at 360-437-8091 for more information or to be a helper. Erin go brag! 🍀

Welcome New North Bay Neighbors

Tim and Katie Jablonski

Keefe Lane

Michael and Tamika Swartout

Ames Lane

Jamie Bima is the Welcome Chair for North Bay and if you have not heard from her, please contact her at 360-437-9335 or by email at jsickn@msn.com.

PLDD Tackles Storm Water Issues

You don't have to own a backyard rain gauge to know the rainy season from the fall of 2016 through spring of 2017 has seen greater than normal rainfall. A Seattle weather blog reports that October 2016 was the wettest month on record with over three times the normal amount of rainfall. Additionally, the combined rainfall for February and March 2017 is the wettest these two months have been since weather records began in the 1890s. Lots of folks are noticing standing water around their property this year, perhaps more than has previously been observed.

Over the years, the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) has received numerous inquiries as to whether the District can help with private property water issues. The majority of our community is not built on soil that allows rain water to infiltrate into the ground. Instead it is underlain by glacial till consisting of a compact mixture of clay, silt, sand, gravel, and boulders that were deposited during the last glaciation. Till inhibits the flow of water into and through the soil layers which can result in standing water or surface runoff from uphill areas.

Water that has entered more permeable soils is trapped between layers of till soils and, when the soil conditions are right, the trapped ground water may be discharged from the confining till layers. This often happens where the till soils have been disturbed such as at the uphill foundation wall of our homes. Most all home owners have dealt with the need to install curtain drains (French drains) around the uphill side of their property.

The PLDD does not have jurisdiction to solve individual drainage problems or ground water issues. The District's mission is to alleviate storm water conveyance problems on community property, like the greenbelts. For those that live at the top of the hill, ground water is not as severe a problem as for those at the bottom of the hill. The District is often asked to review issues relating to a single property, and at times has been able to offer a suggestion for solution, but cannot provide advice or remediate individual issues.

There have been 18 Capital Improvement Projects undertaken and completed by PLDD that have contributed to the improvement of storm water flow over the years. These improvements have addressed community safety, preservation of property, and water quality for the benefit of all residents. The maintenance of PLDD projects and facilities is an ongoing focus of the District. The District's maintenance crew has worked hard during this historic rainy winter to ensure that the conveyance facilities are able to continue functioning under all conditions.

The PLDD Board meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month at the Beach Club, and everyone is invited to attend.

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Regardless of whether you are a member of Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC), South Bay Community Association (SBCA), or are involved in organizations such as Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC), we all depend on volunteers to accomplish our charters and goals.

When you think about the various Port Ludlow groups, you'll note the wide range of opportunities to volunteer in one capacity or another. Perhaps your interest is in serving on a governing committee or running for a board. I know the LMC welcomes interested volunteers.

At this time, I would like to recognize and thank one of our Port Ludlow's little-recognized volunteer groups. Over the past year or so, I had an opportunity to observe the planning and construction of what I expect to be one of Port Ludlow's most popular and beautiful hiking trails. When completed, the trail will run through the length of the LMC greenbelt area that begins at the bottom of Osprey Ridge Drive and terminates near the intersection of Rainier Lane and Walker Way.

The "Osprey Trail" is set in a beautifully forested area that has remained untouched by North Bay development. Trails Committee Chair Larry Scott mapped out the initial trail route, and for the past month, he and his fellow members, the PLVC Trails Committee, have been working hard on the construction phase of the Osprey Trail.

Larry has sent me regular updates on his committee's progress, and it always amazes me how much they enjoy the progress they make each "Fun Day" as they work on trails.

I would like to thank and recognize the eager volunteers who helped make the new Osprey Trail a reality: Larry Scott, John Fillers, Doug Huber, Dean Morgan, Merrily Mount, Jim Mueller, Richard Myers, Dave Pendergast, Denny Schuch, and Sharlene Shiroma. Thank you for your contribution in making our great community even greater!

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

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Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank the Port Ludlow Community for their incredible support during my wife Patty's long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. Patty, my wife of 33 years, passed on April 30 which, as you can imagine, turned my life upside down. However, the love and support this wonderful community showed me and my family during our darkest hours has been amazing. I don't have the words to say how much that support meant to me. All I can say is thank you!!

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

Port Ludlow Drainage District - Outfall Inspection

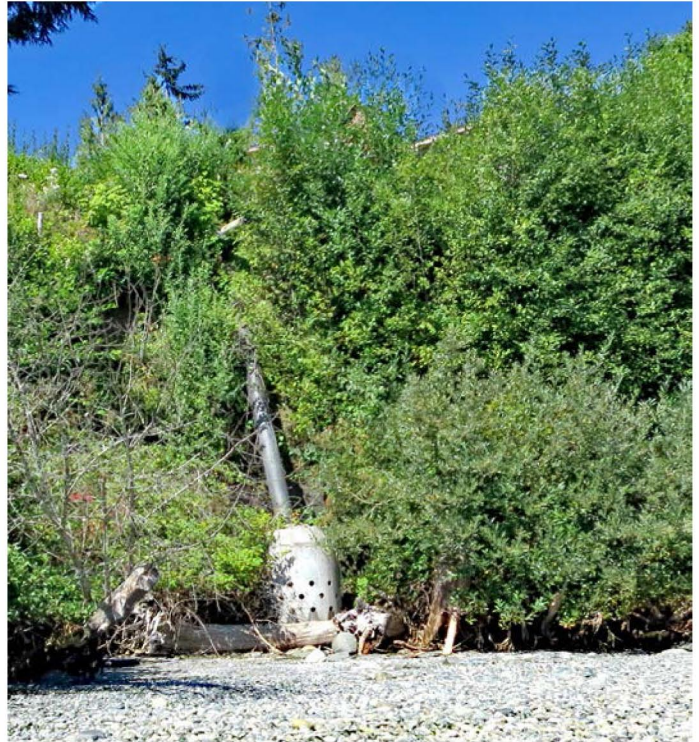
Two significant projects the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) has completed are the Libby Court Outfall and the Pope Way Outfall. These projects were undertaken to minimize the potential for erosion and failure of the high bluff on the east side of the District from failing metal culverts that previously discharged at the top of the bank.

The District completed the Libby Court Outfall in 2004. The district installed a 30-inch diameter storm pipe from Montgomery Lane to a concrete diffuser structure located on the beach. The pipe transitions from underground to above ground at the face of the bluff.



Libby Court Outfall.

The Pope Way Outfall was installed in 2007. This project involved slip lining of an existing culvert located on private property from Condon Lane to the top of the bluff, and installation of a new 14-inch outfall which extends above ground down the face of the bluff to a diffuser structure located on the beach.



Pope Way Outfall.

Submitted photos

The District Commissioner(s) and engineering consultant take a walk up the beach annually to review the condition of the outfalls. This year's inspection was conducted on May 23 during a low tide. The outfalls are in good condition and functioning properly.

A complete review of this report will be presented at PLDD's regular meeting on **Thursday, July 13**, at 10:00 a.m. in the Meeting Room of the Port Ludlow Fire Hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Architectural Control Committee

Meetings of the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) are held on the second and fourth Monday of each month. ACC forms are available at the front desk of the Beach Club for new house construction, tree removal, additions, paint color, greenhouses, etc. To facilitate a timely review of any request, please submit your respective ACC form and back-up documents to the Beach Club front desk by the first or third Thursday of the month for review and placement on the agenda for the next meeting. This will allow adequate time for ACC members to review the request and make site visits where necessary. An exception is made for hazardous trees.



AN UPDATE FROM THE PORT LUDLOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The PLDD 2018 Budget was recently presented and ratified in the Regular Meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017. View [2018 Budget Presentation](#) and [Approved 2018 Budget](#). Next year's budget is a 40% decrease, with an Assessment reduction of 27%.

The week of December 11-15 will be the PLDD Candidate Filing Period for the February 6, 2018 [Special District General Election](#). On the ballot will be Position No.1 (currently held by Katie Smith) for the remaining two years of a term ending Feb-2020, and Position No.2 (currently held by Don Forbes) for a term of six years, ending Feb-2024. [How to file for elective office](#).

Before beginning board duties in March 2018, a successful Candidate is required to be "qualified" to assume office, as outlined in [RCW 29A.04.133 \(Qualified\)](#) and described by MRSC in their 2015 publication [Assuming Office](#). Prior to taking the Oath of Office, the successful candidate must obtain a [\\$5,000 Surety Bond](#) payable to the District and filed with the County Clerk [RCW 85.38.080 \(Governing body-Bond\)](#). Although the cost of this bond will be reimbursed by the District, it is the obligation of the Candidate to procure the Bond prior to taking Oath.

Beach Club/North Bay News

Submit your articles to Eva Van Buren at 360-437-7932, or
by email to evanburen@plvoice.org
no later than the 10th of the preceding month.

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Call for LMC Board Candidates

by Sally Orsborn, LMC Board Secretary and Brian Belmont, LMC General Manager

At this year's **April 21** Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) annual membership meeting, three of nine board of trustee positions will be open for election. Two elected trustees will represent lot owners and one will represent condominium owners. All three positions are for three-year terms. Trustees completing their terms of office in April are Viktor Gecas, Linda Haskin, and Sally Orsborn.

We encourage knowledgeable candidates who have an appreciation for our democratically-run association to run for the open positions. Candidates who have had prior experience by serving on an LMC committee or who are familiar with LMC governing documents and policies are particularly encouraged to become involved. Further information about the association and trustee duties may be found in the current version of the LMC bylaws, available on the website, lmcbeachclub.org/, or at the Beach Club office. Volunteers serving on the board of trustees find that the obligation requires an average of ten to twenty hours per month, including attending monthly board and workshop meetings and acting as a representative on one or two committees.

If you are an LMC member interested in running for the board, please submit a biographical summary for inclusion in the mailing packet to be sent to all LMC members with the annual meeting ballot. We ask that candidates limit their summary to 300 words and that it be single-spaced. Please submit your biographical information by **March 15**, send by email to beachclub@olympus.net, deliver to the Beach Club, or mail to PO Box 65060, Port Ludlow, WA, 98365. Include background information about yourself such as education, training, occupational experience, prior experience in a homeowner association, involvement in LMC committees, or participation in other Port Ludlow groups. Consider sharing your perspective concerning the issues facing the LMC and how you might contribute to its future.

If you have further questions regarding candidacy, feel free to contact LMC General Manager Brian Belmont at the Beach Club, 60-437-9201, or send an email to

Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, March 5, 9:00 a.m.

Email: portludlowloa@yahoo.com
Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* by emailing the above address

LMC Board Meeting
Thursday, March 15, 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 360-437-9201
E-mail: beachclub@olympus.net
Sign up for the *Navigator* online at the above address
Visit lmcbeachclub.com for complete information

All LMC members are welcome. ✳

beachclub@olympus.net. Serving on the LMC Board is an excellent way to contribute to your LMC association. As a trustee, you will serve with an active and knowledgeable board, work with a dedicated staff, and interact with many members of the larger Port Ludlow community.

Driveway Culverts

Every winter, there are significant rain events that cause our roadway ditches to run much fuller than normal. The typical winter storm with heavy rain and high winds can also cause tree or shrub debris to be transported in the ditches which can lead to obstruction of driveway culverts. This winter the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) received inquiries from several residents requesting help with maintenance of the ditch or driveway culverts serving their property. The topic of maintenance for private driveway culverts was discussed in a September 2016 special meeting for homeowners, hosted by Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC), that featured a discussion with the Director of Jefferson County Public Works. The following information was provided: "The culverts placed in the ditches for driveways are not County culverts. These driveway culverts are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain, clean, and replace." Following that meeting the November 2016 *e-Navigator* had a short article: "Did You Know? Driveway culverts are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain, clean, and replace."

Maintenance of the roadside ditch and culverts may include removal of trash, excess vegetation or branches, and making sure the inlet and outlet of the culvert are unobstructed. A good rule of thumb is to check the ditch

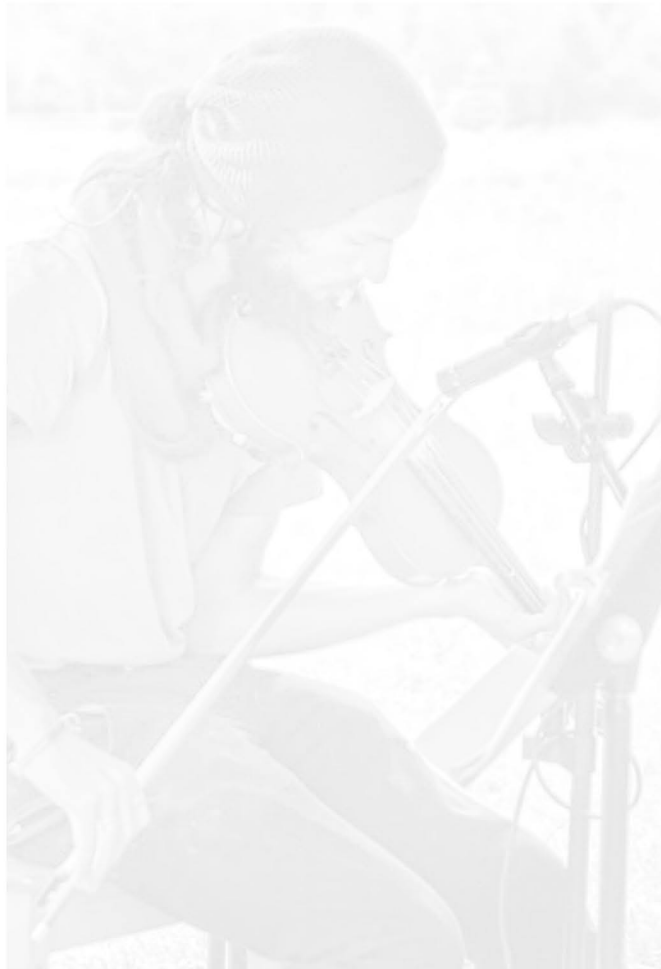
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and culvert openings in late fall prior to the rainy season to remove any obstruction and to periodically check the drainage system during the winter. Routine cleaning either by the homeowner or homeowner's yard maintenance contractors ensures that maintaining free flow in the ditch and culvert does not become a major effort or expense.

The PLDD meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month in the training room of the Port Ludlow Fire Hall, 7650 Oak Bay Road. All North Bay residents are invited to attend.

North Bay Potlucks Presents Catered St. Patrick's Day Event



Musician Max Torres.

Submitted photo

You are invited to join your friends and neighbors at the Beach Club on **Saturday, March 17**, at 6:00 p.m. for a catered St. Patrick's Day dinner with Celtic musical entertainment by Max Torres. Kim Kaye is hostess for the event, and Steven Gross will be our guest speaker.

The dinner will be fully catered by GBF Caterers. Chef Thysen Scott has been awarded Peninsula's Best Chef for 2016 and 2017. Dinnerware will be provided. The menu consists of the following:

- Appetizers: Ty's deviled eggs (with green food coloring) and mini phyllo cups with guacamole bites.
- Dinner: Corned beef and cabbage, served with potatoes and carrots, St. Patty's style!
- Dessert: Pistachio coconut cake.

This event is for North Bay members and their guests. Tickets are available at the North Bay Beach Club for \$14 each, and must be reserved and purchased by **Monday, March 12**. All that is required of North Bay members and their guests is to BYOB (if you wish) and Be Wear'n Some Green!

If you have any questions please call Kim Kaye at 360-821-1134. ☼

North Bay Easter Egg Hunt

Hippity-hop on down to the Beach Club, Easter's on the way! Come find the golden egg at our annual Easter Egg Hunt on **Saturday, March 31**. The Easter Bunny will start the hunt promptly at 1:00 p.m. for kids age 1 - 17 years old.

Join your family, friends, and neighbors. You don't even have to bring your own kids with you! Hunt for eggs with the Easter Bunny or just watch the fun!

Following the hunt, we will enjoy delicious desserts and coffee. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Berthiaume at 360-437-0423 or by email at barbaraberthiaume@gmail.com. This event is provided by the North Bay Lot Owners' Association (NBLOA). ☼

Welcome, New North Bay Neighbors

Henry and Kristine Witte
Ronald and Cheryl Talcott
Michael and Cecilia Flickinger
James Devany and Graciela Molina
Sheri Holcomb
Mary Kron
Danny and Susan Sorenson
Robert Delpit and Judith Peterson

Heron Road
Wren Court
Goldfinch Lane
Rainier Lane
Wheeler Lane
Olympic Place
Explorer Lane
Keefe Lane

Jamie Bima is the Welcome Chair for North Bay. If you have not heard from her, please contact her at 360-437-9335 or by email at jstecn@msn.com.

PORT LUDLOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Facility Inventory - Maintenance



Newcomers to our area have asked for more information about the Drainage District, what it is and what it does?

The **Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD)** is a Jefferson County Special Purpose District that is tasked with resolving storm water drainage problems on common property within the North Bay area of Port Ludlow > [Read More](#). The district is governed by a three-member board of commissioners which is elected by owner(s) of land located in the District who are qualified voters of the District.

The PLDD does not have jurisdiction to solve individual drainage problems or ground water issues. The District's mission is to alleviate stormwater conveyance problems on community property, like the greenbelts.

The District has completed 18 capital improvement projects since inception of PLDD in 2000, including six (6) capital projects identified in the 2003 Comprehensive Plan, plus an additional 13 important projects.

As part of strategic planning, the 2018-2019 focus is on maintenance of those facilities and assets, including identification of potential problem areas. The Board has presented a facility inventory, which includes a summary listing and drawings of current and potential areas, divided into three sections, [District Inventory](#)

- 16 - Facilities Installed by the District (shown in Red)
- 7 - Other Area Maintenance Activities (Installed by Others) (shown in Green)
- 6 - Areas to Watch (Installed by Others) (shown in Blue)

Maps displaying Drainage facilities are divided into three sections:

- Fig 1 = South
- Fig 2 = Mid-section
- Fig 3 = North

This is a good time of year to address maintenance of your driveway culvert. As noted in the Nov & Dec-16 eNavigator: "Driveway culverts are the responsibility of the homeowner to maintain, clean, and replace." For more, see *Port Ludlow Voice*, March 2018 [pages 34-35](#).

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PORT LUDLOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Winter Preparation

Our summer growing season has kept the maintenance crew of the Port Ludlow Drainage District very busy.

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 to ensure stormwater is transported down the hill and into the bay. Now would be a good time for homeowners to clean driveway culverts and ditches to maintain free flow through the culvert. Ditches along our roadways are the responsibility of the County; however, driveway culverts are installed and maintained by owners. 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 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 annual budget planning. The PLDD Board of Commissioners adopted a resolution on October 11 ratifying the 2019 fiscal year budget, representing a reduction of 7% and an accompanying 8.8% 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 PLDD? Please attend the regular meeting held at 10:00 AM on the second Thursday of each month in the Training Room of the Port Ludlow Fire Hall, or visit the District website at <http://pldd.org/>



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, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Our Beach Club will remain open until

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 the winter. Sign up for the Polar Plunge by emailing the Beach Club.

2nd Meeting

Thursday, December 20th 6:00pm

Phone: 360-437-9201

3rd Meeting

Sign up for the Polar Plunge on the Beach Club.

Our Beach Club will be open for the winter.

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.

Drainage District Winterization

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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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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.

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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!



LAND CLEARING EROSION PREVENTION

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Land clearing on your property, including tree removal, can cause erosion and transport sediments off your property if disturbed soil is left exposed to rain. Sediment-laden runoff contributes to clogging of driveway culverts, ditches and storm pipes. To prevent the discharge of sediment off of your property, please follow these recommended erosion prevention practices:

1. **Limit site disturbance as much as possible.**
Maintaining trees and existing vegetation is the most effective method for reducing erosion.
2. **Leave an undisturbed area or strip of existing vegetation between the land clearing activity and property lines.** This area will provide a living filter to reduce soil erosion and limit sediment leaving the site.
3. **Install sediment controls such as hay bales, straw rolls, or silt fences prior to land clearing activities.**
4. **Prevent erosion of exposed soil by covering with plastic, hay, mulch or seeding.** Cover exposed soils within 2 days during wet season (October 1 – April 30) or within 7 days during dry season (May 1 – September 30).
5. **If land clearing activity is going to occur on a slope, divert stormwater away from the slope prior to clearing by collecting drainage at the top of the slope.**
6. **Clean up any dirt that is deposited on roadways by construction equipment and clean out dirt or debris that has accumulated in ditches or culverts.**

News

Submit your articles to Linda Karp, 360-437-0175, or by email to editor@plvoice.org no later than the 10th of the preceding month.

National Nutrition Month

by Carol Riley, Contributing Writer

March 2019 marks the 39th observance of National Nutrition Month. The observance began as a week-long celebration in 1973 by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. It grew to a month-long campaign in 1980 because of the increased emphasis on making healthy food choices and incorporating good eating habits and physical activity into our daily routines.

Themes and topics have changed over the years to appeal to a diverse population. The focus for 2019, however, is a back to basics approach centering on eating a balanced diet that promotes good health and sound food choices.

One of the key messages proposed by the Academy is to “keep it simple” and to review favorite recipes with a healthier lens. With that advice in mind, I decided to update one of my favorite salad recipes. A traditional Wedge Salad with bacon and lots of bleu cheese dressing can be loaded with calories. With so many alternative choices available to us in the markets, I attempted a recipe makeover with delicious results and half the fat and calories.

Wedge Salad Make Over

- 1 head of iceberg lettuce, cored, washed, and cut into 6 wedges
- 6 slices of turkey bacon, baked and crumbled
- 12 cherry tomatoes, halved
- Half of a red onion, sliced into thin rings
- Reduced fat bleu cheese dressing
- Reduced fat bleu cheese crumbles

Assemble: Place each lettuce wedge on a plate, spoon on dressing and crumbled cheese, sprinkle bacon bits on top, and arrange tomato halves.

Check Before You Chop

by Beverly Browne, reprinted from the March 2009 issue of the Voice.

Besides having fish and wildlife habitat and wetlands, Port Ludlow has some geologically hazardous areas susceptible to erosion, sliding, earthquake, or other geological events. These areas are determined by geologic and topographic investigation, hydrologic factors, and previous history of the site. Steepness of slope (greater than 15 percent), ground water seepage, and soil conditions are factors for consideration. Areas that have high potential for landslides include areas below Sea Vista Terrace, Condon Lane, Montgomery Lane, and Montgomery Court. Maps show slight to moderate hazard along Oak Bay Road and in most of Timberton Village. Residents in these areas need to consult with the county before disturbing vegetation. Retention of native vegetation, reduction of impervious surfaces, and landscaping can improve the volume and rate of water flow and decrease slide

potential. Therefore, removal of vegetation within a critical area requires county review and a permit.

County Associate Planner David Wayne Johnson wants Port Ludlow landowners to think about the environmentally sensitive areas designated “critical areas” in the Growth Management Act (GMA). The county and the state believe that these areas must be regulated for the benefit of the landowner and the people of the state. Critical areas include wetlands, aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically sensitive areas, fish and wildlife areas, streams, and shorelines. Other preventative measures include improving and repairing existing drainage systems and directing rainwater through storm sewers. The counties have attempted to map these areas and devise rules for managing them.

The Jefferson County Critical Areas Ordinance began with the passage of an interim ordinance in 1994. Since that time, it has undergone changes and updates with public agencies using a “best-available science” standard to review it. The current law, finalized in 2008 and codified in Jefferson County Code Chapter 18.22, was developed through an extensive planning process that considered public comment. The county’s intent was to improve a citizen’s understanding of the rules while providing protections of the function and value of critical areas.

Maps indicating which areas are considered “critical” may be viewed at the Bay and Beach Clubs or by clicking on “Maps” on the Jefferson County home page at co.jefferson.wa.us.

Tri-Area Community Meals

by Barbara Berthiaume, Contributing Writer

A new non-profit organization called Tri-Area Community Meals has been created to provide free meals in our community. The need became apparent when OlyCap no longer hosted the Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners in 2016. Elena Lovato-Kraut and Bill Kraut, owners of Hadlock Building Supply, Anita Schmucker, manager of First Security Bank in Hadlock, Rita Hubbard of Port Townsend Paper Corporation, and the East Jefferson and Port Townsend Sunrise Rotaries all stepped up to provide Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. As a non-profit organization, Tri-Area Community Meals was formed to provide dinners to anyone wanting a holiday meal in East Jefferson County. Last year, 278 meals were served on Thanksgiving Day and 195 meals were served at Christmas. One hundred volunteers participated to make it all happen.

The group realized that there was a need for ongoing meals and because of generous donations, decided to provide free meals the third Sunday of each month at the Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum, located at 10 West Valley Road, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. The hot meals are simple and so far around 40 to 50 people attend monthly. Anyone who wants to socialize, meet new

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Beach Club/North Bay News

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by email to editor@plvoice.org
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 Denotes Beach Club members-only activity

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

This year's annual membership meeting was held at the Beach Club on April 27. We had 75 members in attendance and with the assigned proxies there were 327 members represented, which is approximately 33 percent participation.

Trustee Ginny Munger reported on the progress of our strategic plan goals. I reported on facilities and upcoming projects. Our Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Treasurer Mike Nilssen provided information on the state of LMC finances, followed by Allan Kiesler recognizing our volunteer committee members and their accomplishments over the past year.

This year's recipients of the Community Impact Award were Ron Garton, Jack Riggen, and Eve McDougall for their many years of exceptional service to the North Bay community.

As part of the annual meeting, Allan Kiesler and Ashley Avery were elected to the board representing lot owners, and Teddy Clark was elected as a condominium representative. All three positions are three-year terms. Ginny Munger's board term ended, but I'm pleased to announce that Ginny has agreed to continue serving on the Architectural Control Committee.

Immediately following the member meeting, the trustees held their annual organizational meeting to elect board officers for the upcoming board year. Allan Kiesler is LMC's president, Mike Nilssen was voted in to serve as vice president, Linda Haskin was elected treasurer, and Carole Wright-Cole has agreed to serve as the board secretary.

This was the second year that LMC held its annual member reception the night before the annual meeting, and once again it was a great success. Kim Bond is our party planner extraordinaire. She came up with a fantastic menu, created beautiful and fun decorations, and left attendees with another memorable Beach Club experience.

By the time this article is published, our outdoor pool will have been opened for two weeks, but I thought it would be good to remind our members just in case you weren't aware. Outdoor pool daily hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. through the end of September.

As always, if you have questions or comments about this article or the ongoing work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or by email at beachclub@olympus.net.

Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, June 3, 9:00 a.m.

Email: porthudlowloa@yahoo.com
Sign up for the *LOA Bulletin* by emailing the above address

LMC Board Meeting
Thursday, June 20, 1:00 p.m.

Phone: 360-437-9201

E-mail: beachclub@olympus.net
Sign up for the *Navigator* online at the above address

Visit lmcbeachclub.com for complete information

All LMC members are welcome. 

PLDD News

In addition to the intensive maintenance needs created by our beautiful spring growing season, the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) is working on a maintenance project at the Pope Way/Condon Lane catch basin that will reinforce the connection to the pipe directing storm water over the bluff to the diffuser on the beach below. More information and photos about the original 2007 project can be viewed at pldd.org/projects/9-pope-condon-bay/index.php.

At the next regular meeting on **Thursday, June 13**, the district will be focusing on strategic planning and goal setting for the coming years. The June 13 meeting will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the Port Ludlow Fire Station and everyone is invited to attend.

North Bay Beach Concerts

The annual summer Concert by the Beach series, compliments of the North Bay Lot Owner's Association, begins with the first of three concerts on **Thursday, June 13**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Join us at the Beach Club lawn with the local favorite, Barry Barnett Band, providing the music.

Jumbo hot dogs with chips and drinks will be available for a \$5 contribution per person to offset the band's fees. Bring your own beach blankets and lawn chairs, plus other food and beverages you might like. Everyone is welcome to come and participate in the fun, connect with friends and neighbors, and enjoy the gorgeous views.

The **Thursday, July 11**, concert entertainment will be announced shortly, and the final summer concert on **Sunday, August 18**, will feature The Covers, another local favorite. For more information contact Bryan Diehl at 360-821-9056.