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Enchanted Forest.  
Photo by Steve Deligan

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# News & Community

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**As the *Voice* went to press, many organizations were planning to resume in-person gatherings. Since that time Jefferson County has experienced an increase in covid cases, so be sure to confirm any organization's in-person status.**

## Editorial

by Mary Ronen, Editor

Here we are—December 2021 already! Another year of the pandemic has passed. Who ever thought two years ago that we would still be wearing masks and dealing with all that goes along with the pandemic? But wait. Take a good look at this month's cover. Is there a light at the end of the tunnel? I believe there is. The holidays are here, a new year is just around the corner, and I am hopeful that we will be seeing if not an end to covid, at least an easing of its threat.

You will find many positive articles in this issue of the *Voice*. Read on this page about the wonderful accomplishments of Chimacum Backpacks for Kids and the Tri-Area Food Bank. For some holiday fun, there is the lighted boat parade—check the dates on page 7. Read on page 8 how the school district is growing its own food and partnering with local farmers. There is a delightful holiday short story on page 10 by Milt Lum. If you are in a giving mood this season, see the article on page 11 about how to give and give safely. Dive in, and enjoy this issue of the *Voice*.

On the downside, the end of this year has us saying goodbye to staff members who have donated countless hours in helping to get this publication out to the community each month. JoElla Buck, our long-time and hard-working Display Ad Manager; Ken Doggett, Photo Editor; and Linda Johnson, North Bay Editor, are all leaving us. We wish them the best, and we will surely miss them.

We welcome and say hello to Steve Deligan, our new Photo Editor. Gene Carmody stepped up and agreed to be North Bay Editor in addition to his proofreading duties. Thank you, Gene and Steve!

The *Voice* is looking for someone who has either knowledge of Adobe InDesign or is willing to learn how to use it. We also need someone with Quickbooks interest and/or expertise. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact [editor@plvoice.org](mailto:editor@plvoice.org). Have we got an offer for you!

Warm wishes for Happy Holidays from all of us at the *Port Ludlow Voice*.

## How Two Different Groups Ease Local Hunger

Submitted by the Board of Chimacum Backpacks for Kids

Symbiosis: “a similar relationship of mutual interdependence between groups.” How does this word apply to Tri-Area Food Bank and Chimacum Backpack for Kids?

- Both Tri-Area Food Bank and Chimacum Backpack for Kids (“Food for Kids”) support the food-insecure in our area.
- Both of our organizations are registered as separate non-profit 501(c)(3) entities.
- Both the food bank and “Food for Kids” rely on donations from the community to support the buying and distribution of food.
- Both of our groups see a tremendous increase in the demand for food—and the cost of food—in our community due to pandemic-related issues.

Chimacum Backpacks for Kids differs from the food bank in that our mission is “Providing (Week-end) Meals & Support for At Risk Children in our Community.” Tri-Area Food Bank obviously helps support children when they provide food to families. The Chimacum Backpacks for Kids program focuses *only* on school-age children—specifically those who have been identified by school personnel as needing food support for the weekends.

Chimacum Backpacks for Kids rely on:

- A dedicated group of volunteers who weekly pack bags of shelf-stable, kid-friendly foods to last a child from Friday night through Sunday night (three dinners, two lunches, two breakfasts, several snacks) and deliver the bags to the schools (primary, middle, high school, flexible learning).
- Volunteers who search and shop for the best buys on food.
- A small space provided in the Tri-Area Food Bank warehouse earmarked just for us to store and pack food.
- Peanut butter, milk, and sometimes other snacks like raisins or fruit from the food bank to augment our food purchases.

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- Donations by local citizens and businesses. They provide 100 percent of our funding, with every dollar received buying only food. Currently we spend about \$700 each week on food to pack 116 bags.

We owe a tremendous amount of gratitude to:

- Our faithful individual, neighborhood, and business donors.
- Our generous and hardworking volunteers.
- Tri-Area Food Bank.
- The Chimacum School counselors, teachers, secretaries, and food service manager.

For more information or to donate, visit our web site at [chimacumbackpacksforkids.com](http://chimacumbackpacksforkids.com) or email questions to [chimacumbackpacksforkids@gmail.com](mailto:chimacumbackpacksforkids@gmail.com).

## Library Adapts, Expands, and Conducts Giving Campaign

With the help and support of the community, Jefferson County Library has continued to serve patrons throughout the current pandemic; first with curbside services and online programs, then with a return to regular public access for browsing, computer use, and public services.

The library continues to adapt its programs, offering most events remotely or through “take-and-make” kits to ensure safety and comply with local health directives. In November, the library returned to seven-days-a-week service. “We can confidently say that the library remains the heart of the community it serves,” said Dr. Tamara Meredith, library director.

In 2022, the library’s mobile services building will be expanded, offering a home for a new electric delivery vehicle as well as dedicated space for Friends of the Jefferson County Library book sales. As conditions permit, the library will be partnering with area organizations and community centers to deliver more programs throughout Jefferson County.

The library launched its Winter Giving campaign last month. It will continue through **December 31**. Last year’s campaign surpassed its \$20,000 goal, and the library is confident that the community will again respond. More information about the Winter Giving campaign is available on the library’s website and the library’s Facebook page. Donations can be mailed directly to the library at 620 Cedar St., Port Hadlock, WA 98339, or made online at [jclibrary.info](http://jclibrary.info).

## PSO Bluebills Builders: Call for Volunteers

The PSO Bluebills Builders install grab bars, railings, and ramps made to specifications by the Americans with Disabilities Act. These home improvements guard against falls that can lead to serious injury and immobility. The builders also participate in other community programs. Here are some of them:

**World Vision Programs** - Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas. Volunteers pick up goods at the World Vision warehouse in Fife and redistribute them to schools or agencies in local areas.

**Education Partners** - Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas. Volunteers work with schools to support science, technology, engineering, and math education.

**Domestic-Violence Victims Support and Homeless Support** – Jefferson County. Volunteers help to obtain, inventory, and deliver items needed by families in the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault program or by homeless families. The annual Dove House golf tournament is part of this effort.

The Bluebills Builders are in need of volunteers. You can help support community needs. To request a volunteer signup sheet, please call Robert Chanpong at 925-360-4360 or email him at [chanpr@hotmail.com](mailto:chanpr@hotmail.com).

## Church Extends Community Invitation

**December 21** is the longest night of the year, and that night will seem even longer to those who have suffered a personal loss. In fact, the holiday season can be a particularly difficult time for anyone who is coping with loneliness or trauma—and enduring two years of the covid pandemic has added another layer of stress. That’s why Port Hadlock Methodist Church is inviting the community to attend—either in the decorated church sanctuary or via Facebook Live—two special holiday services:

- The “Longest Night” service will be held **Tuesday, December 21**, at 7:00 p.m.
- A Christmas Eve service will be held **Friday, December 24**, at 7:00 p.m.

The Christmas Eve service will include seasonal readings, carols, a message of hope, and candlelight.

The Community United Methodist Church is located at 130 Church Lane in Port Hadlock. For more information, see [HadlockChurch.com](http://HadlockChurch.com).

## Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

### Alarm Statistics September 2021

**Alarms**

Fires	4
Rescue/Emergency Medical	45
Service Call/Good Intent	24
False Alarms	7
Total Alarms	80

**Ambulance Transports**

Jefferson Healthcare	14
St. Michael	17
Medevac	1
Total Transports	32

**Aid**

Aid Given	10
Aid Received	4

- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

Almost one-third of Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems, according to the National Fire Protection Association. For more information on Christmas tree safety, see [youtube.com/watch?v=xr6b9b8FYKk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xr6b9b8FYKk).

If you have any questions about the services provided by Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, visit the website at [plfr.org](http://plfr.org) or call the business office at 360-437-2236.

## Lighted-Boats Parade Back by Popular Demand

*by Rob Hamilton and Tom Satre, Guest Writers*

An independent group of Port Ludlow boaters have started parading around Ludlow Bay and environs in their decorated boats during the holiday season, after a multi-year hiatus. Two of us participated in 2019, and our number was up to seven boats on one evening last year. Based on the positive feedback we have received from Port Ludlow homeowners and visitors, we plan to continue the tradition.

We have selected **Sunday, December 19; Tuesday, December 21; and Thursday, December 23**, for this year’s holiday-season parades, which will start at dusk and last about two hours. Routes will vary, but in general we will attempt to allow as many spectators as possible to view the lighted boats each evening.

Bad weather, primarily high winds, might cancel or limit our route for an individual parade, but we will consider rescheduling to maintain the three evening parades. We will also publish updates on Nextdoor and possibly on PLVC e-blasts.

## Free Legal and Estate-Planning Zoom Seminars

Join Tony Hinson on **Tuesdays, December 7, January 11, and January 25**, at 11:30 a.m. as he explores estate and life-care planning solutions that prepare you properly to protect your assets and remain independent.

Topics will include estate tax issues and retirement accounts; healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid; long-term care insurance; maintaining quality of life; aging in place; preserving wealth; estate plans and supplemental needs trusts.

These seminars will be held live on Zoom. To register, visit [sherrardlaw.com/seminars](http://sherrardlaw.com/seminars), or call 360-779-5551.

## Time to Winterize

*By Keppie Keplinger, Public Information Officer, Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue*

Winter will not officially be declared until **December 21**, but now is a good time to gather supplies in case the predicted La Niña forecast brings us snow and possibly several days without power. When getting ready for colder weather, consider these guidelines:

- Get some easy-to-fix food items such as soup or foods that can be prepared on a camp stove outside.
- Create an emergency-supply kit for your car. Include jumper cables, sand, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water, and non-perishable snacks. Keep the gas tank full.
- Only use generators and grills outdoors. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.
- Check on neighbors. Older adults and young children are more at risk in extreme cold. And don’t forget your pets.

As you start decorating for the holidays, choose a Christmas tree with fresh, green needles that don’t fall off when touched. Here are additional recommendations for trees and trimmings:

- Place your tree at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents, or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand daily.
- Replace any string of lights that has worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.

## PLDL To Feature Facebook Security and Burst Photography

Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) is offering these new ‘All Things Digital’ and photography special-interest group classes for December:

**Facebook Security.** Facebook can be a fun and communicative program involving all your friends and family. Sharing experiences and photos helps keep people connected, especially during this covid pandemic.

Facebook can also be a major source of frustration and monetary loss. There are many problems with the default program that allows more ads and potentially allows users access to your personal information. The program could also be hacked, giving hackers an opportunity to send out false or misleading information.

PLDL is providing a class to teach participants how to lock down the program, make it safer to use, and protect personal information from unscrupulous viewers. Because Facebook can be viewed on any browser or platform, Facebook security will be demonstrated on both PCs and Macs. The class will be taught by John Nuernberg **Monday, December 13**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Bay Club.

Upcoming sessions planned for ‘All Things Digital’ include workshops on Windows 10 and 11, password managers, and browsers. Watch for meeting announcements in the *Voice* or on the Nextdoor site.

**Burst Photography and Art Wolfe Video.** Shirley Sandoz will offer a session on burst photography—which can be done on a cell phone as well as a camera—**Monday, December 20**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, at the Bay Club. That meeting will also feature the Art Wolfe video, *Photography as Art*. (While PLDL photography meetings are typically held on the fourth Monday of each month, the December meeting has been moved to Monday, December 20, because of the Christmas holiday.)

PLDL members are eager to share their second annual online photo exhibit with the Port Ludlow community. Many viewers have already logged on to enjoy these selected images at [pldigitallife.org](http://pldigitallife.org). Last year’s exhibit can be found there, too. For additional information contact PLDL President Shirley Sandoz at [Sandoz@olypen.com](mailto:Sandoz@olypen.com) or Robin Glass at [prglass@comcast.net](mailto:prglass@comcast.net).

## Connections and Kindness from Compass & Clock

Compass & Clock can connect you with resources that help navigate aging in place, physical and financial health, housing options, legal issues, family support, and leisure pursuits—with free tools like these:

- Compass & Clock Magazine is offered online bi-annually as an eBook. (In addition, all articles through 2021 are recorded for listening at any time.) [compassandclock.com/compass-clock-ebook](http://compassandclock.com/compass-clock-ebook)
- Compass & Clock eNewsletter contains monthly news and updates delivered to subscribers’ inboxes the first Monday of each month. [bit.ly/1Vjqrj5](http://bit.ly/1Vjqrj5).

But in addition to providing useful information, Compass & Clock also helps you connect with your neighbors, so you can make a positive difference in someone’s life today.

Christmas Cards for Seniors is a good example of neighbor-to-neighbor outreach facilitated by Compass & Clock. It’s intended to make sure residents of assisted-living communities are not forgotten when it comes to holiday greetings.

So, while you’re addressing your Christmas cards this year, consider including a card or two for those in a care facility. You don’t need specific names or addresses; this thoughtful program makes it easy. For details, see [compassandclock.com/post/christmas-cards-for-senior-2021](http://compassandclock.com/post/christmas-cards-for-senior-2021).

## Start Your New Year with the Garden Club

The Port Ludlow Garden Club is returning in the new year with its first speaker, Master Gardener Lys Burden, who has directed a Growing Groceries class for over five years. It is a five-week class offered twice yearly through WSU Extension. The spring class includes topics about soil management, seed starting, composting, cultivation practices, pest management, and more.

The Port Ludlow Garden Club presentation will be **January 12**, 11:00 a.m., at the Beach Club. Burden will share tips and an informative slide presentation about getting your garden ready for spring. Following the presentation, a catered box lunch by GBF will be provided.

Guest fee of \$5 can be applied to \$20 new member fee. This event requires at least 30 members to RSVP by **December 15**. Please RSVP to Michelle Pelkey at [portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com](mailto:portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com)

## School District ‘Shops Local’ to Strengthen Food Supply Chain

by Allison Klump, Guest Writer

The Chimacum School District has experienced many of the same pandemic-related supply chain disruptions and shortages as other schools, restaurants, and retail locations around the world. But the district has tackled those challenges head-on with support from local farmers and food organizations, as well as their own supply of fresh, student-grown food.

Surrounded by quality local farms and produce, Chimacum has used its ideal location to have students cultivate produce for use in student meals. They have also expanded their existing partnerships with the Jefferson County Community Wellness Project (JCCWP) and the Olympic Peninsula Farmer’s Fund (OPFF) to continue to use fresh, local products in student meals even when supply chains experience disruptions. These innovative partnerships have allowed the district to remain largely unimpacted by pandemic shortages.

### Pandemic Partnerships

Early in the pandemic, local food growers were blindsided by the sudden closure of restaurants and farmers markets: they had produce to sell, yet there was nobody to buy it because of widespread lockdowns. OPFF helped bridge the gap between food producers and their regular markets by partnering with the economic development organization, North Olympic Development Council. That agency pre-purchases food through OPFF from local farmers, who then have up to five years to “repay” these investments in the form of donations to food banks and food-access programs, such as Chimacum School District.

Over the last 18 months, the district has received hundreds of pounds of fresh fruit, produce, and yogurt through the OPFF at no cost to the district. “When schools purchase food from local producers, the money stays in the community and boosts economic resilience and community well-being,” said Shelby Smith, program coordinator for JCCWP.

Margaret Garrett, food service director for Chimacum School District, has just begun her fourth year with the district. She has been working to help Chimacum make the switch from being a “thaw and serve” district offering only pre-packaged meals to one that partners with local farmers for fresh, baked-from-scratch, healthy meals for every student, free of charge.

“Margaret is a tremendous gift to the district,” said Kathryn Lamka, a school board director and secretary/treasurer of the JCCWP. “She is building a team of

like-minded people who love to cook and are ready to embrace change.”

### Student-Produced Food



*A variety of salad greens growing in the school garden.*

Submitted photo

Each Chimacum school has also created its own school garden, where students regularly work to cultivate the land, harvest the produce, and cook their own meals in the kitchen. Students begin working in the gardens in preschool and continue throughout high school. This allows them the opportunity to learn about the history of food in different cultures and teaches them how school meals have changed over the years. “Having a school garden at each of the schools helps with the changes in food services and the students’ reception to these changes,” said Garrett.

Fresh produce from the gardens is regularly used in school lunches, or frozen for later use when supplies may be harder to find due to supply chain disruptions or a change of season. During the 2020-2021 school year, over 1,000 pounds of fresh local produce from area farmers and the school gardens was frozen. When Garrett could not get fresh blueberries last month from her regular commodities, she was able to pull from the 120 pounds of blueberries in the freezer: 60 pounds from local farms and 60 pounds from the Chimacum Junior/Senior High School garden.

Julie Jordan is the horticulture teacher at the high school, where students are immersed in the care of the outside gardens and greenhouse. They work closely with the school kitchen to plan for upcoming meals and share the

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growing status of various items. In addition, students are exploring ideas for a collaborative website that can be used as a tool throughout the community. They hope to highlight projects, share what's growing in the garden, and gather support for student-led projects.

(Horticulture) is a hands-on, real-world experience that is relevant to student's lives," said Jordan. "It gives us all an opportunity to do real work and build relationships as we work together, side-by-side, for a common purpose. The course provides students many opportunities to learn career and technical skills, while at the same time providing a benefit to the Chimacum school community."

Making the switch to use more locally sourced products, fresh produce, and made-from-scratch school meals for an entire district isn't easy. It takes collaboration and cooperation between teachers, staff, administration, local farmers, and partner organizations. It takes time, often with small incremental changes, and can require upfront costs to get needed cooking equipment into kitchens that have traditionally been "heat and serve" operations.

Asked why the district is expanding its use of locally grown food, Garrett said, "Why would we not? Along with the well-documented studies that students and children learn and grow healthier with better choices of food at school and in their life, why wouldn't we serve food that was locally grown and harvested right next to the school?" She concluded by saying, "There is poverty and homelessness in the district, but there is wealth in the form of beautiful, healthy, and nutrient-dense food grown by caring and knowledgeable community members to feed our students."

*Contributors to this story included Casey Gleysteen, Monique Dugaw, and Nick Shanmac.*

## Holiday Art Fair Returns to Chimacum

The 34th annual Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair is set for **Saturday, December 11** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Chimacum High School, 91 West Valley Road. Typically hosting nearly 100 vendors from around Washington state, the fair is an iconic shopping tradition and the largest holiday craft fair in Jefferson County.

"High-quality vendors, large crowds, and a strong community spirit make this an authentic holiday shopping experience for everyone," said fair coordinator Danny Milholland. The event is well-known for featuring distinctive hand-crafted artwork including

jewelry, textiles, apparel, ceramics, candles, woodwork, leather works, and artisan foods. The fair traditionally raises money for Chimacum school programs, while supporting the local makers' economy and providing a marketplace for youth and nonprofit fundraisers.

The event will adapt to covid protocols, with fair participants (including vendors, guests, and staff) required to wear masks indoors at all times. There will be no indoor food service or dining. Although fewer vendors will be in attendance this year, there will still be about 80, including student groups and nonprofit vendors.

The number of occupants allowed in the fair will be limited to 50 percent of fire capacity. "To cut down on wait times, we encourage folks to move through the fair quickly to make space for other shoppers," Milholland said.



*Vendors of the 2018 Chimacum Arts Fair.*

Submitted photo

The Craft Fair was started in 1986 by Flavia and Terry Heineman and Carol West as a fundraiser for unmet needs at Chimacum High School. Over the years the fair has contributed thousands of dollars to student and school projects. Funds raised from the most recent fair in 2019 went to support the Community Wellness Garden, school library, soccer program, Spanish-class books, 4H programs, Cafe Breakfast Program, Cowboys for Humane Treatment & Environmental Awareness Club, Parent Partners of Pi, Jefferson Teen Center, high school art class, Science Rube Goldberg Project, high school horticulture program, choir program, high school robotics, Read to Rover, and Olympic Mountain Pet Pals. Money is generated from entrance fees, vendor fees, and a small percentage of vendor sales.

Flavia Heineman, Fair board president, concluded by saying, "we are so excited to welcome our vendors, students, and the community back for this fabulous tradition." Additional information and a full list of vendors participating in the fair can be found at [chimacumarts.com](http://chimacumarts.com).

## Features & Stories

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### A Christmas Tale

*A Short Story by Milton Lum, Staff Writer*

Elizabeth, the social worker, was relieved that Jojo's grandfather in Fairbanks, Alaska, agreed to take the boy. Jojo was in state custody in Seattle after his mother had been arrested for possession of controlled substances and could not post bail. Elizabeth made a thorough search of public records and interviewed Jojo's grandfather by phone before recommending the placement. She was pleased that Marilyn, his mother, agreed, although she had been estranged from her parents since moving to Seattle. Going to another family member was always preferable to a foster home.

As Marilyn's case worker for two years, Elizabeth had experienced limited success in helping Marilyn make good choices. The drug possession charge was a second offense resulting in jail time.

Elizabeth's priority was getting Jojo into a safe environment. She was fond of the gangly, soft-spoken young teen with unruly black hair. Since his mother's arrest, Jojo had become more withdrawn and showed no emotion when Elizabeth told him they were flying to Fairbanks. He said little on the flight, his eyes glued to the iPad for the duration of the flight.

Standing near the entrance to baggage claim at Fairbanks International Airport, Elizabeth and Jojo searched the crowd for a fat man with a salt and pepper beard, red suspenders, and a red chamois shirt. They didn't expect that most of the men there fit that description.

Grandad found them. "You've grown a bit, son," said the burly gray-haired man wearing a knitted cap and a bulky winter coat which concealed the red suspenders and shirt. His green eyes were piercing, and his voice a low rumble. Elizabeth stuck out her hand, and he responded with a firm but not overpowering handshake. He turned to Jojo and held his gaze until Jojo's drifted to his feet.

Their first stop after leaving the airport was Subway. Jojo felt more secure after the first foot-long had settled and he worked on the second. His favorite food places—Subway, McDonald's, and Taco Bell—were here and decked out in holiday lights. Familiar places reassured

him. Grandad told him they were going to the cabin, but first to Safeway for some supplies.

The cabin was in the woods at the end of an unpaved road. Grandad stopped the truck when he turned off the highway and put it in four-wheel drive. It was cold and dark when they arrived, but Jojo was too exhausted to care. Grandad lit the stove first, then a lantern, and led Jojo up a ladder into the loft. Jojo crawled into the sleeping bag with his clothes on.

He slept until almost noon and when he awoke the light outside looked like a Seattle morning before dawn. Jojo climbed down the ladder, and Grandad greeted him with a smile and a "Good morning." Jojo gave a brief nod. The cabin was one big room with a window in the front and one on each side. A table with two bench seats was on one side of the cabin. In the center near the front window was a wood stove. On the other side was a long wooden counter with shelves above and below it. A camp cook-stove sat in the middle of the counter. "We're burning daylight, son, and there ain't too much of it," said Grandad. "Let's get you fed. We've got work to do."

Jojo adapted to cabin life. He liked the routine and the quiet. No yelling, no sirens, no strangers in the middle of the night. He liked peeing in the woods and seeing the snow turn yellow. Grandad showed him the shades of yellow that meant he wasn't drinking enough water and explained why it was dangerous in the cold.

Grandad was a patient teacher and never yelled. If Jojo made a mistake, he tried it again until it was right, then they moved on. He learned quickly to conserve water after chopping ice to fill the water barrel. In time, Jojo became a master at stoking the wood stove at night so that there were just enough embers to restart it in the morning.

Christmas Day arrived and Jojo didn't even know it. It wasn't until that evening when Grandad handed him a present and said, "Merry Christmas. It's from your mom. Elizabeth gave it to me at the airport." The card said "Love, Mom." It was the X-Box he had coveted. But now it looked silly in the cabin. He started to laugh, a deep belly laugh, a laugh he didn't know he had. Grandad laughed too. "Merry Christmas," Jojo shouted. He hugged his Grandad and said, "Thank you."

## Edibles—Dusty Green Café Revisited

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

The first Edibles article appeared in the September 2020 issue of the *Port Ludlow Voice*, and the subject of that article was the newly opened Dusty Green Café at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. It has been quite a journey for Kass Swindler, chef/owner of Dusty Green Café over the 14 months since that first article appeared. I sat down with Kass last Friday to find out how things are going and what the future holds.

First and foremost, Kass is enthusiastic about the outpouring of support she has received from the Port Ludlow community. Her customer base has grown to encompass not only the golf club membership but the wider community as well with local workers often stopping by for breakfast and lunch. She credits her takeout business though for drawing loyal customers who come back again and again for the fish and chips (with Kass' amazing tartar sauce), the excellent prime rib dinners, and crab cakes. Those crab cakes! Fresh Dungeness crab hand-formed into those wonderful crab cakes. A great partnership with Key City Fish in Port Townsend means delivery of fresh fish and seafood daily. Fresh, local, and handmade—that's the goal and key to success at Dusty Green Café.

Although takeout is key, Kass is working hard to create a comfortable space for inside dining. She invites customer input and is looking forward to making changes to the décor, has ordered new furniture, and is striving for an atmosphere that invites customers to linger over breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Another popular feature is the monthly wine dinner. Featured local wines from Marrowstone, Camaraderie Cellars, Eleven, Harbinger, Port Townsend Vineyards and others are paired with Kass' delicious food. I have attended a few of these dinners and can attest to the excellence of the offerings. Frankly, the food was five stars, in my opinion, and based on other diner's comments, far exceeded expectations.

Operating a restaurant, or any business, in today's environment is not without its challenges. Kass struggles with getting supplies and often spends her day off driving to Seattle to personally select and bring back much needed food items. Staffing, too, continues to be an issue, but slowly she is building a reliable group of workers.

With serving the community as her goal, you may have seen Kass under her popup canopy at the Rotary car show and concerts on the lawn. She is taking that community involvement a big leap forward in November and December by teaming up with the SBCA to provide

lunches and dinners at the Bay Club for members and their guests on select dates. Certainly, a highlight of those dinners will be a Candlelight Dinner, Christmas Eve, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Reservations will be required. For more information about all of the Bay Club lunches and dinners, please visit [sbca.club](http://sbca.club) for details.

## Finding Your Philanthropy

by Barbara Berthiaume and Eline Lybarger, Staff Writers

The holiday decorations are going up, in homes Menorahs are being lighted, carols surround us, store shelves bulge with new merchandise, and computer keys click with on-line shoppers. During this season of giving, there is also an awareness, in each of us, of the needs of others.

Choosing a charity can quickly become complicated and confusing. Where to look and what to look for? How do you know it is a tax-deductible, charitable organization? How do you know the charity is doing what their mission statement says? Are they doing it efficiently, or are most of the dollars going to a few overpaid executives? What about organizations that have a similar logo and mission statement compared to long-time, well-known institutions—are they possibly affiliated, and if so, how? Where do you look for this information? Finding a place for your philanthropy can be overwhelming.

All charities must complete Form 990 annually; it is publicly accessible with information about their mission statement, finances—including income and expenses over the past two years—and a brief history. However, it can be daunting to review these individually, and it is hard to compare the information between charities.

Start locally, for example, with an all-volunteer group like the Peninsula Support Organization. Request their EIN (the charities' identification and tax-deductible information number) from the treasurer for your tax records. Contact the president for information about their mission statement and what they have accomplished, how long they have been in operation, what is their annual budget, how many volunteers they have, etc. They may have some printed material they can send you or direct you to online information about them.

A local all-volunteer charity you may want to consider is the PSO Bluebills. This group is the result of a recent merger between the Peninsula Support Organization and Olympic Peninsula Bluebills. It is a 501(c)(3) non-profit entity and tax receipts are available upon request. Bringing STEM programs to the Peninsula is a major goal, and in 2019 all 8<sup>th</sup> graders in Jefferson County

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spent a day at the Museum of Flight. The PSO partners with the Seattle Museum of Flight that brings robotics, astronomy and live lecture presentations to schools. A NASA engineer, the head of the Amazon International Warehouse Robotics Program, and other STEM experts spoke to the students in 2019. It costs \$20,000 a year to sustain these programs and any contribution will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to PSO Bluebills and sent to Mike Burke, 82 Timber Drive, Port Ludlow, WA 89365.

Fortunately, there are charitable watchdogs that make information from the 990 easier to understand and compare. **Charity Navigator** doesn't require you to register, and their information is free. They have rated 9,000 larger charities, using a range of 0 to 4 stars. The charities get a single rating for financial health, accountability, and transparency which comes from several years of operation. Three and 4-star ratings are a vote of confidence on how a charity manages its affairs. For smaller charities or new ones that don't have many years of history, Charity Navigator has another rating service called Encompass. These charities are rated on financial health, percentage of total expenses that go for programs, and board independence.

**Charity Watch**, previously American Institute of Philanthropy, "We dive deeper to let you know how efficiently a charity will use your donation... (Also) expose non-profit abuses and advocate for your interests as a donor." They have extensive information on ways the observer can be duped. For example, their article on Delayed Compensation Payments is revealing. These payments may have been negotiated early in the person's employment but are deferred to make it appear, on the annual 990 report, that their salary is much lower. A specific example they gave was Help Hospitalized Veterans who paid Roger Chapin \$1.9 million for 38 years of service when he left the organization.

They monitor over 600 charities, then select a few that qualify for their Top-Rated charities. They require registration which provides a free look at a few charities of your choice, so choose carefully. After that you can see the details only on Charity Watch's Top-Rated charities. A \$50 annual subscription will give you complete reports for all the charities they rate. You will see a dashboard with ratings from A+ to F, the percentage spent on programs compared to overhead, and the amount spent to raise \$100 in donations. Conveniently, charities are sorted by categories like animals, cancer, and homelessness.

**Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance** is free and rates about 1900 charities on 20 different "standards of accountability." Things like board size, conflicts of interest, effectiveness, finances and fundraising information. You can click on a marker for more information to see if that is important to you. Each charity is graded as to Meets Standards, Does Not Meet Standards or Unable to Verify. Not meeting just one of the 20 standards will result in a Does Not Meet Standards rating.

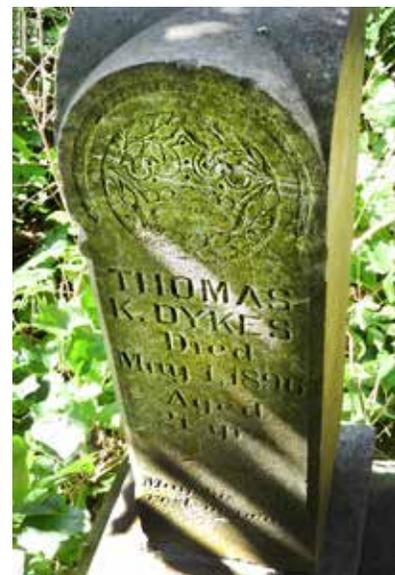
**Guide Star** with a price tag of \$350/month or \$2,000/year is not meant for the private donor.

## Cemeteries of Central Eastern Jefferson County

*by Tim Rensema, Staff writer*

Eastern Jefferson County has some really interesting cemeteries. While I cannot address them all, I hope to provide a good "taste" of what cemeteries we do have. We are very fortunate to have some great articles in the Port Townsend *Leader* that cover our county cemeteries in detail. Pam McCollum Clise published an article in the *Leader* dated October 25, 2006 (Section B), entitled "If tombstones could talk," which does an excel-

lent job in summarizing all the known cemeteries in eastern Jefferson County. In the Port Ludlow Focus portion of the *Leader*, dated July 19, 1995, an article titled "Swansonville Cemetery tells of Ludlow beginning" provides great background on the Forest Hill Cemetery in Swansonville and its importance to Port Ludlow. Robin Dudley of the *Leader* wrote a very in-depth article on the reclamation of the Maynard (or Port Discovery) Cemetery on Oct 30, 2013. Ray Hunter, a resident of Discovery Bay, is actively reclaiming the old cemetery from brush and large trees, and also is providing a clear written documentation of the cemetery. Evidently, this cemetery was established adjacent to an old Indian cemetery near Mill Point (site of the Port Discovery Mill in production from 1858 to



*Monument in the Chinese Cemetery of Laurel of Thomas K. Dykes.*

*Photo by Tim Rensema*

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the 1890s). Discovery Bay was previously known as Maynard and before that Port Discovery. The Shine Cemetery had its beginning in 1903 when Phillip Noah and Melissa Jane Rasler purchased Government Lots 1 & 2 in Squamish Harbor (Shine) from R.W. Barto. The future one-acre cemetery parcel was located in the SW corner of the 32-acre Government Lot 1. While the documentation awarding the property to the Shine Cemetery Association was not recorded until 1919, Phillip and Melissa made it known early on that the one-acre parcel would be donated to the community as a cemetery. Phillip Noah Rasler died on March 20, 1904 and is believed to be the first burial in the Shine Cemetery (reference Richard Osburn).

Red Men Cemetery, in the cemetery section of Laurel Grove cemetery (such as the Chinese Section, IOOF section, Coast Seaman's Union, Fireman's Union, and others) of Port Townsend is especially interesting. In an article of the *Leader* (Dec 13, 1901) entitled "Chimacum Tribe Purchases Two and One Half Acres of Land" to start a cemetery, Chimacum Tribe No. 1 paid \$350 to O.C. Hastings for the land. Interesting that in the Pam Clise article mentioned above, she states that the Improved Order of Red Men established the cemetery in 1902, and the first two burials were two men who had died in boating accidents. The Red Men were described as a fraternal organization of that time. The cemetery was closed in 1933 when the local Red Men lodge closed. The Port Ludlow Cemetery, abandoned around 1900, has been written about in previous articles. Investigations of both documents and the site need to be conducted to determine how many folks were actually buried in this cemetery in use for over thirty years.

With the great number of cemeteries throughout eastern Jefferson County, early in the settlement process, local family cemeteries don't seem to be as frequent as they are in the east. Small cemeteries of families are slowly being reclaimed by the forest, prairies, or being moved for development. We are fortunate in eastern Jefferson County to have a few family cemeteries still remaining. One is the Cooper Cemetery on the old family ranch near Port Ludlow. Its location was not arbitrary, but well thought out. It sits on a minor slope facing Puget Sound. The site provides a beautiful view of the water and the sky. Dick Osburn, a local historian, has written a book on this particular cemetery called "Forever Family." There were nine known burials in the cemetery. Given that it is the Cooper Cemetery, John and Mary Cooper are buried there. But also, interestingly enough, Horace Hawkins (a ship-jumper friend of Cooper's) and his wife Annie LaPike are also buried there. It is possible that

two burials were not from the family, but were of two Swedish seamen who died of uncertain causes. The story is that the ship's captain asked Port Ludlow if they could be buried in the Port Ludlow cemetery and was turned down because of the "uncertain cause of death." He had heard about the Cooper Cemetery so asked Ellen Watson if they could be buried there, and she assented to his request. This must have occurred before the early 1900s, as the Port Ludlow cemetery had formally closed when Forest Hill cemetery opened.

So, if you're looking for something interesting to do some sunny spring or summer day, walking through our local cemeteries is engaging. Read the old headstones for a glimpse of the individual buried there. One of particular interest to me was of a young man named Thomas K. Dykes who was 21 when he died and was buried in the Chinese Cemetery in Port Townsend. His epitaph stated "may his soul rest in peace."

## Anthurium: Another Plant for the Holidays

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer



Looking for something other than a Poinsettia to brighten your home or give as a gift? Consider an anthurium. It is a genus of 1,000 species of the Arum family, a tropical native of Ecuador and Columbia. They come in all colors of white, pink and red, but we will only consider the red ones. All in this family have beautiful waxy leaves; some leaves grow to six feet. *Anthurium andraeanum* is much smaller, with leaves rarely exceeding six inches. Amid the waxy, green, heart shaped leaves are the flowers. The flowerheads have a heart-shaped, shield-like spathe with a central, protruding spadix. In the cultivar 'Lady Ruth' both the spathe and spadix are a deep red. In other red cultivars the spadix is often yellow or white.

Anthurium don't even like the thought of frost, but can be quite content in our warm winter homes. It likes

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bright filtered light; in direct sun, it will burn. Also, it likes a moist environment, but no soggy roots. Long sunny summer days with plenty of heat will give you more blooms that stay for a month or more. Mine has bloomed continuously for a year. When you repot, put it in rich but well-drained phosphorous soil.

The Anthurium has an upside and a downside. On the upside it is an air cleaner, removing formaldehyde, xylene, toluene and ammonia. On the downside it has toxic crystals of saponins and calcium oxalate. If eaten it can cause severe irritation of the throat, and even vomiting and difficulty swallowing. It is still an attractive option for the holiday season.

## Meet Your Firefighters

*by Ron Dawson, Guest Writer*



Meet Curtis Beery: qualified firefighter, EMT, wildland firefighter, and engine boss trainee of Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue (PLFR). He became a Resident, which is an apprentice position, at PLFR in 2018. One of his assignments is to teach at the West Sound Fire Training Academy, which is comprised of North Kitsap, East Jefferson, and Port Ludlow fire districts. He likes this part of his job and loves to see the growth in the Firefighters he is instructing.

He is originally from Sequim and decided to become a firefighter in large measure because his father was a firefighter in Chimacum. He wanted to become a firefighter as a young child, and thought it would be great to be in the same area as his dad. He also knew many firefighters in the fire service area, so targeted the work as a goal. He likes everything about his job; it is a passion that

pushes him to be better in helping others. The harder part (and this affects all firefighters) is to manage the pressure and to keep life in balance.

He has many family members in the area and is engaged to his fiancée, Rose. Away from the job, Curtis likes to be outdoors, hunt, fish, rock climb, snowboard, and hang out with his family.

Curtis wants to be the best firefighter he can be, be hands-on, and develop his leadership skills. Most people don't know that he also skateboards and wants to learn the Ukrainian language. A very pleasant young man.

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## Camp Beausite Northwest— a Return to Camp

by Raina Baker, CBNW Executive Director



*Mornings on the lake.*

Camp Beausite Northwest (CBNW), a residential camp program and retreat center for people of all ages with special needs, has finally been able to reopen their doors to provide camp and respite services again. Like so many businesses and nonprofits, CBNW was hit hard by the pandemic and by a state mandate that didn't allow for many resident camp programs to operate.

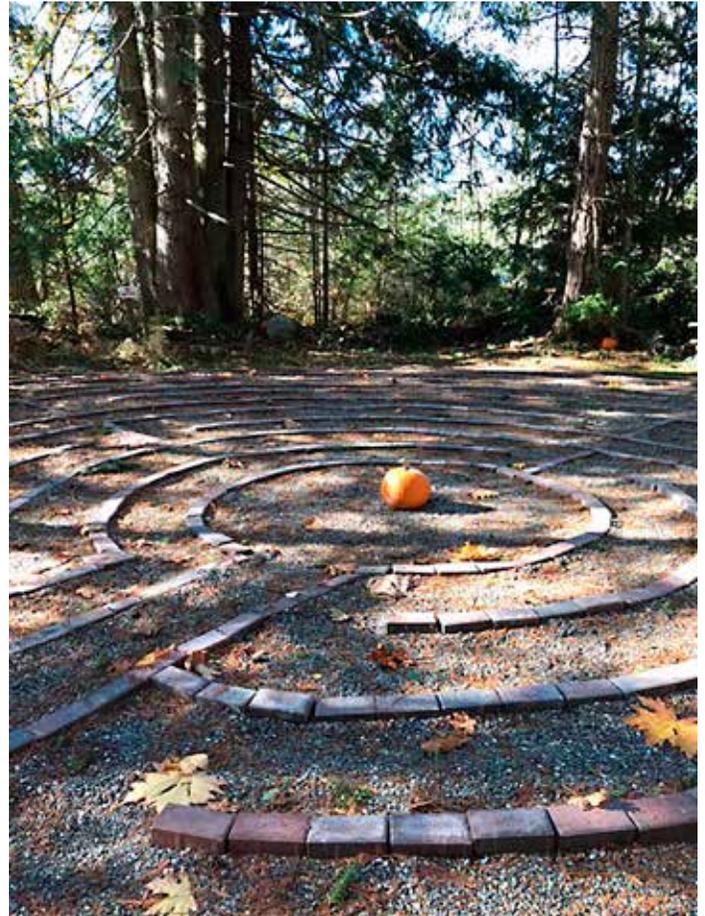


*Camp cabins.*

CBNW was established in 1989 and had several temporary locations around the peninsula until moving to its current Chimacum location in 1994. After years of rustic camp offerings during the summer, CBNW was able to secure funding for the construction of a beautiful, winterized camp and retreat center. The project,

completed in May of 2019, allows for year-round programs and rentals of the 55-acre facility that accommodates up to 60.

Early 2020 would see the plans of growth for new programs and ways to provide for their differently abled population put on hold as the pandemic hit. CBNW was able to pivot and create virtual programs as well as “Camp-In-A-Box” activity boxes sent home to campers,



*Meditation Labyrinth at camp.*

but there were no in-person programs for over a year and a half.

A return to camp has finally happened with the development of a covid precaution plan alongside five weekend camp programs throughout fall of 2021. Campers of all ages and abilities have been able to return to their beloved camp home for some much needed in-person programming. October programs kicked off with space camp and Halloween camp, followed by dinosaur and giving thanks camp in November. The fall camp programs will wrap up with winter camp in December. The 2022 calendar is looking robust with day camp, weekend camp, summer camp, and family camp on the books and hopefully the continued growth of the retreat center.

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Campers come from around the Pacific Northwest come to attend CBNW. They get to participate in all kinds of activities—nature walks, arts and crafts, scavenger hunts, costume parties, cooking classes, pumpkin painting, star gazing, sing-a-longs, talent shows, animal experiences, and games. On top of having a great time at camp, they are also developing physical, emotional, developmental, and social skills that will support them in their daily lives. CBNW is not only providing the camp experience for the campers, but also simultaneously creating a much-needed moment of respite for their families and caregivers. Additionally, many of the campers who attend have limited access to resources and services, while some are truly on their own with little or no support. No matter the story, CBNW programs are needed now more than ever.



*Camper Garet showing off his creation skills after making his planet at space camp.*

Submitted photos

CBNW is honored to be providing these services for our differently-abled community and their families. Wonderful things are happening once again at Camp Beausite Northwest.

For more information about attending camp, renting camp, or donating to camp, please contact us at 360-732-7222 or on our website at [campbeausitenw.org](http://campbeausitenw.org).

# ASK THE EXPERTS...



**Q: My husband and I have not been married long enough to accumulate a large down payment for a home purchase. In this market are we out of luck?**

**A: The good news is there are Buyer Assistance programs available in Washington State that might work for you. In general, these programs are available to households with income under \$160,000 a year. Some are for first time home buyers and others are not. A home buyer is considered a first-time home buyer if the buyer has not owned a home in 3 or more years. Of course, the buyer must demonstrate an ability to repay the loan and meet credit score criteria, which will vary depending on the program. Best of all, these programs provide down payment assistance with an average down payment assist of \$10,000 which is also a loan and will be calculated in the monthly mortgage payment. Kristina Jennings, a broker with Coldwell Banker Best Homes, recently closed on a house with buyers who were able to use the Down Payment Assistance program. She says there were no issues or hick-ups using this program and they were able to purchase a home in the \$400,000 range. Probably the biggest challenge for the buyer is finding a home in which they are not competing with cash offers. Kristina suggests searching for homes that have been on the market more than 10 days and to also be flexible in the buyer's desired location.**

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# Spotlight

## Dove House Advocacy Services - Rekindling Hopes and Dreams

by Bekka Bloom, Development

*"I have made it further than I thought I could . . . and it wouldn't have been possible without you, your staff, and the donations. I will pay it forward."... a former Dove House resident.*

*"Recovery Café is . . . a cornerstone in this amazing and miraculous transformation happening in my life. As they say, everyone is recovering from something. We are removing the stigma of marginalization . . . Bravo, Recovery Cafe!!"... a former Dove House resident.*



At Dove House we acknowledge and respond to the ways in which the effects of trauma create challenges for leading healthy lives.

- Crisis Intervention & 24/7 Crisis Line
- Emergency Housing for Victims of Domestic Violence - All Basic Needs Provided
- Transitional Housing Program
- Help Obtaining Long-Term Affordable Housing
- Advocacy Services for Safety Planning, Healing and Rebuilding Lives
- Support Groups & Classes
- Community Outreach & Education

A mom with two children contacts Dove House late at night via our 24/7 Crisis Line and explains that she is feeling unsafe from her abusive spouse. Because of local donations, our advocates are able to arrange for her and her children to stay in a hotel room overnight. In the morning, she meets with an advocate to do a lethality assessment (a test on the seriousness of the situation) and create a safety plan and it becomes clear that she needs continuing emergency shelter. We have a shelter room open, but it is in the process of covid-required cleaning—so we pay for another few nights in the hotel room. As the family left home abruptly and in fear, they need food, clothing, and personal hygiene products.

During their initial days in our shelter, the family begins to recover from the trauma of violence and displacement and attend to the practicalities of children moving to a new school and setting up appointments to access services. With 24-hour access to their room and shared common spaces and all basic needs provided, the shelter becomes their temporary home. Mom meets with her advocate at least weekly, and children are offered their own separate advocate if they wish. They will all struggle with a range of emotions including shame, grief, and anger as they process the changes in their



Shelter kitchen.



Dove House little free pantry and garden.

life circumstances and encounter barriers. Dove House advocates offer a listening ear and emotional support and connect mom with services and resources to help her reach her goals. The family continues to regain emotional health, perhaps with the help of a therapist provided with funding from Dove House and/or in conjunction with participation in one of our support groups.

Over the next weeks and months, mom will set her own goals such as searching for long-term housing and employment and/or obtaining childcare and needed documents. She may have to cope with attempts by her spouse

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to locate and intimidate her or her children. Survivors of domestic violence have often been extremely isolated and without access to the tools for building a self-sufficient life such as a bank account or driver’s license. Because of the housing crisis in Jefferson County, it may take this family more than eight months to find affordable place to live and they may need to move out of the area leaving behind their established support system.

While mom looks for housing, she starts to build a new support system for herself by participating



*Recovery Café.*

Submitted photos

in Recovery Café where she develops healthy relationships in a safe environment. Her children join her for the weekly nutritious free meals. She joins a Recovery Circle where she processes her daily life challenges with peers who have similar experiences. Getting her food worker card and volunteering at the RC kitchen is one option she explores as she looks ahead to the next steps on her family’s journey. Clients may stay in, and return to, Dove House services for as long as they need. Services are confidential and free of charge.

Last year, Dove House served approximately 550 Jefferson County residents across all services.

We were unable to meet the needs of 147 people who called our crisis line for emergency shelter because ours was full.

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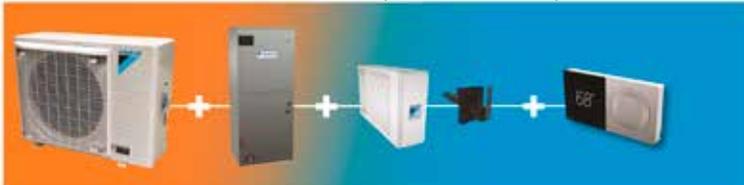
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## Arts & Entertainment

This section features Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events, as well as events in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit items to [editor@plvoice.org](mailto:editor@plvoice.org) by the 8th of the preceding month.

### Group Art Exhibit at the Port Ludlow Bay Club



Snowbound, by Larry Davidson.

Submitted photo

The Bay Club hosts a new group art exhibit sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League every two months. The theme for the upcoming art exhibit is *Winter Wonderland*.

With frosty mornings, bright, crisp days, and even the occasional snowfall, wintertime inspires artists to capture the season's natural beauty and traditions, both outdoors and inside where it's warm and cozy.

The *Winter Wonderland* art exhibit is available for viewing in person at the Bay Club during December and January. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please contact Alan Ahtow at [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).

### Port Ludlow Art League

#### Artists of the Month—The Port Ludlow Art League Board of Directors and Committee Chairpersons

You'd be surprised how many volunteers it takes to keep the Port Ludlow Art League running smoothly. In addition to a 10-member Board of Directors, there are three additional volunteers who chair various committees. In alphabetical order, these talented artists include Alan Ahtow, Fran Bodman, Shirley Bomgaars, Larry Davidson, Ann Gagnier, Janice Gruber, David Layton,

Georganne Muse, Pamela Raine, Cathy Thomas, Carol Tomas, Diane Walker, and Patricia Webber. This month, the Board of Directors and Chairpersons will display their artwork in a wide variety of mediums at the Sound Community Bank and online at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org).



Art by PLDL directors and chairpersons.

If you'd like to purchase their artwork, please contact the individual artist to make a sales appointment or drop by the Port Ludlow Art Gallery on Wednesday through Friday between noon and 4:00 p.m. The Gallery is located next to the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email [info@portludlowart.org](mailto:info@portludlowart.org).

#### Jeweler of the Month – Sheryl Goldsberry

New Port Ludlow Art League member, Sheryl Goldsberry, not only enjoys creating jewelry, but also works in a variety of media including watercolor, illustration, glass, ceramics, and sewing. While exploring new techniques that fuel fun and creative ideas, Sheryl started her own online business selling her artwork.

In celebration of women who have shattered the glass ceiling, Sheryl has designed a collection of *Shattered Glass* pendant necklaces and earrings in a variety of colors. Her patrons appreciate the unique look of the pendants surrounded by intricate wire work. Handmade and unique, Sheryl's *Shattered Glass* necklaces and earrings serve as a statement and acknowledgement of achievement for all women.

You can view Sheryl's jewelry at the Sound Community Bank, the Port Ludlow Art Gallery, and online at [portludlowart.org](http://portludlowart.org). If you'd like to purchase her jewelry,

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Necklaces by Sheryl Goldsberry.  
Submitted photos

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## Ludlow Village Players Kickoff

by Val Durling, Director

Ludlow Village Players (LVP) has great news! We have booked performance dates for the hilarious comedy *The Outsider*, by Paul Slade Smith at the Bay Club for two weekends in March 2022. *The Outsider* was originally scheduled in April 2020. Covid struck and it was canceled. Our marvelous cast has stayed together all this time. That is just awesome. They need a lot of offstage and backstage support!

Crew support kickoff will be **Friday, December 3**, at 1:00 p.m. at Susan Abrahamson's home, 247 Machias Loop in North Bay, Port Ludlow. We'll discuss each production committee and what needs to be done and when it needs doing. The committees include set building, set décor, costumes, makeup, graphics, publicity, press articles, hospitality, sound techs, stage lighting, backstage help, photography, and more. Please attend, listen, and then decide what you would like to do to help. Experience is welcome but NOT required. If you are unable to attend but would like to help, please call Val at 360-437-2861 or email her [rkd@olypen.com](mailto:rkd@olypen.com) or [rkd@olypen.com](mailto:rkd@olypen.com).

Readers' Theater had a great restart in October, reading plays together with masks on. The next meeting is the Christmas read with surprises on **Tuesday, December 7**, 6:00 to 8:45 p.m. at the Beach Club—RSVP to the contact info above.

The last 18 months of covid restrictions have been difficult for many of us. Due to the upsurge of cases in Jefferson County, whatever the State and local mandates

at the time of the meeting will be observed, including masking and vaccination. We hope all our friends, neighbors and fans have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy restart to doing all the things you love to do. May helping us bring live theater back to Port Ludlow be at the top of your list!

## Live Entertainment is Back!

by Bev Rothenborg, A & E Editor

To say that I am delighted about the return of live entertainment to our midst is an understatement! Actually, I am "over the moon." Following is a listing of upcoming local performances:

On **Saturday, December 4** at 7:00 p.m. the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra (PTSO) will be performing at the Chimacum High School Auditorium. On the program is *Fantasia* by Villa-Lobos featuring the winner of the PTSO 2021 Young Artist Competition Maria Powell and her tenor saxophone. All PTSO concerts are free but donations are gratefully accepted. Go to [contact@PTSymphony.org](mailto:contact@PTSymphony.org) for complete details.

Closer to home on **Sunday, December 5** at 2:00 p.m., Port Ludlow Performing Arts brings *America's Sweethearts* to the Bay Club for a concert. The *Sweets*, for short, are an 11-member female group who specialize in songs from the Great American Songbook, classic Broadway, pop tunes and jazz. I'll be seated in the front row for this one! If any tickets are left, go to [PortLudlowPerformingArts.com](http://PortLudlowPerformingArts.com).

Our classic treasure in Port Townsend, the Rose Theater, offers live in HD simulcasts from the Metropolitan Opera in New York. Recently I saw *Fire Shut Up in my Bones* with an amazing cast. You'll have to check the book of Jeremiah in the Bible to find out where the title comes from. The event was well attended but with enough room to be socially distant.

The Rose is currently offering all of the Metropolitan operas live as well as ballets from Russia's Bolshoi. You can always tell when the film is near its end as the delicious smell of fresh-made popcorn wafts through the room. The Starlight Room is currently open too. Go to [RoseTheatrePortTownsend.org](http://RoseTheatrePortTownsend.org) to learn about the simulcasts as well as a huge selection of films which you can stream at home. You are able to watch trailers of the films, too.

Before you attend any of these or other live events, please check websites to learn of protocols about the wearing of masks and the requirements for proof of vaccination. These vary according to the venue.

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### Update From the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

LMC will be holding its 2022 Budget Ratification Members' Meeting in the Bay View room of the Beach Club on **December 16**. Budget and voting material will be mailed to all LMC members by **December 1**. After receiving the Budget packet, members may contact me at the Beach Club if you have budget or voting related questions, and I will be happy to answer them.

The LMC Board of Trustees has been working hard on possible amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws. With the recent changes that have been made to the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) statutes that regulate homeowner associations such as LMC, the two governing documents are inconsistent with State law in some areas. The Board has been working on identifying these areas as well as redrafting other sections of the two documents that need better clarification. The Board has sent the proposed changes to LMC's attorney for review with the goal that once the Board and legal counsel agree on the changes, the Board will hold a community forum to discuss the two documents with interested members. LMC's members will then be asked to vote on the amendments at the April 16, 2022, Annual Members' Meeting.

Recently, we reopened the squash court at the Beach Club. The primary use of the court is the game of squash; however, in the past, members have also played racketball and set up a portable net and played pickleball on the court when the outdoor courts were wet. LMC also has a ping pong table that can be moved into the room if members are interested in that activity.

The holiday closures of the Beach Club are as follows: closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day, and will close at 1:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

And finally, I would like to thank our LMC members who have been so patient during the pandemic. First with the 14-month full closure of the Beach Club, then our limited opening that started in April of this year, and finally with the masking mandate that is still in effect. With very few exceptions, our LMC membership has been supportive and understanding of the process we have followed in an attempt to keep our members and staff safe when using the Beach Club and Bridge Deck facilities. Thank you!

### Important Dates

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All LMC members are welcome. ✳

I wish everyone a peaceful, healthy, and joyous holiday season.

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](mailto:beachclub@olympus.net).

### New North Bay Editor

Introducing Gene Carmody, who is the new North Bay editor for the *Port Ludlow Voice*. If you have an event or any happening that you would like to have appear in the Beach Club/North Bay news section of the *Voice*, please send to Gene at [northbayeditor@plvoice.org](mailto:northbayeditor@plvoice.org).

Welcome, Gene!

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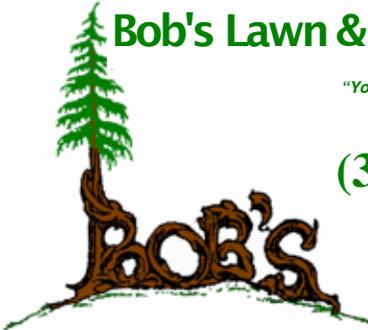


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# Village Council

## Board Meeting Summary

by Tamra McDearmid, Secretary

At the November 4, 2021, Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting the following reports were given:

### Greg Brotherton, Jefferson County Commissioner, District 3

Brotherton discussed redistricting of the County Commissioners' representation. Every 10 years, a review is initiated. The goal is to have the three commission districts fairly equal in population and keeping communities together. There were 868 new residents in Port Ludlow in the last 10 years. A public meeting was held and several mapped options are being considered. Brotherton favors the option that makes the least changes, as constituents prefer this option. Another public meeting will be held and Brotherton invites community input.

He also mentioned the need for East Jefferson County representation on Team Jefferson Economic Development Commission (EDC) and asked for interested Port Ludlow residents to contact him for more information. Representatives from the county, the Public Utility District, and the Ports also serve on the commission.

JeffCo Commission continues to work on next year's budget for Jefferson County, the primary function of the commission. There are pass-through funds to work with, and the commission is considering funding the following projects: PUD—reconnect, \$20 million grant involving Port Ludlow, Port Hadlock, and Irondale, (the county would provide \$2 million); replacing the roof of the Port Townsend Community Center; and development of Mill Road encampments. There is \$500,000 available for small business grants. There will be another budget meeting soon.

Brotherton announced that Mike Nilssen of Port Ludlow has joined the North Bay Drainage District. Brotherton encouraged other community members to run for this board next February, getting paperwork in by December of this year.

Lastly, Brotherton discussed covid in the county. The numbers are going fairly well, which may affect the need for showing vaccine IDs in restaurants. There must be a two-week average case rate of 75/100,000 or less. Currently Jefferson is at 256/100,000.

## Village Council Meetings

### Board Meeting

Thursday, December 2

2:45 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

### Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, December 21

2:45 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

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### Diana Smeland, President, Port Ludlow Associates

PLA is moving into the off-season of the year. **Real Estate:** there have been revisions to the traffic study for Olympic Terrace II, phase 2 now that there will be fewer lots developed. The study shows there will be less traffic than expected and it has been sent back to the county Department of Community Development (DCD) for approval. There was a board comment that the current building moratorium in Jefferson County does not include Port Ludlow as it is a Master Planned Resort and under a different ordinance, according to the DCD. **OWSI:** the filtration and chlorination project is feeding into the water system as of November 1. There have been some concerns about dark water and the smell of chlorine. **Fireside Room:** now open for Happy Hour from 3-5pm daily; open seven days a week for lunch and dinner; open for breakfast on Saturdays and Sundays with a Sunday morning brunch; and serving weekly themed comfort meals in November and December. Thanksgiving dinner is almost sold out. However, you can still reserve a takeout meal. **Golf Course:** the next winter series tournament will be held November 13. **Marina:** working on an expansion permit from the Corps of Engineers. There's been a considerable delay, as there is a backlog of 60 permit requests in front of Port Ludlow's, and the Corps is taking them in order. **Village Center:** there is 980 sq ft of office space available. **Coffee Shops:** Both are open for business and doing well. **Employment:** Head Pro at Golf Course and Head Chef at Fireside are both leaving Port Ludlow for other opportunities. David Wayne Johnson has taken a different position at DCD, and another planner will be assigned to Port Ludlow.

## Bay Club / South Bay News

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### South Bay Community Association Update

by Gil Skinner, President, SBCA Board of Directors

#### Exciting News

“Let’s go to dinner tonight.”

“Where are you thinking?”

“Well, how about the Bay Club?”

Beginning in November, the Bay Club began offering lunch and dinner service provided by the Port Ludlow Golf Course’s Dusty Green Café. In December, we will continue with several new dining options, including our Holiday Event which will be a Camaraderie Cellars wine dinner on **Saturday, December 11**. We have also planned a Christmas Eve dinner to help all of us too tired to cook after getting ready for Christmas. These will be reservation-only events so watch for your SBCA e-blast. The Friday dinners will all feature prime rib.

For those of you who have yet to try dinner at the Bay Club, you are missing a real treat. While the Dusty Green “Bay Club Bistro” is on a very limited schedule currently, it is a great venue where you can now enjoy great food. We anticipate expanding the schedule as we go along. As an added incentive, Dusty Green is providing all SBCA members with a 10% discounted rate for these events.

Oh yes, and lest I forget, in conjunction with the new dining options at the Bay Club, we will also be trying out our Bay Club lobby lounge prior to the Friday dinners. Depending on demand that also may expand. Watch for communications from the Club which will include menus, service times, and contact information.

#### Bylaws Amendment

This very important vote was conducted last month. At this writing we know we will have a quorum. Without knowing the results prior to the *Voice* publication deadline, the SBCA Board would like to thank all of you who were able to get your ballots in on this important issue. Hopefully the bylaws amendment vote will be “yes,” allowing for easier future voting.

#### Village Presidents Meeting

The SBCA Board hosted a meeting of Village Presidents to share ideas and open communications. The meeting

### SBCA Important Dates

#### Monthly Board Meeting

**Thursday, December 9, 9:30 a.m.**

Plans are for a hybrid meeting, both in-person at the Bay Club and a virtual meeting for those not attending in person.

To join by phone, dial 339-209-6193.

To Join by computer:

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All SBCA members are welcome

#### Committee Meetings

Most committee meetings are now held in person at the Bay Club unless otherwise specified on the website.

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

Meeting minutes are posted at [sbca.club](https://sbca.club), then click on Board Minutes Page



was well attended, and the general feeling expressed by attendees was that it was both needed and useful. One benefit of the meeting was quickly realized when Bayview Village reported that they have developed an extensive new member packet for their Village and expressed willingness to share. On the concern side of the ledger, comments were made about the need for more interface between SBCA ARC and Village ARCs. This is being addressed as the SBCA Board has already decided to have twice-a-year meetings with the Village Presidents, with one meeting focused on general issues, projects, and initiatives. The second meeting will focus on ARC issues. Here’s hoping that in the future our meetings will attract more attendees and continue to provide useful benefits.

#### Working Together

The SBCA is continuing to work on common interests with the LMC Beach Club. Currently the SBCA is

## *Recreation & Sports*

### Fond Farewell to Tyler Sweet and Adam Barrows

*by John Germain, Guest Writer*



On Tuesday, November 9, members of the Port Ludlow Golf Course said goodbye to head pro Tyler Sweet and assistant pro Adam Barrows. The farewell reception was held at the Dusty Green Café, where over 100 people came to wish Tyler and Adam well and to enjoy a delicious buffet of sandwiches and snacks.

Sweet has been head pro at the Port Ludlow Golf Course for the past four years. During that time, he has shown strong leadership and his efforts have brought about growth in membership and increased play on the course. Tyler will take the reins as General Manager of the Wine Valley Golf Club in Walla Walla, where he will be responsible for the entire operation of the golf course, its facilities, and maintenance.

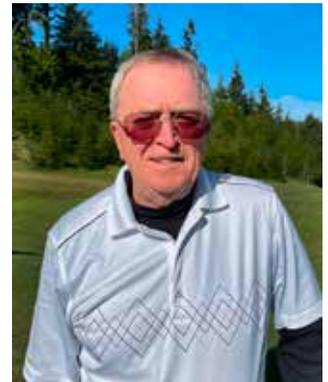
Barrows has been on the staff at Port Ludlow for over 10 years in addition to the time he played here as a junior golfer. He has decided to take a break from the golf industry and may possibly go back to school to study technology, something he has shown a real aptitude for in the golf shop.

Tyler and Adam will be greatly missed. They always had a smile for everyone, knew your name, and strived to provide each member a great experience at the golf course. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and hope they will come visit Port Ludlow Golf Course often.

### Port Ludlow Men’s Golf Association Championship

The Port Ludlow Golf course held its annual Men’s Club Championship on September 13, 15 and 17. The course was in excellent condition and the weather aided in providing some challenge to the competitive field.

The Club Championship was won by Christopher McDaniel who took the lead early on the first day and maintained the lead through the third round. Bruce Case was the runner-up.



*Christopher McDaniel.*



*Bruce Case.*

Submitted photos

The four low gross winners were Christopher McDaniel for the first flight, Mike Raymond for the second flight, Robert Good for the third flight, and Jim Laker for the white/gold flight.

The four low net winners, which takes handicaps into account, were Bruce Case for the first flight, Steven McDaniel for second flight, David Parrish for the third flight, and Jack Lambton for the white/gold flight.

The pro shop and grounds crew made this a great event for all the players.

### Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Committee



Red cedar log project.

Submitted photo

Well, the rain certainly limits what we can accomplish on the trails, but it does not stop us! We got out on Monday between raindrops, to cut up and move red cedar logs to the Interpretive Trail parking lot where they will be used to replace posts and provide sidebars on the trail. Doug Huber is working diligently to shore up the trail with gravel, where erosion is starting to rear its ugly head. We are also working on the Picnic Point trail where the “ribs” of our corduroy logs are showing through and need more chip cover. Finally, tis the season of falling trees so we are continuing our removal of trees from the Wilder Connector and the Timberton Connector trails. Please continue to keep us informed about any fallen trees (contact [jenpl@olypen.com](mailto:jenpl@olypen.com)). Please tell us approximately how far down a trail and what the diameter (in inches) of the tree as that makes our decision on what type of removal equipment we need for the project. Enjoy the trails...even in the rain.



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by John Nuereberg, Hiking Club

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The hikers abide by the “Stay Healthy” recommendations and follow CDC guidelines for outdoor recreation.

Those on the hiking email roster receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. If you would like to be added to the email roster, send a note to [plhikingclub@yahoo.com](mailto:plhikingclub@yahoo.com), or go to the club’s website, [portludlowhikingclub.com](http://portludlowhikingclub.com) and click on Contact to send a message.

### Friday, December 10 – Larry Scott Trail

The Larry Scott Trail is 16 miles roundtrip with very little elevation change. We will explore a 6-mile portion of the trail that starts at the Four Corners Trailhead with a turn-around at the Cape George Trailhead. This is a wide, flat, and very well-maintained trail with views of some of the local farms. A restroom is available at Cape George Trailhead. Hike leader: John Fillers; 360-215-4049.

### Friday, December 24 – Self-led Hike

Explore some trails of Port Ludlow. You can plan on a hike of 3-5 miles. Meet at the golf course at 9:00 a.m. for a self-led hike.

**Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop.** Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a no-leader hike. Meet other walkers at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive at 9:00 a.m.

**Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 8:00 AM.** Join the “Trail Club Group” that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led walk on the abandoned golf cart path trail or other alternative route.

For more hiking information, maps of the Port Ludlow Trails and descriptions, pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, go to [portludlowhikingclub.com](http://portludlowhikingclub.com).

### Reminder to Dog Owners

So we all can enjoy our walks, please carry a plastic bag and clean up after your dog.



## Jefferson County Immigration Rights Advocates

by Larry Jensen, Co-chair JCIRA

For many of us in Port Ludlow, the only recent immigrants we see mow our lawns or clean our houses. Our contact with them may be no more than a nod or a wave. But, if we could hear their stories, we would learn that some have been sponsored for family reunification visas by immediate family; some, as provided by law, presented themselves at a port of entry, requested asylum, and are free on bond or parole waiting for a hearing on their request; and some, expecting that their asylum request would be denied, cross the border without authorization. Those who have requested asylum or risked their lives entering the country are desperate to escape persecution, violence, hunger, homelessness, or other unlivable conditions.

Afghans evacuated to escape Taliban reprisals and Haitians displaced by earthquake, hurricane, and political upheaval have been in the news of late. They, too, are fleeing life-threatening circumstances and seek a new life free of fear and full of opportunity.

Some people who condemn so called “illegal” immigrants don’t realize that family reunification and asylum are the only “legal” non-temporary means of entry for most. There are no other “lines” for them to wait in.

Jefferson County Immigrant Rights Advocates (JCIRA) is a nonpartisan humanitarian organization that seeks to welcome newcomers regardless of their immigration status. JCIRA believes in the American ideal that all men are created equal, that we are a nation of immigrants, and that we are a safe haven proclaiming

*Give me your tired, your poor,  
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JCIRA is committed to building a supportive and safe community for immigrants. We offer financial assistance, legal services, an English Language Learners program, advocacy for immigrant rights, and community education. We provide rides, English/Spanish translation services, help navigating bureaucracies, and help adapting to a new culture.

For more information see [jcira.org](http://jcira.org) and the JCIRA Facebook page. If interested in joining JCIRA, write us at [jcirawa@gmail.com](mailto:jcirawa@gmail.com).

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considering a proposal from them regarding how rooms are rented and used. Hopefully this will be completed soon, and groups and organizations will have a common framework within which to work. The SBCA has also expressed interest in pursuing a more formal contractual arrangement with LMC if that aids the broader community and serves both LMC and SBCA interests.

So, lots going on. Much of it new, and all of it exciting. We will get past this Covid animal if we all do our part. Get your shot, use your mask, and social distance when possible. Have a great holiday season whether it be Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or your own. Stay safe and stay healthy. Hope to see you soon at the Bay Club!

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**Emergency Management Committee Report—Great WA Shakeout (GWS), Oct 21**

Bill Dean introduced Jay Bakst as GWS Coordinator for the fourth year. The committee continues to make great progress toward their preparation goals, and identified specific areas to improve in preparation for next year. This year, focus was on communications among members of our community, to Block Captains, and then radio transmission to the communication centers. They also took advantage to check out how well the back-up communication center locations performed in facilitating communication in the event the Bay or Beach Clubs were inaccessible. They held a separate radio test prior to GWS and used GWS as a test of whether communications had improved or not. Part of the improvement was due to providing more powerful radios to some Block Captains.

There were opportunities for improvement identified during GWS:

- The planned installation of higher antennas.
- The Communication Centers have gaps that can be overcome through advanced radios with higher power.
- Instructions for reporting of various situation levels both by Block Captains and Communication Centers need to be enhanced.
- Due to connectivity difficulties, the back-up location for South Bay needs to be the Community Church and for North Bay the Broker’s Office.
- The protocol for consolidating area and Village reports to the Communication Centers need to be further defined.
- GWS response participation was partly impacted by the reporting procedure, which was different from the drill. This is another area where the protocol needs to be enhanced.



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