

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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arrange “a kayak, rowboat or shell rental, a whale-watching trip, a sunset cruise or a sail on a historic vessel.”

Those who attended the January Dine and Discover will recall Dianne Whittaker’s PowerPoint presentation on the Northwest Maritime Center, which is currently under construction on the Port Townsend bay front. The scheduled completion date is **Saturday, May 30**.

Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) is pleased to offer a free, guided tour of the facility on **Saturday, April 18**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. You can sign up any **Wednesday** at the CEA ticket table in the Bay Club. Those taking the tour will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Bay Club parking lot, receive directions and carpool to the facility.

This is an impressive project on its way to reality, and a showcase of maritime history and activity right in our midst. Don’t miss this exciting hardhat preview, as space is limited.

After the tour we suggest you choose your favorite restaurant for lunch because, as an added treat, CEA has arranged for a local Port Townsend docent to conduct a strolling tour of the waterfront from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Walk in the footsteps of the square rigger sailors and hear the boisterous and brawling history of this Victorian seaport. Learn about the commercial and moral life in the 1800s and of the captains and characters that built the town. You can sign up for either or both tours at the CEA table. There is a \$10 fee for the Walking Tour to be collected the day of the tour. That fee goes to the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS). For answers to your questions, contact Mary Stuart at 437-8140 or marttiandmary@msn.com.

TAX-AIDE Offers Tax Consulting

by Kathy Schreiner, Communications Coordinator

Six AARP TAX-AIDE sites in Clallam and Jefferson Counties opened in February with fully trained and certified TAX-AIDE volunteers to assist low and moderate income taxpayers with preparation of their 2008 tax returns. All assistance and electronic filing is totally free to the taxpayer. The nearest Jefferson County site is:

- Tri-Area Community Center, **Wednesdays**, 3:00–7:00 p.m. and **Thursdays**, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Phone 732-4822 for an appointment.

Telephone 385-9007 for locations of Port Townsend sites that are open on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Appointments are required.

Taxpayers should take the following to the TAX-AIDE site.

- W-2s, 1099s and documents necessary for 2008 return
- Copy of previous year’s return
- Evidence of real estate taxes paid in 2008
- Information regarding Stimulus Payment received in 2008 (Notice 1378)
- Photo ID and social security card for themselves and dependents

There is a new deduction for property taxes on a taxpayer’s main home even if the taxpayer does not itemize. It is up to \$500 for a single person or \$1,000 for a couple and can be added to your standard deduction, thus reducing your income tax. You will need to know how much you paid for your real estate taxes for 2008 so be sure to look it up and take it to your TAX-AIDE site. Further information can be obtained by calling 681-3811 or e-mailing kmsjes@olympen.com.

Artist of the Month

The Artists’ League Artist of the Month for **March** will be Phyllis Hansen, who will be displaying Port Ludlow’s First All Breed Dog Show at American Marine Bank. Her watercolor portraits will represent all seven American Kennel Club groups, from Sporting Dogs to Herding Dogs.

Phyllis is well known around Port Ludlow for her watercolor portraits of animals, including many Port Ludlow dogs. “Dogs demonstrate emotional and spiritual connection to the source of life,” she says. “They help us appreciate the joy of being.” She is particularly proud of her illustrated Rainbow Bridge story, which hangs with paintings of her Lakeland terrier, Peaches.

Besides painting various animal species, Phyllis has also worked in pen and ink and explored working on Yupo paper. She provided the botanical artwork for the Interpretive Trail signs and was the President of the Artists’ League in 2006.

Phyllis’ art will be celebrated with a reception from 4:00–5:00 p.m., **Friday, March 6**, in the lobby and conference room of American Marine Bank in the Upper Village. A sample of Peaches’ Nutritious Nibbles will be given to dog owners. The reception continues until 6:00 p.m. in the Artists’ League Gallery, located next door to the bank.

Disaster Preparedness Drill Completed

by Tom Stone, Director

The Disaster Preparedness Group's latest quarterly radio drill was held in January. Using an Olympic Peninsula earthquake scenario, available Block Captains self activated, made neighborhood assessments, and reported their findings to their Coordinators at the Beach and Bay Clubs. All drill objectives were successfully met.

The drill involved participation by 42 Block Captains; 39 Captains asked to be excused before the drill for various reasons; 18 Block Captains did not respond. All 14 Block Captains previously given drill scenario reports successfully passed their reports to their assigned Command Centers. Reports were relayed to the Fire Station's emergency communications room either by F.R.S. radio or relayed through a contributing ham radio operator. Captains assigned scenario reports were debriefed by Fire Chief Ed Wilkerson.

Some of the lessons learned from the drill were:

- Ham operators should emphasize that a drill is ongoing to avoid any misunderstanding by a casual listener.
- We need to continue to teach communication procedures. Callers should avoid passing information without a recipient's statement that they are ready for the report. Even in a high-pressure situation, the radio caller has to speak slowly and very clearly if they expect the recipient to write down their message.
- More Block Captains should participate in drills. Unavailable Captains should notify their Coordinators.
- Coordinators should have assigned, trained back-ups in case the Coordinators are not available or the post disaster situation is lengthy and Captains require relief.
- CERT drills should be conducted as part of the quarterly communications drills

Flag Ceremony Postponed!

Every Memorial Day for the past seven years, the South Bay Community Association (SBCA), with the help of several retired military, has offered a unique ceremony to commemorate the event and to retire American flags. This year during the closure of the Hood Canal Bridge, Captain Jerry Conover, USMC ret., was not able to get a color guard or a choral group to attend. The event is postponed until **Memorial Day 2010**. So save those tattered and worn flags for a proper disposal next year! If you would like Jerry to arrange storage, call him at 437-0537 or the Bay Club at 437-2208.

Urgent Care Opens

The Madrona Hill Urgent Care Clinic in Port Ludlow opened to see patients in mid-January. The Clinic is at 9481 Oak Bay Road and can be reached by phone at 437-9990. Madrona Hill Urgent Care has been serving the area through its Port Townsend Clinic since 2006 and has a reputation for giving good quality medical care.



The Port Ludlow Clinic is also a minor emergency walk-in clinic and patients may be seen five days a week without any prior appointment. The Clinic includes both x-ray and lab facilities and treats both injuries and illnesses. For work-related injuries, both Labor and Industries (L&I) and Private Workers' Compensation claims are accepted. In addition the Clinic has facilities to perform Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT), sports, pre-employment and other physicals as well as drug screens.

The Clinic is contracted with Medicare and other major insurances and will also bill non-contracted insurances for patients.

In order to better serve the community, the Ludlow Clinic will be open on **Saturday** for those who cannot come in during the regular workweek. At this time, the hours of operation are **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Clinic is closed on **Thursdays and Sundays**.

Three medical providers, Bradley A. Bringgold, MD, Steven K. Hillman, MD and James C. Blair III, PA-C, staff Madrona Hill Urgent Care Clinics. A provider is on site at each Clinic during open hours.

Medical / Business Center Schedules Open House

To celebrate the opening of the Medical / Business Center located at the intersection of Oak Bay and Paradise Bay Roads, the community is invited to an Open House on **Saturday, March 14**, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Meet the business owners and spend some time with them. Refreshments will be served!

Hosts for the event are Active Life Physical Therapy, Michael Haberpointner, MPT, owner; Home Instead Senior Care, Tom Boughner, franchise owner; Madrona Hill Urgent Care, Jim Blair, PA-C, owner; Oracle Financial and Insurance, Stephen Ridgway, owner; and Sonja's Bayside Barber, Sonja Storms, owner.

Water Main Flushing

by Greg Rae, Operations Supervisor, Olympic Water and Sewer

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc., (OWSI) will conduct annual water main flushing for the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort (MPR) area beginning the week of **March 9**, and lasting until approximately **April 30**. Crews will flush the mains using fire hydrants on **Monday through Friday** between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

This program is designed to flush away minerals that are left behind by the water. The lines need to be flushed periodically to prevent buildup and to prevent problems to the system.

The flushing may cause a harmless and temporary change in the appearance of the water. The changes are generally in color, ranging from brownish to black in extreme cases. The discolored water might appear not only in the tap but also in hot water tanks and toilet tanks. In most cases running your tap for a few minutes will eliminate the discoloration. It is a temporary condition and the water should quickly return to normal. There are no health issues associated with the discoloration.

Please call OWSI at 437-2101 should you have any questions about this notification or if you experience difficulties with your water returning to normal.

Life-writing Workshop Offered

According to Mark Twain, "There was never yet an uninteresting life; such a thing is an impossibility." No matter how ordinary or extraordinary you believe your life to be, life-writing professional Maureen Lander will start you on a journey of self-discovery as you realize the value and meaning of your experiences. Join her four-week workshop and discover the tools you need to reconstruct your life as an interesting, compelling story.

In the workshop you will learn basic writing/editing skills, how to get started and stay motivated, ways to dust off those memories, and much more. This two-hour workshop will start on **Wednesday, April 1**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and meet for four weeks. Cost is \$70. You can find the schedule and syllabus at www.lifetime-legacies.com. There is also information at the Bay Club.

Silent Art Auction to Help Chimacum Students

For the fourth year the Port Ludlow Artists' League is sponsoring its Scholarship Auction from Noon, **Friday, March 13**, until 2:00 p.m., **Saturday, March 14**, in the conference room of the Bay Club.

This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up artwork and art-related items by local artists and at the same time help college-bound Chimacum High School students.

As in previous years items up for bid may include original paintings in oils, watercolors and pastels, prints, photographs, pottery, tiles, textiles, jewelry, baskets of art supplies for visiting grandchildren or for a budding adult artist, tuition to local art classes, and hand painted cards. All works donated are from members of the Port Ludlow Artists' League and other local artists.

Items will be offered through a silent auction with bidding opening at Noon on **Friday, March 13**, and running through 8:00 p.m. that night. The Auction opens again at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, March 14**, and finally ends at 2:00 p.m. Winning bidders may pick up their items at the Club through 4:00 p.m. that afternoon.

With generous community support the League has been able to provide nearly \$8,000 for college scholarship money from previous auctions. Thanks to this money ten area students have been helped in their pursuit of a higher degree.

For more information or to donate an art-related item, please contact Ginny Ford at vpatrickford@aol.com. or 437-2298.

Bingo and Pancakes

The Port Ludlow Firefighter Association has organized a family bingo night with a pancake dinner. The event occurs on **Saturday, March 14**. Pancakes will be served from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bingo will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

To participate, go to the Paradise Bay Community Center at 141 West Alder in Paradise Bay. For more information, contact the Firefighter Association at 437-2236.



Auction will include artwork from local artists.

Submitted photo

Enjoy Local Produce, Eggs and Cheese at the Friday Market

by Adele Govert



A variety of produce and other goods are waiting for customers at the Friday Market.
Photo submitted by Sandy Schmidt.

Sandy Schmidt, who manages the Friday Market for the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC), reports the market will open on **Friday, May 8**, the Friday before Mother's Day. The Hood Canal Bridge will be

closed and yet we will have a bounty of produce here in Port Ludlow. Local farmers offer their products to Port Ludlow residents in a variety of ways.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

CSA is an easy way to put local produce on your table. With CSA you support farmers by purchasing a "share" in the lean months when they are incurring large costs. During the harvest months you will receive your dividend with a weekly box of beautifully grown organic produce.

Dharma Ridge

This neighboring farm in Beaver Valley sells produce at the Port Townsend and Chimacum Markets. This year they also are offering a CSA box to be picked up on **Wednesdays** between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m., either at their farm or at the Port Townsend Market. Adele Govert is offering to help distribute the boxes to Port Ludlow residents.

The price for a small share is \$300, which is \$15 per week. A deposit of \$50 now will reserve your share with the full amount due on **Monday, June 1**. The contents of a small share box will vary with the seasons but typically will contain one head of red summer lettuce, one pound of tomatoes, one bunch of carrots, a slicing cucumber, two mixed summer squash, one pound of broccoli, one pound of green beans and one ounce of basil. A large share is also available at \$450.

The CSA prices represent a 15 percent discount from market price. Delivery will begin on **Wednesday, June 17**, and continue until **Wednesday, October 28**, for a total of 20 weeks. There are brochures at both the Bay and Beach Clubs or you can call Haley at 732-0178.

for details. If this is your first year, you might consider sharing with a neighbor. Sign up on Dharma Ridge's website at www.dharmaridgefarm.com.

Pescador Farms will return to the Friday Market on opening day.

Suzanne at **Wild Harvest Creamery** in the Chimacum Valley is making goat cheese products and also is offering classes in cheese making. There are brochures at the Bay and Beach Clubs or you can call her at 732-0771 about taking one of her classes where you will learn to make feta, fromage blanc/chèvre and 45-minute mozzarella cheese. She will also be selling her products at our Friday Market.

Ananda Hills Farm has been a regular at our Friday Market. Jennie and her crew will be back again this year with produce, eggs and wool. They specialize in greens and gourmet salad mixes and everything you would want to top your salad including herbs for salad dressing. They also will be selling old-fashioned favorites like beets, green beans and tomatoes. She now has eggs for sale at the farm but you should call ahead first at 732-0111.

This is an easy time to support our local farmers. Think of the gas money you will save and the benefit of enjoying yummy organic produce. You also will be helping our neighboring farmers make a living so they will be farming here for us in the future. If you have any questions, please call Adele Govert at 437-8090. Market Manager Sandy Schmidt can be reached at 437-0882.

Lay of the Land

Do you love walking our beautiful local trails? Admiring the wildlife that makes its home here? Enjoying delicious produce from our local farmers? Then you have experienced the benefits of Jefferson Land Trust's (JLT's) work. For 20 years, JLT has been helping the community to preserve the land we all love.

Now you're invited to learn a bit about what they do. On **Thursday, March 12**, 4:00–5:00 p.m., join the staff of Jefferson Land Trust in the Olympic Room at the Inn At Port Ludlow. They will serve wine and cheese and discuss their work. Go learn about what they've accomplished in the past, upcoming projects, the tools they use, and challenges they face.

Space is limited; so RSVP to Caroline Robertson at the JLT office by e-mail to crobertson@saveland.org or at 379-9501, or For more information about JLT and upcoming events, visit www.saveland.org.

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.

“R & R” in Port Ludlow

by Dave Pike, *PortLudlowToday.com*

Port Ludlow is a wonderful place to live, and its natural beauty provides a huge dose of “Rest and Relaxation” to all who call it home. However, there is another “R&R” that is just as important. That “R&R” is called “Responsible Recycling” and it represents our civic responsibility to ourselves, our community and future generations.

Did you know that you can now recycle electronics for free? Did you know that you can drop off print cartridges and fluorescent bulbs at the Bay Club? Did you know that you can recycle those old zinc anodes from your boat at the Marina?

We have devoted a section in *www.PortLudlowToday.com* that provides information on these and other recycling options available to all of us. Just click on the homepage Quick Link, “community recycling,” to learn about all of the options available.

If you have not yet had a chance to visit *PortLudlowToday.com*, please take a minute to check it out. We believe you will find relevant and timely information about your community. You can also visit us at the Bay Club on **Wednesdays in March** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to see live demonstrations on how to use this new communications tool.

Chief Wilkerson’s Safety Tip

With the 4.5 magnitude earthquake near Kingston in late January, I thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone of some basic disaster preparedness steps.

Talk with your family about potential disasters in the Pacific Northwest, such as home fires, wildfires, severe winter weather, flooding, earthquakes and accidents involving hazardous materials.

Train all family members. Take first aid classes. Learn to use a fire extinguisher. Locate your utility shutoff valves and know when and how to turn off your gas, electricity and water. Make sure several people in your household have this knowledge. Pick two places to meet; one right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire, another outside your neighborhood, in case you can’t return home or are asked to leave your neighborhood. Everyone must know the address and phone number of your meeting locations.

Take stock of supplies you may already have on hand that would be helpful in a disaster. Put together a disaster supplies kit. Involve the whole family in collecting and assembling supplies of food, water and emergency tools.

Jefferson County Fire District #3

Alarm Statistics January 2009

Alarms	
Fire	2
False Alarm	1
Rescue/Emergency Medical Service	42
Good Intent Calls	5
Total Alarms	52
Ambulance Transports	
Airlift NW	1
Jefferson Healthcare	17
Harrison Medical Center	9
Harrison, Silverdale	4
Total Transports	31
Mutual Aid with Neighboring Districts	
Provided	5
Received	3
Automatic Aid Given	2
Total Mutual Aid	10

Tell everyone in the household where emergency contact information is kept. Post a copy on your refrigerator and keep another with your emergency supplies. Complete an emergency contact list as found on the American Red Cross website. Make sure you have included an out-of-State contact. You may be able to reach them when local phone lines are not in operation.

Test your readiness on a regular basis. Review your family disaster plan and go through supplies at least once a year. Commit to a day or weekend to update phone numbers, hold family fire and earthquake drills, and check supplies.

Make sure to include the six basics in your family disaster kit: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, emergency supplies and special items such as medicine.

Hula for Health

Instructor Bernie Robinson will be returning from Hawaii to begin the spring session of her popular Hula for Health class at the Bay Club. Join her on **Friday, March 13** and keep fit by learning Hawaiian dance and culture. Classes run from 10:30 a.m. until noon and they consist of basic steps and motions, review and learning a new dance.

No experience is necessary to enjoy this fun activity! Cost is \$4 for Bay Club members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, contact Bernie at *brob@cablespeed.com*.

Rideshare Program an Option during Bridge Closure

The upcoming Hood Canal Bridge closure offers a good opportunity for workers, students and others to try carpooling and vanpooling. It saves gas, decreases carbon emissions and reduces the number of vehicles on the road. The last benefit is especially significant during the closure, when more drivers take alternate routes to and from the Olympic Peninsula.

RideshareOnline.com is a statewide program that matches individuals who wish to carpool or vanpool with others who are traveling along similar routes to the same destination. Commuters can seek fellow carpoolers or vanpoolers for their daily work or school commutes or for one-time events such as a fair or ball game.

Information about public vanpool programs describing vans available to groups of 5 to 15 commuters is available on the website. (Use "public vanpool" as the link to the webpage). Vanpools in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam Counties pay a low monthly fare that includes gas, insurance, maintenance and roadside assistance.

Registration is easy. Simply log on, provide information about your starting point, destination and work or school schedule. Within minutes, you will see a list and map of others with a similar commute, with whom you can exchange e-mail about a rideshare. The program takes into account personal safety and confidentiality by allowing commuters to use their home address or a nearby street intersection for matching purposes. This information is never revealed to others on the match list.

You can register at the rideshare website *RideshareOnline.com* or call 1-888-814-1300.

Watercolor with Joy

A new five-week series of watercolor classes are scheduled for **Mondays** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Classes are on **Mondays, April 6 through May 4**. This is a Beginning Part II class for those who have had a little experience with watercolor or who already have taken a beginning class from Joy. Emphasis will be on better composition of our paintings and a more painterly way with brush strokes. Cost for the five-weeks is \$100. Questions? Call Joy at 437-4171 or email her at watercolorsbyjoy@hotmail.com.



Drop in Anytime

It happened on a fine day in February. An unknown pilot, carrying a load of passengers, dropped down into Ludlow Bay. He edged up to the sandy beach on Burner Point and everyone got out for social time. Fortunately it was low tide or they might have been a little wet. The photo was taken by Peter Joseph, who apparently spends quite a bit of time patrolling the shoreline. Inexperienced pilots should not try this trick.

Closure of State Route 104

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will replace a culvert at milepost 12.7 just 1.2 miles west of the Hood Canal Bridge, necessitating closure of that section of the highway.

The replacement requires a 30-foot deep trench across the highway. The project will help migratory fish reach upstream habitat for spawning. Closure will take place in **May** at the same time as the scheduled replacement of the west section of the Hood Canal.

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