

Port Ludlow Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Report

By Jack McKay, PLVC Secretary

March Meeting Highlights

The Port Ludlow Village Council's March meeting was held at the Beach Club on Thursday, March 5, with approximately 40 residents in attendance. President Lynn Gauché opened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. with Jim Boyer, Helen Cotta, Doug Henderson, Laury Hunt, Jack McKay, Larry Nobles and Tony Simpson present.

Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Jefferson County: John Austin, Jefferson County Commissioner, reported on recent ideas on how to finance State Parks. Commissioner Austin also discussed the implications and restrictions relating to the pending Department of Natural Resources (DNR) land exchange with Pope Resources.

David Wayne Johnson, Jefferson County Planner, reported that the Ludlow Cove II appeal has been withdrawn. Therefore, Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) can move ahead on developing the former log dump with 42 new homes. The appeal on the Resort development will be heard on **Thursday and Friday, June 25 and 26**, at the Beach Club.

Port Ludlow Associates: Diana Smeland, President of PLA, announced that the Port Ludlow Golf Course was rated as one of the "Top Five" courses by *Golf Week* magazine. In addition, Ms. Smeland announced that *Evening Magazine*, seen on KING5-TV, considers the Port Ludlow Marina as one of the top marinas in the Northwest.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue: Ed Wilkerson, Port Ludlow Fire Chief, reported that the District has been involved in coordinating emergency service needs during the Hood Canal Bridge closure in **May**. Chief Wilkerson then introduced Randy Coggan, recently appointed Assistant Fire Chief. (See related article on page 16.)

Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce: Arlene Obtinario reported the local Chamber is hosting Chamber members from throughout the area at a mixer dealing with the impact of the Hood Canal Bridge closure on businesses in **May and June**. Ms. Obtinario also reported the local Chamber would be involved in a "wildflower seeding" project along the Paradise Bay Parkway, on **March 26-28**.

Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting

General Meeting

Thursday, April 2
3:00 p.m., Bay Club

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, April 14
3:00 p.m., Bay Club

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Committee and Board Member Reports

Treasurer's Report: Gene Carmody (in absentia) presented the February revenues and expenditures along with the fund balances for the following accounts:

PLVC General Fund	\$ 9,873.09
Certificates of Deposit	10,620.82
Trails Fund	4,100.00
Trails Reserve	3,960.94

Community Development Committee: Larry Nobles, Chair, announced a meeting to discuss the proposed Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Pope Resources land exchange on Tuesday, March 10, at 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club.

Trails: Larry Scott, Trails Committee chair, reported that the request to ride horses on the trails has been rescinded due to a previous agreement between PLA/Pope Resources and the PLVC. He also announced that the Trails Committee is hosting its traditional Scotch Broom removal party on **Wednesday, April 1**.

Recycling: Steve Failla, Recycling Committee chair, announced that with acquisition of a new truck, the recycling company will be able to improve service to the area.

Port Ludlow Days: Douglas Henderson, Port Ludlow Days chair, reported that the 2009 community event will be over a six-day period, with up to 107 vendors, 95 craft displays, a variety of music venues, an art show, a golf tournament, and a variety of sailboat races, along with various other events for residents to enjoy.

Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ): Lynn Gauché, Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) Committee co-chair, summarized the highlights of the Pope/IMQ meeting at the Bay Club. Residents in attendance were asked to give their feedback

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on Pope's presentation and the discussion. Ms. Gauché also reported that the IMQ Committee is pursuing the following items during meetings with Pope Resources and Iron Mountain Quarry, Inc.: (a) no gravel truck traffic inside the Port Ludlow community with the exception of local delivery, (b) leaving the ridge line with trees in place that block sound between the mining activities and Port Ludlow, (c) limitation of mining activities to 20-acre increments, (d) that the buffer zones around Port Ludlow be sustained and protected from mining, (e) that Pope Resources apply pressure to Iron Mountain Quarry, Inc., to complete the "Conditional Use Permit" (CUP) as part of the application process, and (f) that Iron Mountain Quarry representative be accessible to residents of Port Ludlow to hear concerns. Ms. Gauché concluded her report by stating that IMQ Committee strongly supports the need for the CUP process to be completed and accepted by the County before any mining takes place.

Announcements

The PLVC will hold its next General Meeting on **Thursday, April 2**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. The Workshop Meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 14**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. Agendas and minutes of the meetings can be obtained on the council website, www.plvc.org.

The Council website continues to add new features. Check out the site for weather, Hood Canal Bridge conditions, restaurant information, committee information, meeting times, and other useful information about Port Ludlow.

Skookum Employee Recovers; Recycling Resumes

by Steve Failla, Port Ludlow Village Council Recycling Chair

Conrad Dickey, who was injured in a Skookum truck accident and was critical for two days, has been released to his home from Harborview Medical Center with heavy leg casts. He still has a long way to go and faces reconstructive surgeries. He and his wife Stephanie are very touched by the outpouring of community support for them, and wish to extend their gratitude to all the good-hearted Port Ludlow folks.

Recycling is back on track. Skookum could not quickly find a satisfactory used hook truck to replace the one demolished on February 10, so they purchased a brand new Kenmore truck which went into service on February 24. This truck is transporting two bins at a time, one on a trailer.

Skookum, and not Jefferson County, paid \$101,000 for the new truck. The Skookum organization is still looking

to purchase a reliable used back-up truck so they will always be able to have at least one truck on the road. During high volume periods, they will be able to run both trucks.

Skookum, which provides opportunities for people with disabilities, is firmly committed to providing the communities they serve with top quality recycling service. Remember, we must still do our individual part to make the operation successful.

Trails Volunteers Making Progress

by Larry Scott, Port Ludlow Village Council Trails Chair

"Trails" is finally on a fairly regular schedule just as long as the snow stays off the ground. We are working on improvements during our community "fun days" during which we put crews together for joking, kidding, exercise, fresh air and even some work. Your friends and neighbors are coming out for just a couple of hours at a time and making excellent improvements to our trail system.



Trails volunteers Tom Kingston, Larry Scott, Jack Rikken, Dean Morgan, Tom Satterlee and Doug Stevens (seated).

Photo by Dick Ullmann

Currently we are rehabilitating a trail that was recently rerouted off a corner of private property. It is the Ludlow Cove/Picnic Point Trail, a new addition to our trail map. We have been removing a heavy infestation of Scotch Broom since November as the weather permits. That segment of the rehabilitation is now complete and we are starting to refinish an existing gazebo and add some rustic benches along the shoreline. These will provide nice views back towards the Harbor. We may also do some plantings similar to those provided at the entrance to the Interpretive Trail.

By the time this article is published we will have replanted the wildflower section of the Interpretive Trail entrance. It was a beautiful sight two seasons ago when we originally seeded the flowers. Last year we waited to see if the seeds would re-sprout, but they did not. The Natural Resources Committee and Patty Patterson and her Garden Club helpers are working hard to provide a beautiful entrance for you and your guests to enjoy on the way to see Ludlow Falls.