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From the Chair

By Barbara Berthiaume



Co-Chair Clint Web

COVID-19 has continued to stop most Bluebill activities except some wheelchair ramp building and grab bar installations. We are collecting money for back to school supplies for K-6, even though there are a range of options for learning, school supplies are still needed. See the following article to find out how you can participate. Boeing retirees can request matching funds through boeing.yourcause.com. The Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) is the fundraising arm of the Bluebills and supports STEM programs on the Peninsula. For the 3rd year, PSO is sponsoring a "Cash for Gold" event on Saturday, September 12 at the Harbormaster (see article). With the uncertainty of the course COVID-19 will take, the PSO is very careful about public safety and has cleared this event with the Jefferson County Administration.

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Myron Vogt is now home and is progressing back to health. We wish him well and are happy to hear that he is home. Jack and Judy McKay, long time Port Ludlow residents and Bluebills members are moving to near Ellensburg to be nearer to family. They will be missed in our community (see article). Stay safe and stay home!

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Bluebills and Neighbors!



**IT'S TIME TO PROVIDE
SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

For the past several years, the Bluebills have supported Chimacum students in grades K-6 by providing school supplies.

Your deductible donation of any dollar amount (recommended \$35.00) will allow a combined single purchase of the required number packages of school supplies for children in need. Students need school supplies even with the uncertainty of school opening options. Please make your check payable to the PSO (Peninsula Support Organization) and write "School Supplies" in the memo portion of the check. Send to:



**Mike Burke, PSO Treasurer,
82 Timber Heights Rd.
Port Ludlow, WA 98365**



Ken Snider Passes



Ken Snider passed away on July 20 after a battle with lung cancer. He joined the Bluebills in 2005 and was very active in building wheelchair ramps, putting in grab bars, and unloading pallets of food for the Chimacum Food Bank. Always smiling and willing to lend a hand to any project that came along, Ken exemplified the volunteer spirit of the Bluebills. Ken will be missed by his friends in the Bluebill community. Our condolences go out to Gayle Carrie, his companion of many years. The family requests that any donation in Ken's memory be made to the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills as the Bluebills were an important part of Ken's life. Donations can be mailed to 120 Spinnaker Place, Port Ludlow, WA. 98365.



From the Wayback Machine

From the August, 2006 Flyer

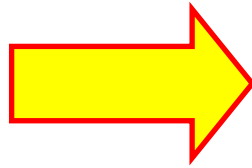
Ken Winter and Ken Snyder are in the process of finishing off one of the six new windows Bluebills installed in Roger Davis' house. Roger is on the right.



Ken Snider, our Coordinator, unloading the truck.
Ken is at the top of the delivery slide

From the July, 2007 Flyer

Special



Cash for Plati-

The Peninsula Support Organization is again sponsoring the Cash for Platinum, Silver and Gold event on **Saturday, September 12 at the Harbormaster (PLYC) from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm**. Start sorting out all of your old, broken, or unwanted gold, sterling, and platinum items and bring them to the Harbormaster on September 12 for cash! There will be protocols in place to protect the public from the spread of COVID-19 with instructions to follow. The buyer, Stan Morton, had been in retail and wholesale jewelry business for much of his life and started Cash for Platinum & Gold more than forty years ago to supplement his retirement.

Stan has been coming to Port Ludlow for 8 years and has an avid following. He donates 10% of his proceeds to the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO), which supports STEM and the World Vision Essential Supplies programs on the Peninsula. Gold, silver, and platinum are all up from last year so dig into your jewelry boxes and cash in on this event! If you have any questions, contact Barbara Berthiaume at barbara.berthiaume@gmail.com or at (360) 437-0423, or Teresa Forrest at Teresa.forrest@gmail.com or at (360) 437-1191.

The McKays Are Moving On

Jack and Judy McKay are well known in the community for their activism in volunteering on many levels. Jack has been an active East Jefferson Rotary member, a Chimacum School Board member, the Executive Director of the Horace Mann Institute, a Bluebill, a former editor of the Flyer, a website consultant, and last but not least, a golfer. Judy, a breast cancer survivor, led a support group for many years, has volunteered as a tutor at the Chimacum Primary School and the YMCA Summer Nutrition Program. They are transitioning to a new phase in their lives by having a house built in Ellensburg where they will be closer to family. The Bluebills would like to thank Jack and Judy for enriching our community and being a part of the Bluebills for so many years. We wish them a happy landing!



August Calendar

Note: There are no World Vision Essential Supplies activities scheduled for August.

Any World Vision activities will be on an ad hoc basis. Watch your email for information on possible Essential Supplies activities.

AUGUST 2020

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Builders Pages

JeffCo Builders

Port Ludlow Project

Four months ago we received a request for assistance. Her parents will be moving in with her soon. Her father requires a wheel chair and they need other fall prevention features. As our Corona Virus restrictions have been reduced in Jefferson County, we are now allowed to build ramps, railings and install grab bars for our needy clients. On July 8th, we built a ramp, installed two railings and installed 4 grab bars for our client. Her garage was full of her parents belongings, and we were able to prepare her home for their arrival soon. Thanks to Joe Gagnier, Todd Knoblock and Dave Parrish for completing this service all in one day.



Joe and Todd with new ramp. Photo by David Parrish.



Handrail for the back door.

JeffCo Builders

We've Got The Angles

Todd Knoblock, Joe Gagnier and Dave Parrish expanded the cement block entry and built ramp to garden and ramp to garage. Project was quite involved with multiple angles and requirement to move rocks and pavers along with grading dirt and gravel.



Todd Knoblock, Photo by David Parish.

JeffCo Builders

Chimacum Ramp

Dave Parrish led the team of Todd Knoblock Joe Gangnier , and Jim Mueller. From start to finish this ramp was complete in under two hours.



The client, left poses with Todd and his new ramp



Todd Knoblock and David Parrish. Photo by Jim Mueller

Kitsap Builders

Third Time Around Ramp

Bluebills build ramps out of wood, but if someone offers to donate one of the metal ones we'll take it. This one originated in Poulsbo, but it was 2x too steep so we built the client a new one. The metal one was moved to Bainbridge Island where it was quickly set up for a client who couldn't be released from rehab without a ramp in place. Unfortunately it was only used briefly before the client passed away. The ramp is now at its third home, this time in Bremerton.



Porch and steps were completely missing from the back entrance to this home in Bremerton.

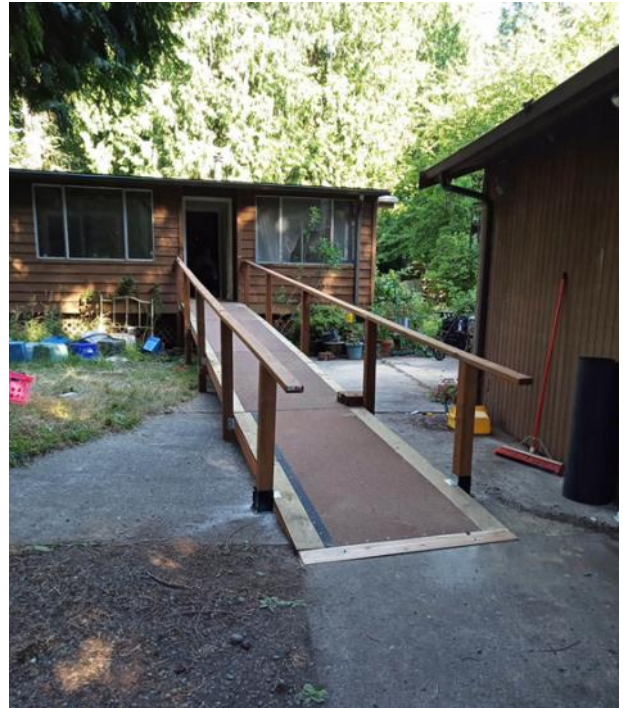


The metal ramp and platform fit nicely. John White, Michael Crovitz, Richard Knapp, and Bob Keever served on the crew.

Kitsap Builders

Sink or Swim

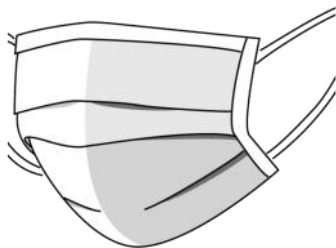
North Kitsap Bluebills Michael Crovitz and John White rose to the challenge to pursue the full procedure of getting this 32' ramp installed for a client in Kingston. The process included interacting with the client, performing site survey and design, procuring the materials, and constructing the ramp. The client previously parked her walker on the deck, precariously shuffled down rickety stair steps with a loose railing, then grabbed a second walker that she kept at the bottom of the steps. It was an accident waiting to happen. She is much safer with her new ramp, and John and Michael proved that they can swim.



Builders Status

I'll don't have Builders status from all parties this month so we'll catch it up next month. Things are opening up with a few jobs completed in Kitsap and Jefferson Counties. As we figure out safety protocol and best practices, I'm sure that we will be able to help more folks. As always a big "Thank You" to those volunteers who make this happen!

Jim Mueller



HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?



**REMEMBER: YOU CAN REPORT ANY
VOLUNTEER HOURS! NOT JUST THE
HOURS YOU WORK FOR BLUEBILLS.
CHURCH, SCHOOL, COMMUNITY~ ALL OF
THESE HOURS COUNT TOO!**

EMAIL YOUR HOURS TO Judy McCay:
jimmccay@cablespeed.com

Volunteer hours for June, 2020

**35 volunteers reported 416 hours. That
is 18% of the Bluebill membership
reporting hours for June.**



RICHARD COLLINS	8/4
VAL VOGT	8/4
BEVERLY SIMON	8/8
MARY RONEN	8/11
BERYL DENISON	8/12
JOHN MJOEN	8/12
EVELYN GUNTHER	8/13
DOUGLAS PETERSON	8/15
JIM MUELLER	8/17
KAREN ANDERSON	8/18
GEORGE ANSLEY	8/19
JOHN MEYER	8/29
BERNARD WITTMAN	8/29
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Happy Birthday!

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