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Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebill Newsletter Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



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From the Chair By

Barbara Berthiaume



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This has been a very busy month! The concern over our traditional funding from Boeing has been resolved. Myron, Jay, and I had a meeting with Boeing in Seattle on Thursday, July 21. Rachel Peterson from Global Mobilization announced that the Bluebills will now be under Global Mobilization and she will be our point of contact. Our budget will remain for the most part intact and most importantly, our quarterly meetings will be funded. We left the meeting feeling very comfortable with the results and thanked Boeing for listening to us and spending a great deal of time to develop a solution that works for all of us. We appreciated the hard work involved to make this happen.

The Bluebills will celebrate our 20th Anniversary on the Peninsula at the July 9th Summer Member Recognition and Recruitment Meeting. We will have our annual Bluebill Golf Tournament first with a barbecue and program to follow at the Bay Club. Volunteers over the years have built a strong organization and we owe them a huge thanks for all they have done.

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We will again participate in the YMCA Summer Nutrition and Literacy Program by adopting the week of July 30 - August 3. Mark your calendars if you are able to help that week. There will be a sign-up sheet coming soon. We will need 6-8 food handlers from 8-10 AM and 2 literacy volunteers each day. Application forms will be available which need to be filled out to participate. If you have any questions, give me a call at (360) 437-0423.

The 6th Annual Dove House Golf tournament will be held on Friday, August 17 at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. Golfers be sure to sign up! 100% of donations go to Dove House for direct client needs. Last year, we wrote a check for \$17,500. We are looking for raffle basket donations from the community. If you are interested or need further information, contact Barb Burke at (206) 980-5387 or me.

Happy 4th of July!

Barbara



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BLUEBILLS
Serving Jefferson, Kitsap and Clallam Counties



Olympic Peninsula Bluebills Annual Golf Outing and Picnic Celebrating Twenty Years of

20
YEARS

Service

20
YEARS

The annual picnic and golf outing is scheduled for Monday, July 9.

The golf outing is a nine-hole tournament at the Port Ludlow Golf Course with a scramble format. There is a men's and women's division. The winners in each division receive a trophy and bragging rights. The trophies are presented at the annual picnic held at the Bay Club following golf. **The first tee time is 1:00 PM.**

The picnic is an old fashioned summer BBQ featuring hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings. A variety of beverages, coffee and tea are included. Doors open at Bay Club in Port Ludlow (120 Spinnaker Pl.) at 4:00. **Dinner served at 4:30ish**, followed by a short program featuring highlights of Olympic Peninsula Bluebill's twenty years of service.

This is our annual summer event, but this year is a special occasion. The Olympic Peninsula Bluebills organization is celebrating its twentieth year of service. In 1998, a small group of Boeing retirees got together. Their mission: Volunteer their time, energy, skills, knowledge, and experience to improve the quality of life for the less fortunate folks in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam counties.

We cordially invite anyone interested in volunteering to join in the fun and festivities on Monday, July 9. You do not have to be a Boeing retiree to join our organization.

Email your RSVP to pljmikey@gmail.com. The cutoff date for submitting your RSVP is Friday, June 29. Get your RSVP in early. RSVPs received after June 29 will be placed on a waiting list in the order received. Cancellations will be filled from this list.



Paper Products Drive for Dove House

July 9th at the Social/BBQ



Please bring your donation of paper and personal hygiene products to the Bay Club when you come to the Summer Social. Thanks! If you have any questions, please contact Laura Paul:

rlplep@yahoo.com



ANNUAL DOVE HOUSE BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

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Port Ludlow Golf Course
Friday, August 17, 2018
12:00 PM Shotgun Start



Sign-up at the Port Ludlow Golf Course
360-437-0272

Sign-up Deadline is Thursday August 10

Port Ludlow Golf Club Members - \$55
Non Members - \$100

Cost includes:

**Golf Cart, Box Lunch, Winner Prizes, Awards Ceremony with
Hors d'oeuvres, Wine and Beer Bar**

★ All proceeds go to Dove House ★

*Dove House is a Support Agency for
Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault*

*Bluebills is an All Volunteer Service Organization
Serving Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties*

USED BOOK SALE—CALLING ALL BLUEBILLS!



The newly-formed 501 (c) 3 organization, Peninsula Support Organization (PSO), is having a Used Book and Media Sale. The PSO was formed to partner with the Bluebills, Seattle Museum of Flight (MOF) and other non-profits to further Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education throughout all grades in the schools in Jefferson, Clallam, and Kitsap counties.

The Education Department of the MOF has developed a series of STEM-oriented portable programs and kits for all grade levels. They allow students to interact with creative technical activities. They permit teachers to assign tasks and demonstrate STEM features and capabilities as an element of their science dialog with their students. Costs of these programs are on the order of \$500 to bring a module to a school for 2-3 days.

Our schools need help with these costs, as there is usually no budget allocation.

We Bluebills are planning to pitch in to help with the PSO's effort to raise funds for this wonderful cause. The sale is planned for Port Ludlow on Saturday, Sept. 29, with a follow-on sale in Sequim on Wednesday, Oct. 3. The Port Ludlow sale will be at the Beach Club. The venue for Sequim is TBD.

So, even though it's a ways off, we need everyone to immediately start saving their used books, DVD's and audio books. Also, we will need about 20 volunteers to do the following:

- Help set up and organize books the day before the sale. 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
7-8 people for each 3 hour shift.
- Help the day of the sale. Keep books organized as they get picked over, and cashier. 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, 5-6 people for 2 each hour shift.
- Help with clean-up and transporting unsold books to Sequim.

Please mark your calendars and be ready to volunteer for this great cause. By the way, we plan to have all the book donations at the Beach Club on the Friday before the sale, and in Sequim the Tuesday before the sale.

Questions or to sign up as volunteer, Call Clint or Pat Webb (360) 437-4119, email: cwebb91275@aol.com.



The OlyPen Bluebills welcome comments and feedback concerning Bluebills projects, programs, events and the Flyer. We reserve the right to edit comments for grammar, privacy...etc. Political, defamatory, anonymous, soliciting, or comments not related to Bluebills activities will not be included. If you wish to submit a comment, please email it to:

olypenbluebills@gmail.com.

Thank you.

(Looking forward to some comments next month)

July Calendar

- July 4** **Independence Day**
- July 5** **Bluebills Leadership meeting 3:00 PM at the Beach Club**
- July 6** **Jeff Co. World Vision Delivery 9:00 AM at Chimacum Storage Unit**
- July 9** **Bluebills Summer Golf Tournament 1:00 PM first tee time**
- July 9** **Bluebills Summer Social Picnic 4:00 PM at the Bay Club**
- July 9** **Paper Products Drive- all day at the Bay Club**
- July 10** **Kitsap Co. World Vision Pickup in Fife**
- July 11** **Port Ludlow Newcomers Welcome Event 4-6 PM at the Bay Club**



July 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

WAYPOINTS



- Aug 17** Dove House Golf Tournament
- Sept 29** PSO Used Book Sale Port Ludlow
- Oct 3** PSO Used Book Sale Sequim
- Oct 12** Bluebills Fall Social
- Nov 16** PSO Silent Auction
- Dec 4** Christmas Giving Social/Event



Ms. Zach, a teacher at Chimacum Creek Primary School, has a new idea for her students. Early donations are key to its success!

Will you give her project the initial boost it needs?

[Click, Clack.... Kinders that can Type!](#)

Click on the above link to learn more about Ms. Zach's project and how you can support this Chimacum teacher!

"My students need these Chromebooks and headphones to develop necessary technological skills in a rapidly changing educational environment.

My Students

As a newer teacher within a lower income school district the biggest impact I wish to make is to ignite a curiosity and hunger for knowledge in my students. Many of my students come from various socioeconomic backgrounds, being a smaller district there are less accessible opportunities for my students.

I believe that each of my students deserves to come into a classroom, and know they are loved and valued.

This can make all the difference in my students' lives, and will allow them to achieve their best.

By supporting my students, you are directly impacting not only my own hopes but my students as well.

My Project

For our students to be successful throughout their entire academic career they need to develop computer skills that directly translate into multiple subject areas.

In an age when technology has become more and more prevalent, a need for technology in Kindergarten is becoming increasingly vital for academic success.

The selected Chromebooks and headphones will be used within two classrooms and effect 50 students. Within our district, Grades K through 12 are tested on computers three times a year. Having classroom technology would greatly benefit students' success rate in all ventures. Access to this technology will allow teachers to differentiate instruction, challenging and supporting individual students where needed.

Through small group work, we hope to develop students fine motor, reading, and mathematical skills increasing engagement and agency. Beginning this process in Kindergarten will greatly affect not only our students but the entirety of our schools and district."

Summer Meals & Literacy



In accordance with the Y's commitment to Healthy Living and Social Responsibility, the YMCA of Jefferson County will once again be providing FREE lunches and snacks this summer for all kids ages 18 and under thanks to the generous donations from members of your community!

All snacks and meals are healthy and comply with the USDA nutrition guidelines. Meal service is open for 30 minutes.

The Summer Meals and Literacy Program is made possible through collaborations with USDA Summer Food Service Program, School's Out Washington's Feed Your Brain Grant, United Good Neighbors, Jefferson County Library, Chimacum School District Jefferson County Parks and Recreation and YMCA of Jefferson County. We are grateful for food donations from WSU Gleaners and local farms, as well as the many volunteers and financial support from local service clubs, organizations and churches.

No identification or proof of income level required. All children under 18 welcome!

The YMCA is conducting their [Summer Nutrition and Literacy Program](#) again. It runs from June 25 to August 17. The Bluebills have adopted the week of July 30 - August 3 for our week of filling volunteers. Between 6 and 8 are needed for the food preparation from 8:00 to 11:00 AM and 2 to 3 are needed for the literacy program that runs from 9:00 to 12:0 PM. There will be an email sign-up sheet sent out soon and sign-ups will be circulated at the July 9 Summer Event. Please step up to volunteer for a worthy cause. It is fun and you will meet a lot of like minded people. For further information, email Barbara Berthiaume:

barbara.berthiaume@gmail.com



SOME PROJECTS WE CAN'T HANDLE

By Myron Vogt

I received a request from a Veterans Coordinator to see if we could repair a stairway for a vet. I passed the request on to our guys in Quilcene/ Brinnon. George Sickle and Mike Hyde did the survey. The following is what they found. The decision was that the job was beyond our scope.



We believe this project is beyond what we could or want to do. The staircase and deck should be totally removed and a replacement designed by a contractor and permitted with Jefferson County. Too much risk for us doing the job. As stated the outdoor staircase leading to the second floor of the home is in disrepair and is really unsafe for him or anyone else to use the stairs.

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You will notice the water bottles on the stairs and deck at the top. This is the way he gets water to his living area. He indicated that he believes that the water from his well is not potable and goes to the State Park down the road to fill the gallon jugs, then carries them up the stairs and places them on the deck at the top. He has access to the living area via a pull down set of stairs inside the first story, which we did not see.

Following are pictures from under the deck, where you can see the rotting timbers. The deck at the top of the stairs is only supported by a single 4x4. It appears that the other end of the deck support is gone.



I was a little nervous and cautious about going up the stairs, but wanted to get a close-up of the deck at the top.

While we Bluebills are happy to contribute where we can to make improvements for safer living, a job like this is just beyond what we can do— Myron

Clallam Builders

Thanks from the Sequim Valley Lions Club

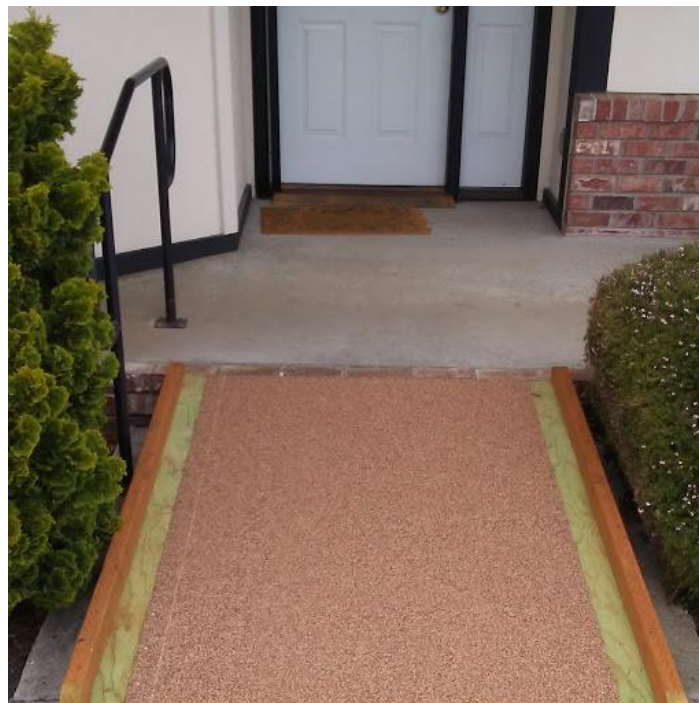
Dear Charlie,

I just wanted to say thank you for the beautiful ramp you guys just built for Henry [REDACTED] as well as the one you built for Pamela [REDACTED] last September. At that time our wheel chair ramp committee was shut down so I asked you for help. I attach a photo of the finished ramp - see attachment - that you just built for Mr. F [REDACTED] Like the other ramp request, for Pamela [REDACTED] this item first came to the Lions Club -- but your organization, The Peninsula Blue Bills responded with amazing speed and put it together.

Charlie I would like to have you come to one of our meetings in the not too distant future and make a brief presentation to our club members. I know you guys build a lot of wheel chair ramps ad some of those projects are for hardship cases that can pay little or nothing for the service. Maybe I can talk our Lions Club into making a cash contribution to help; we might even be able to lend you guys a hand, if you need it.

With warmest regards,

Dan Dahlquist



Kitsap Builders

Kitsap United Way Day of Caring

By Bob Keever

Kitsap Builders participated in the United Way of Kitsap County 23rd annual Day of Caring event on June 22nd. Thanks to lumber and hardware donations from Home Depot, which were arranged for by Kitsap Community Resources, and additional lumber that was purchased by the Bremerton Seventh Day Adventist Church, we were able to build a ramp for this Bremerton low income client who had been on the waiting list since March.

Rusty Figley, our Catholic Community Resources partner, dropped off box lunches for us, and Carl Borg, United Way of Kitsap County, Executive Director, stopped by to chat. Fortunately he caught us working and not goofing off!



Jim McGonigle, Kevin McGonigle, Roland Arper, Greg DeVault, and Mark Washeleski



Master Builder, Greg DeVault, keeping things in check



Bob Keever installing grab bars.



The finished product

Kitsap Builders

Modular Ramp Design Put to the Test

By Bob Kever

The Bluebills Independent Living Program Project Handbook offers two ramp construction methods: Site-built ramp and modular ramp.

For site-built ramps, lumber is delivered straight to the job site. Nail guns are used for most of the fastening. This is a quick and efficient method of construction. For the modular technique, ramp and platform sections are pre-fabricated and bolted to the posts using angle brackets and structural screws. Ramps can be taken apart and removed/relocated when a client no longer needs them.

In Kitsap County, where roughly half of our clients can't afford to pay for materials, we favor the modular design. Ramps are tagged with information on how to contact us when they are no longer needed.

We recently installed a 24' switchback ramp for a low income client in Port Orchard, but within a week his wife called to inform us that he had passed away, and could we please remove it. Disassembling the ramp was easy, taking a 2-man crew only about an hour. All of the materials will be reused on another job.



Greg DeVault, Bob Kever, Wally Grenquist with new ramp (L). Bob Kever dissembling it (R).



David Grellier moving a ramp section



Bernie Wittman with loaded ramp on another job

Jefferson Co. Builders

A Long Railing

By Todd Knoblock

The client fell on the ice last winter walking up his steep driveway. Our solution was to build a 50' railing. The VFW provided the lumber.



The site was challenging; the first post was surrounded by buried utilities. Note: Each type of utility has its own color of marking paint-Ed.



Each section required a compound angle to make a smooth transition.



Thanks to David Parrish, Robert Chanpong, Michael Graham, and Joe Gagnier It turned out well.



Michael Graham, Robert Chanpong, and Joe Gagnier. David Parrish, not shown, Photo by Todd Knoblock

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June 22, 2018

Dear Todd et al —

Thank you for doing such a
lovely job on building our
beautiful railing!!!

Your crew is something
very special and I very much
appreciate your fine work and
all the time and effort you
contribute to everyone you help.

Warmest wishes to you all!

Karl 

A nice thank you from the owners of the new railing.

Jefferson Co. Builders

This nice woman keeps running her electric wheelchair into the corner of the wall causing minor damage. After some delays (waiting for the building management approval), I finished up the new improved corner protector today. It was made with some African Sepele scraps I had lying around.

- Todd Knoblock





2018 Builder Data



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	YTD Total	2017 TTL
Grab bars	19	13	41	37	11	25	146	229
Ramps	7	7	9	9	2	2	36	52
Railing	1	3	7	7	5	6	29	38
Miscellaneous	6	7	8	5	13	6	45	56
Total Clients	25	20	26	28	28	21	148	222
Total Different Volunteers	16	17	27	19	13	18	n/a	
Open Projects	45	55	36	47	40	31	n/a	





The Blue Bells are
real stars!
They came and fixed
my stair rail and
installed my two grab
bars in my bath tubs.
Thanks guys you
are great and I really
appreciate your work and
help.
Yaurie [redacted]



...you really
made
a difference.

Dear Todd & Dave
(sorry if I have wrong
name)

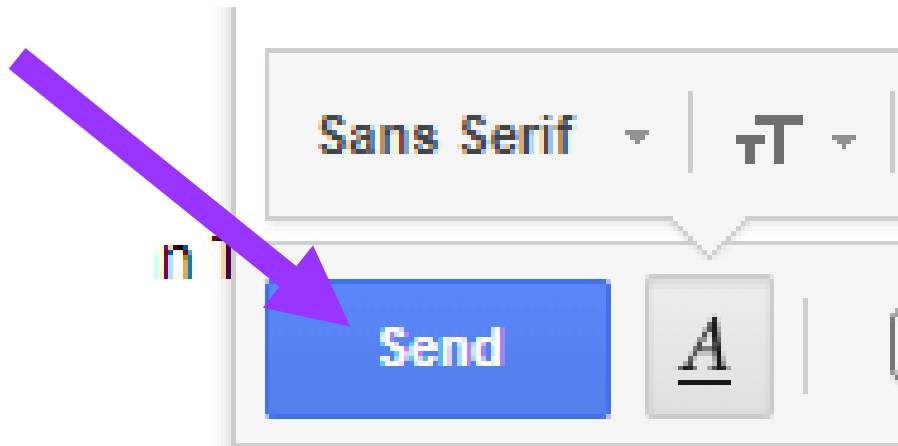
The Ramp is wonderful
and has made life
much easier for both
of us. Thank you

So much for your
generous work.

June



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!

DID YOU KNOW?

BOEING SETS OUR BUDGET BASED ON OUR REPORTED VOLUNTEER HOURS?

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

Volunteer hours for May, 2018

**52 Bluebills reported 1313 hours.
That is 28% of Bluebills reporting.**



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Steven L. Hargis	7/4
Charlie Mayfield	7/7
Doug Rittenhouse	7/7
Steven Bauer	7/8
Linda Stadtmiller	7/13
Charles Lumadue	7/15
Laura Paul	7/15
Ray Morris	7/23
Sarah Barton	7/24
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