

# KEYNOTES JANUARY, 2009



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*The purpose of the Keynotes is to give the membership an overview of the Board activities, to provide information about activities, and to highlight issues important to the members. Comments are welcome.*



## Christmas in Driftwood Key 2008

*Photograph provided by Michelle McDougall*

**Because the regular scheduled meeting would fall on New Year's Day,  
the January Board meeting dates have been moved to the next two  
Thursdays, the 8th and the 15th.**



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Bill Buegel

I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and has a fun and safe New Years. I don't know about you, but I'd just as soon keep the snow in the mountains where it belongs, a green Christmas is fine with me. Speaking of snow I think Kitsap County did a tremendous job with the roads. I worked in Seattle during the peak snow periods and can tell you first hand Seattle did a terrible job regarding snow removal and maintaining safe arterials. I appreciate the work Kitsap did.

### Board

We still could use some help on the board, there are still two positions unfilled. Those of you who have had issues with the board or have ideas we should be considering, here's an opportunity to be a part of the discussion and decision-making.

**From the Office**— Special Thanks and appreciation to Bruce and Peter Cosacchi for their generosity and time in upgrading the Keynotes to Publisher!

### DREDGE PROJECT

The cleanup phase is coming along somewhat slowly, first due to the perils of dumping the material at the Pt Townsend site which is in the Straits and equipment issues due to the density of some of the deeper material in the channel. Fortunately the entrance channel has been completed and the barge will be moving inside to finish the inside channel and the Back Bay.



If anyone has a vessel in the Back Bay especially on the east side and at the very end you will need to move over to the marina to allow movement of the barge. I've notified those that still have boats to be moved but a couple remain. Please contact the marina committee for a slip assignment.

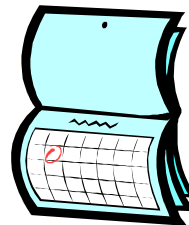
We should be completed within the next couple of weeks. A final accounting will be published in the February Keynotes.

## 2009

I look forward to the new year, the Marina rehab will start this winter and should be finished before spring.

- The dredge project will be completed.
- A new playground will be in place by this summer.
- We have a new office manager, and although many will miss Michelle I believe Sheila was an excellent choice for her replacement.
- Next will be Jack's replacement, if there is such a thing.
- The articles have been completed, and the bylaws are in the process and should be completed shortly.

I can't say the community is a better place for anything I have done, but I know it's a better place for the work of countless volunteers and community members and board members past and present that I've had the privilege of working with, and I look forward to another year of the same.

**Events:***by Chris McClellan***Mark your calendars!!****We have some great events coming soon that you won't want to miss!****Jan. 25, Sunday**

Jazz up your January with a special concert featuring the Kingston High Jazz Ensemble. This special group of "Buccaneers" under the direction of Adam Campagna will play for the Driftwood Key and Hansville Community Sunday, January 25 starting at 3:00pm in the Driftwood Key club house.

Share the music and the spirit of the season with friends and family with a donation of food or a few dollars at the door to benefit our local food bank.

The band performance was offered as a KHS fund raiser to offset costs for the upcoming band trips and expenses. Director Campagna says the band is available for similar events for a donation.

This presentation is hosted by DK residents, Jennie Cooley and Rod Burnside who were gifted at Christmas with a band performance from the Weber family. Rod and Jennie want to share this outstanding and popular jazz group with Hansville neighbors. Members of the community will be providing cookies and coffee. For more information, call Jennie Cooley at 638-2261.

**Feb. 14, Valentine's Day** Bring your Valentine to a Spaghetti Feed at Driftwood Key Club House. The cost is \$5 per plate and we will only have 85 reservations due to limited space. There will be a silent auction as well for some wonderful gift baskets that your special valentine would be delighted to receive. Funds from this event will go toward the new sign for the beach and any extra will go toward landscaping around the new Clubhouse sign. If anyone would like to donate a gift basket for the auction, please contact Chris or the Driftwood Key office. Tickets will be available after Christmas at the office and from the Events Committee members; Marlene Bock, Angie Jensen, Michelle McDougall, Sheila Hougland, Kathie Jo Graves and Chris McClellan.

**NOTICE:** *by Chris McClellan, Treasurer*

We currently have 82 members who have not paid all of their dues for this year. The additional \$102 that we voted in last year is overdue and now has become \$105.06 with the interest added. There has been some confusion over this, and it has slipped many peoples' minds.

As we all know, dues revenues are necessary to sustain our association and amenities. We are asking that all members try to be current by January 30. Notices have gone out as a reminder, and after January 30<sup>th</sup> we will need to turn off key cards of delinquent accounts. It is a lean time for many of us and while it is unpleasant for board members, we are going to have to place 19 liens after the first of the year for accounts that are long past due.

Please contact us or send your payments in.

## Marina Basics:

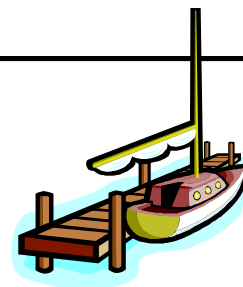
by Chris McClellan, Treasurer

I have been asked to address the confusion that continues to surround the marina and club budgeting process.

First, the Board oversees all marina operations and “all slip lease mon-  
eys go into exclusive funds that can only be used for the operation of the  
marina.” The other side of this is that the club does not pay for marina needs unless club  
members vote otherwise, as in the case of the dredging. The majority of us as a club voted  
for this dredging, realizing that a functioning marina raises the value of all the homes in the  
homeowners’ association.

The club office handles all the administrative duties for the marina, which includes reserving  
and monitoring boat slips, billing and receiving slip payments and paying bills. There is a  
formula used to determine how much the club and marina each reimburses the other for spec-  
ific services. Under this formula, the marina pays the club for our insurance umbrella pol-  
icy, auto insurance, property taxes, officer and trustee liability, office salary and other taxes  
and medical insurance, for office supplies and maintenance, office billing and printing, key-  
notes, and phone.

Private dock rents also pay a percentage of the office staff wage, groundskeeper salary and  
electrical bills, postage, and office supplies and equipment. The club, on the other hand, pays  
back into the marina account for marina supplies/maintenance, garbage, water, electricity,  
insurance and property tax, which is based on a ration of guest dock lineal footage. These  
formulas have been carefully established and adjusted over several years. The Board is very  
conscientious in making sure that non-boating club members are not paying for amenities  
they don’t use. Boaters are also protected as their slip rental money ensures that they will  
have funds available to maintain clean and safe moorage.



## MINUTES

The October meeting minutes were approved and have been released.



They are available upon request at the office or by e-mail.

**Swim pool meeting** Tuesday, Jan. 27,  
7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. Everyone is  
welcome. For further information  
contact: **Jan Stibre - 638-1911**

## THANKS

The Board of Directors of the Driftwood Key Club would like to extend their gratitude for your generous gift to the Club’s Library made by the Mathewson’s.

The donation of 150 Books on Tape will undoubtedly provide the membership many hours of enjoyment and will enhance the quality of life that we all experience living in Driftwood Key.

On behalf of the members, please accept Driftwood Key Club’s deepest gratitude.



## Make Sure You're Prepared for A Power Outage

*by Jerry Ulsund*

This is the time of year when we need to make sure we are prepared for the power outages. We encourage you to take a few moments and review the information below.

Purchase needed items for your home, office, and car: flashlights, batteries, AM/FM battery powered radio, food.

Keep cash and change on hand; in power failures ATMs may not work.

Phones that are cordless and phones with answering machines are power dependent. Have one that does not require power to operate in case you need to call 9-1-1. Keep your cell phone charged.

Keep your car fuel tank at least half full because gas stations rely on electricity to power their pumps.

If you have an electric garage door opener, find out where the manual release lever is located and learn how to operate it.

Check your smoke detectors to make sure the batteries are operating. Have a fire extinguisher and know how to operate it. Have a fire evacuation plan and practice fire drills.

If your smoke detectors are wired directly into the electrical system they will not operate during a power failure. Consider purchasing a smoke detector with batteries as a backup. Special smoke detectors are available for the hearing impaired.

During the power outage unplug all small appliances to avoid a power surge. Leave one light on so you know when the power comes back on. Portable generators are an excellent source of backup power if operated safely. Operate generators outside and only use fresh gasoline because old gasoline may ignite. Safely store fuel outside, never indoors, and not in the garage. Plug appliances directly into the generator and never attach generators to the facility current.

### MARINA

*by Dennis Augustine*

With the Christmas storms the marina took quite a beating, but is functioning well. The water has been shut off for the winter and won't be back until the marina is refurbished.

Because we don't have a caretaker, and therefore we don't have a harbormaster, the docks and waterfront committee has several people watching the marina in two man shifts with daily walks of the docks looking for problems.

Recently, we had a boat start to sink at the marina. We tried to find the owner of the boat but couldn't find him as the phone number listed for him was no longer good. By doing some extra sleuthing we found someone who had a contact number and the owner came over from the Seattle side to save his boat, just in time.

**Be aware**, if you don't live here, or even if you do and you're gone for the winter or just a vacation. If we can't find you, contact you, or get direction from you, your boat could be at great risk.

In the case above, the boat's condition was fragile enough that a person going aboard to pump it out could have taken it down. Be sure your bilge pumps are working, the auto feature, if you have one, is not necessarily trustworthy.

The marina refurbishing will begin in mid-January. Caicos, the low bidder has been slowed by the weather but is gearing up to start work and push for the March 1 end date. We will be notifying each slipholder who has a boat still in the marina when they need to move their boat in the near future.

**COMMUNITY PLAN UPDATE**

by Frank Fox

Residents suggested goals for the “Environment Element” at the November Planning meeting. Policies and action items will be developed to achieve these goals at the December 16 Planning Committee meeting.

Environment goals:

- Include Hansville in the County’s TDR program\*
- Include Hansville in a “mitigation” bank
- Develop green building program
- Increase access to high quality environments
- Develop educational program about environmental stewardship
- Ban hunting

\*Kitsap County's Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) is a voluntary land use incentive program. Rural landowners receive financial compensation without developing or selling their land and the public receives preservation of the land. Transferred development rights can be used to build additional residential units on other parcels in more appropriate urban areas.

Kitsap County Parks and Recreation staff will also attend the 12/16 Planning meeting to guide a discussion about goals and policies for our parks.

The schedule for developing the remainder of the Community Plan Elements is as follows:

- January – Parks and Recreation; Transportation
- February – Transportation; Utilities
- March – Utilities; Land Use/Economy
- April – Land Use/Economy; Public Services
- May – Public Services; Wrap-up
- June – Refine initial draft and hold another Open House

The Plan will be completed by May 2009. As a resident, you’re encouraged to attend any of the upcoming meetings being held to help develop the goals, policies and action items for the various elements of our Community Plan. The document we’re creating will be used by the County to determine how this area will be developed. There are large landowners in the area and development is inevitable. However, *how the land is developed* is something that can be determined through this process.

A community-wide open house will be held on January 24, 11:00am – 2:00pm and January 27, 7:00pm – 9:00pm at the Community Center, Buck Lake.

For more details about the Plan you can visit these web sites:

[www.kitsapgov.com/dcd](http://www.kitsapgov.com/dcd)  
[www.hansville.org](http://www.hansville.org)  
[www.nkpcc.com](http://www.nkpcc.com)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1  8:30am Strength & Weights Grp  12:00pm DK Drifters	2  9:00am Line Dancing  7:00pm Pinochle	3
4  No Private Parties	5  9:00am Line Dancing  1:00pm Knitting Club	6  8:30 am Weights & Strength Grp  10:00am Art Group	7  7-9:00pm NKPSA	8  8:30am Strength & Weights Grp  7:00pm Board Workshop	9  9:00am Line Dancing	10  10:00am Private Party
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25  No Private Parties	26  9:00am Line Dancing	27  8:30 am Weights & Strength Grp  10:00am Art Group	28  9:00am Hansville Ladies Aid  7:00pm PSA Board Mtg	29  8:30am Strength & Weights Grp	30  9:00am Line Dancing	31

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