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## Olympic Peninsula Bluebill Newsletter

### Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties



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### From the Chair

By Barbara Berthiaume



Co-Chair  
Needed

Over the years, the Bluebills have undergone a number of transitions. Twenty-four years ago, we began as the Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebills and five years ago transitioned to the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills. The Bluebills were unable to raise funds as an entity due to our relationship with Boeing which hampered some of our program goals. To address this, the Bluebills created a 501(c)3 entitled the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO). This relationship has worked out very well as it combines the strengths of both organizations. At the March 29 Leadership Meeting, it was agreed that the Bluebills and PSO would become one entity to create a more efficient organization. Dave Jackson is the Chair of the PSO, Robert Chanpong is the Vice-Chair, Barbara Berthiaume is the Secretary, and Mike Burke is the Treasurer. Bluebill and PSO programs will remain the same and people can make donations to the Bluebills and/or PSO. Mike Burke will take responsibility for ensuring that money earmarked for specific programs are honored. This is a new chapter in the iteration of the Bluebills and serves the best interest of our community and volunteers.

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# A Great Big Thank You to Everyone Who Participated in the Drive-By Bye-Bye for Myron and Val!!







# **GOLFERS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Friday, August 27, 2021**

**Bluebills**

## **Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament**

**Port Ludlow players - Members - \$65**

**Non Members - \$110**

**Cost includes: Golf cart, box lunch, winner prizes, awards ceremony with spaghetti dinner, free wine and beer bar.**

**Sign-up forms will be available at the Pro Shop starting in July.**

**Or, send players' names and check made out to Dove House.**

**Dove House, 1045 10th St., Port Townsend, WA 98368**

**For more information: Robert Chanpong, 925-360-4360,  
[chanpr@hotmail.com](mailto:chanpr@hotmail.com)**

# DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HURTS!

JEFFERSON COUNTY NEEDS YOUR HELP.

**NO MORE**

TOGETHER WE CAN END DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT.

**Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament**  
Friday, August 27, 2021

Port Ludlow Golf Course, Port Ludlow, WA

**Be a player or a sponsor**

Call: Robert Chanpong 925 360-4360 or  
Barbara Berthiaume 360 437-0423

**A Boeing Bluebill Sponsored Event**

# May Calendar

- May 9**      **Mother's Day**
- May 11**    **WV Kitsap County Pick up- 9:00 AM in Fife**  
**Unload and inventory- 11:30 at Chimacum Warehouse**
- May 18**    **WV Kitsap County Pick- 9:30 at Chimacum Warehouse**
- May 21**    **WV Kitsap County Delivery- 9:30 at Chimacum Warehouse**
- May 31**    **Memorial Day**






**Here are the June dates for Jefferson County World Vision.**

June 8th Pick up supplies and inventory

June 15th Pick for Jefferson and delivery to food banks

June 18th Delivery to other Jefferson County clients

## MAY 2021

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# Builders' Pages

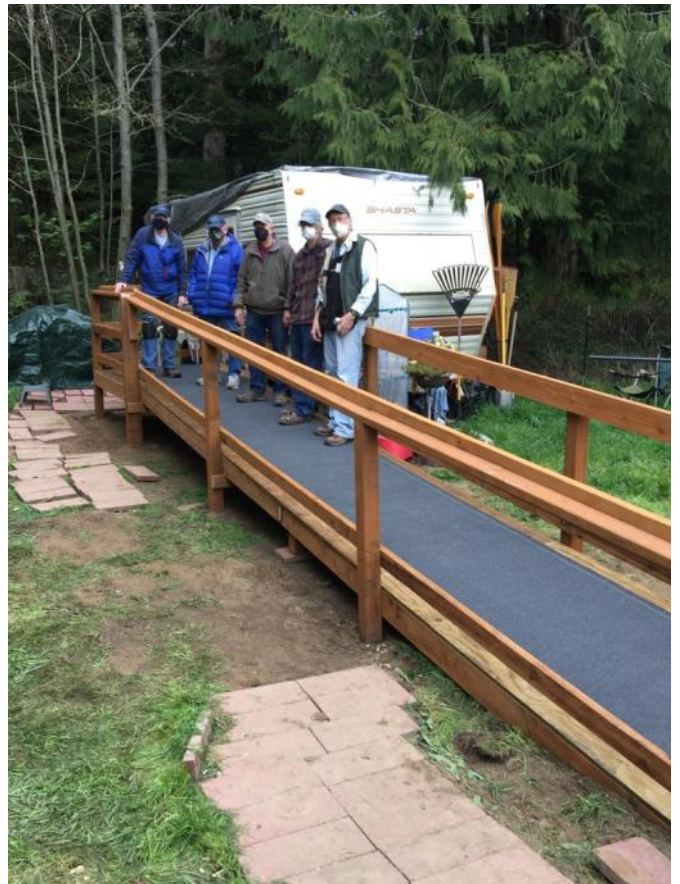
## JeffCo Builders

### Port Townsend Ramp

The clients lost everything in a house fire and are staying in a travel trailer. The husband needs a new hip and needed help to get in and out of the trailer. A 24 ft. ramp with a 5 ft. platform was built by the Bluebills crew of Mark Cattabriga, John Fillers, Joe Gagnier, Todd Knoblock, Dan Nieuwsma, and David Parrish.



The crew installing a non-skid surface on the ramp.



Completed ramp with John, Dave, Mark, Todd and Dan, Photo by Joe.



## JeffCo Builders

### Dig that Ramp!

The step-daughter contacted the Bluebills concerned that her step-mother had fallen a couple of times and was having difficulty getting up and down the steep and irregular stairs. The height of the porch and layout of the property proved a challenge.

The client was very sweet. Because we ended up building near the street, I called for a utilities locate. When the client saw me outlining the ramp location with white paint on her grass, she had me add a smiley face. I don't know what the utility crews thought of that.

The lumber costs were really challenging. Lumber prices have tripled over the past year making the ramp very expensive. Between the time I estimated the job and the time I had the money to pay for it, the costs had risen an additional \$150. Hadlock Building will only guarantee an estimate for 24 hours now.

We had great weather and a wonderful crew for this job. Digging was slowed by the apparently original glacial till soil (dense rocks). Builders included: Robert Chanpong, Mark Cattabriga, Dan Nieuwma, Richard Meyers, Dave Parrish. We also had a new volunteer, Denny Schuch.

The American Legion, Marvin G. Shields Memorial Post #26 made this job possible by helping to provide funding for it. Part of it was paid with the assistance of a Washington State grant. -Todd Knoblock



Client's home before the addition of the ramp.

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## JeffCo Builders



The 14 post holes were difficult to dig due to underlying glacial till (hardpan) beneath the surface. Crew members Dan Nieuwsma, Mark Cattabriga, Denny Schuch, Todd Knoblock, and Richard Meyers shown.



The new ramp undergoing structural testing.

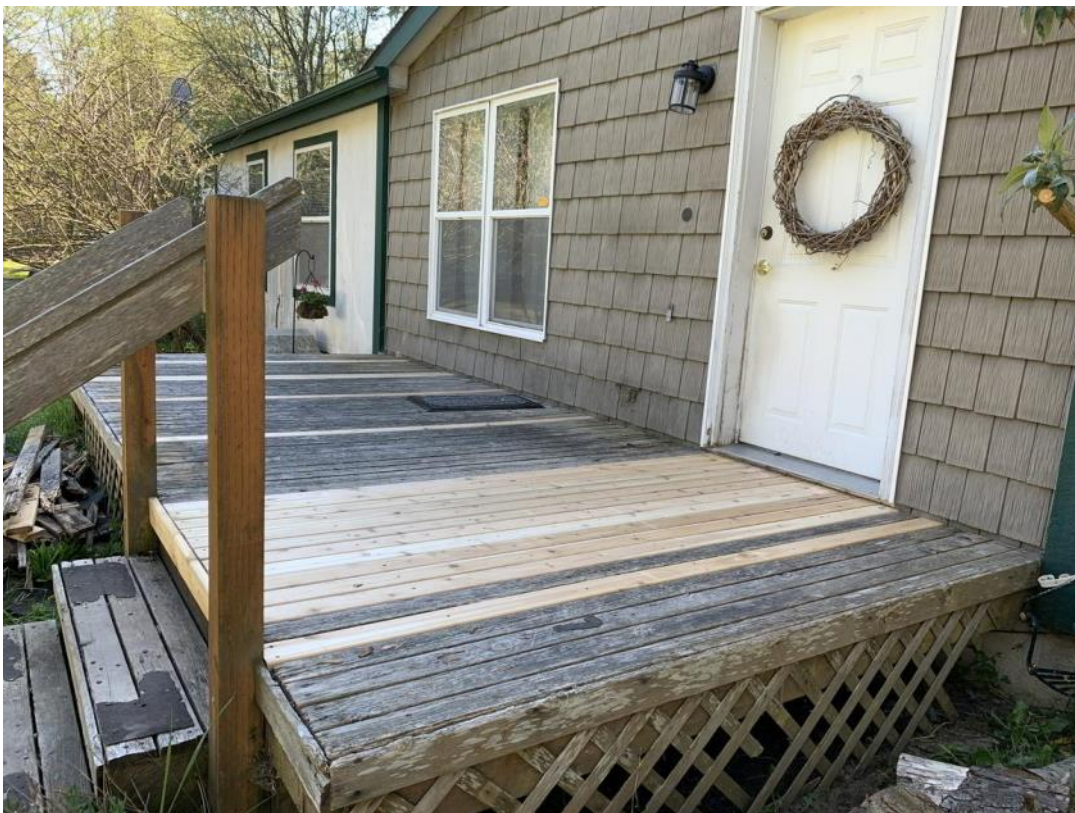


Posing on the newly completed ramp: Dan Nieuwsma, Richard Meyers, Mark Cattabriga, Denny Schuch, the client, and the client's step-mother.

## JeffCo Builders

### Deck Repairs Allow Elderly Client to Leave His Home

The deck boards in front of the door had large holes and were rotten. They had to step around next to the house to get out the front door. The elderly client could not do this so they placed a piece of plywood in front of the door over the hole. You can see some of the old boards in the left side of the photo. Bluebills replaced other boards that were rotted through. Project by Dave Parrish.



# Kitsap Builders

## Historic Barn Saved ... for \$68.36

This historic barn in Poulsbo was in imminent danger of collapse. The east facing wall, which was plumb and level for over a century, had begun to sag precipitously over the past year or two. Bluebills took a look at it on behalf of the elderly landowners and found that the base of the posts, under the area of concern, had rotted away.

Someday it is hoped that this barn can be restored. In the meantime we shored things up by splicing new posts into the upper part of the bad ones, and bringing the load down to pier blocks on the ground. Total cost of the materials, less what we scrounged, was \$68.36.



Recent photo of the Poulsbo barn



One of the rotted posts



New posts spliced in with 1/2" rods

## Kitsap Builders

### A Way Out of the House

The client's ailments confine her to a wheelchair, and as a result, she has not been able to leave the house even for medical treatment. Her husband replaced their back door with a door that opens wide enough to pass her wheelchair and built a threshold platform/ramp to get her through that door and onto their back patio. Bluebills added bumper rails and mineral roll roofing and provided a threshold between the patio and the front yard. Master Constructionist, John White, and his local side-kick, Michael Crovitz, also built an L-shaped ramp to negotiate the concrete stairs in the front yard. The novel elements of this ramp were the  $\frac{1}{4}$ -minus crushed rock transitions from the ramp to their yard and driveway. This gravel is a good medium, it stays mostly where you put it, compacts to wheelable surface, and can be shaped to accommodate any geometry.



Michael Crovitz with the finished ramp (John White took the picture)

## Builders Data

Folks,

For the past number of years I have been one of the focal points for receiving requests for Bluebills' assistance with ramps, grab bars, railings and other minor improvements that make a home safer and easier to access.

My wife and I are moving to Atlanta in mid-April. Requests for Bluebill help should now be directed the following:

### **Jefferson County and Clallam Co.**

Robert Chanpong: 925-360-4360 chanpr@hotmai.com

We are active in Jefferson Co. but Clallam Co has been pretty well closed due to COVID. We will evaluate each request based on the ability of Bluebills to handle the work-load.

### **Kitsap County**

Bob Keever: 360-779-1203 stableguy@hotmai.com

Please include with each request:

Name, address, phone number and what needs to be done.

Be aware that we partner with Catholic Community Services on these jobs so the client will be contacted by them.

When your request is received (email preferred.) it is logged in and assigned to a Bluebill who should be contacting you within a week.

Bluebills charge nothing for labor but the client is expected to cover the cost of any material. If this is a problem, let us know and we will try to find a solution. Also, for your info, Bluebills will provide and install grab bars for \$25 each.

Any questions, contact one of the above. For more information on Bluebills go to [Bluebills.org](http://Bluebills.org).

Myron Vogt



## World Vision

There was an Essential Supplies pick up and delivery for Jefferson County in April. Here are a few photos



Rick Morasco, Cal Williams and John Fillers unload John's trailer at our Chimacum storage unit.



Four Radio controlled cars checked out and ready to go.

# From the Wayback Machine

## Taken from five years ago, May 2016.

### “Another Ramp in Bremerton”

A woman in Bremerton asked us to build a “temporary” ramp for her 87 year old father who was coming home from the hospital in a few days. Because the ramp will be removed within a year it was built out of standard lumber instead of our standard pressure-treated material. A lot of good help on a rather warm day.



Hugh Grenquist lining up the top rail.



Tim Ruddy working on the supports.



Marty Dasler takes control of the shovel handle.



Truman Thompson finds something to smile at!



Schultz Hawker!



The crew: Jack Hawker holding our mascot, “Schultz”, Tim Ruddy, Bob Keever, Hugh Grenquist, Truman Thompson, Marty Dasler and Terry Moore from Life Care Center in Port Orchard



## A Thank You

Barbara,  
This was given to  
me by lady who we  
installed ramp on  
4/9/21. It was Joe  
Gagnier's Job.  
Dave



Dear Jeffco Blue Bills  
crew:  
Thank You!  
you can't know how  
deeply I appreciate your  
labor. Know how and  
abilities. You have  
given us a dignified  
and safe way for

my husband to be outside  
and come home safely  
your ramp structure  
has added  
PAPYRUS  
so much to our lives  
Thank you so much.

# 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](mailto:jimmccay@cablespeed.com)

## **Volunteer hours for March, 2021**

**39 volunteers reported 931 hours. That is 20% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for March.**

## ***May Birthdays***

<b>MARK WITTE</b>	<b>05/01</b>
<b>JAY GILMOUR</b>	<b>05/05</b>
<b>LARRY BOMKE</b>	<b>05/06</b>
<b>KEN MCCONNELL</b>	<b>05/11</b>
<b>RUTH DUNHAM</b>	<b>05/19</b>
<b>MICHAEL GRAHAM</b>	<b>05/20</b>
<b>TWYLA JACKSON</b>	<b>05/21</b>
<b>CYNDYANN JOYNER</b>	<b>05/27</b>
<b>ERIKA MAYFIELD</b>	<b>05/27</b>



***Happy Birthday!***

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