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



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From the Chair

**By Bill Anstiss,
South Jefferson County Chapter**



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SOUTH JEFFERSON ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES PROGRAM (ESP)

During the past six months the ESP was in a wait state due to the Corona Virus issue and the consequent closure of the World Vision Warehouse in Fife. Deliveries began again two months ago and are now scheduled for monthly pickups for both the North and South Bluebill groups. Pickup service was changed by World Vision to an earlier plan of pallets only, which resulted in much larger quantities of single items. Since then, several changes have been made to reduce the inventory of goods in our warehouse and to share goods with more recipients.

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We now distribute our regular item list to our 11 Brinnon/Quilcene recipients first to assure the local priority is maintained. We then develop a “surplus” list for additional distribution outside our regular area. The surplus list is now distributed to Dove House and OLYCAP (Port Townsend) and Hood Canal School (Potlatch) and Mountain View School (Shelton). This requires special deliveries approximately two weeks after our local deliveries. We have also begun a program to define and share surplus items with the Port Ludlow group. These new programs have been met with considerable support from all.

ESP South Jefferson County Team

Bill & Candy Anstiss

Doug & Kay Peterson

Wes & Ruth Dunham

Jim & Mary Kowalczyk

Mike & Judi Hyde



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Bluebill Christmas Giving

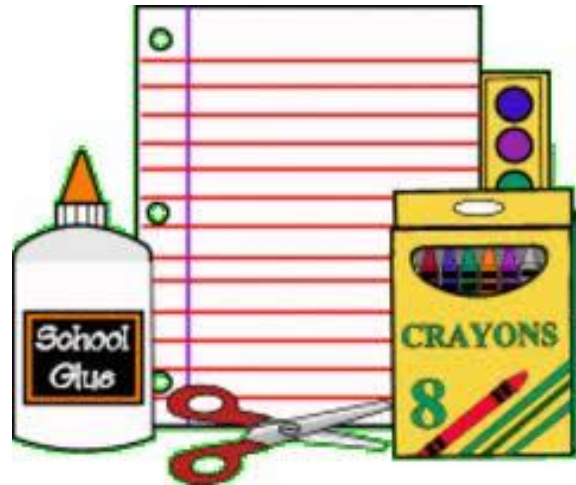
In years past, the Bluebills have done an early December Social where we ask for financial donations for the children of OlyCap's homeless families. With these donations, Bluebills volunteer to buy gifts for the children 18 and under. There are currently 20 children in OlyCap's apartments and cottages looking forward to a warm Christmas. Due to the pandemic, we are not having the December Social this year but we still plan to buy Christmas gifts for these homeless OlyCap children. You can help. We are asking the Bluebills and the broader Port Ludlow community to donate money for these Christmas gifts and/or volunteer to help. Volunteers will purchase, wrap and deliver the presents to OlyCap by December 18th. Consider helping to make this a memorable Christmas for these children.

Please send your checks by December 4th, made out to "Bluebills" to Laura Paul, 52 Bayside Court, Port Ludlow, 98365.

If you have further questions, please call Laura at (362) 344-2494.



THANK YOU!



A big thank you to all the Bluebills who contributed for the Chimacum School Supplies for grades K - 6. A check for \$1058 was sent to Elma Berry, the Chimacum Volunteer Coordinator who expressed her appreciation for all we do to help these students start the year off successfully.

BLUEBILLS
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The Cash for Gold event held on Saturday, September 12, raised \$1255 in support of the Peninsula Support Organization.

This is a good start to a new school year!



A Fond Farewell

Shortly after they moved to Port Ludlow in 2000, Michael and Mea Graham joined the Bluebells. They immediately got involved with what life had to offer in their new neighborhood. Whether it was building wheel chair ramps, tending bar, organizing the first four Annual Dove House Golf Benefits, organizing raffle events, keeping the warehouse tidy, working on the Essential Supplies Program, or working in numerous roles to support the Quarterly Social Events, both Michael and Mea always stepped up to volunteer. Although we will miss them, we wish them both a bon voyage and all the best in their new adventure.



BACK IN BUSINESS (KIND-OF) WITH WORLD VISION

Last March, World Vision basically shut down their Essential Supplies Program. Occasionally they have let us know that we could pick up some items using limited contact with personnel. In August things loosened up a bit and the Southern Jefferson group and our group picked up limited supplies in pallet-sized loads. Our groups have now come to an agreement with World Vision that we can pick up every month. The amount we pickup may be limited by availability and CV restrictions. In any case, we hope we are back on a regular schedule with World Vision. Southern Jefferson Bluebills are negotiating their own schedule.

As of now we will be picking up on the second Tuesday of the month, 9:00 at Fife. At this point we are expecting to be limited to pallets, so we need vehicles capable of handling these.

Our next pickup will be on October 13, 9:00 am at Fife. It will be for Jefferson County. Pick and delivery date TBD. In November we will pick up on Nov 10 for Kitsap Co.

All volunteers who have helped in the past, please stand by to lend a hand again with the duties to make this program work.

I hope we can get back to full operation as we gain experience with this process and CV is gotten under control.

Thanks, Myron



October Calendar



Tuesday, Oct 13- Pick up goods for Jefferson Co. - World Vision in Fife, 9:00

Saturday, Oct 31 - Halloween



Trick or Treat!

October 2020

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 

JeffCo Builders

Helping Out a Bit in Sequim

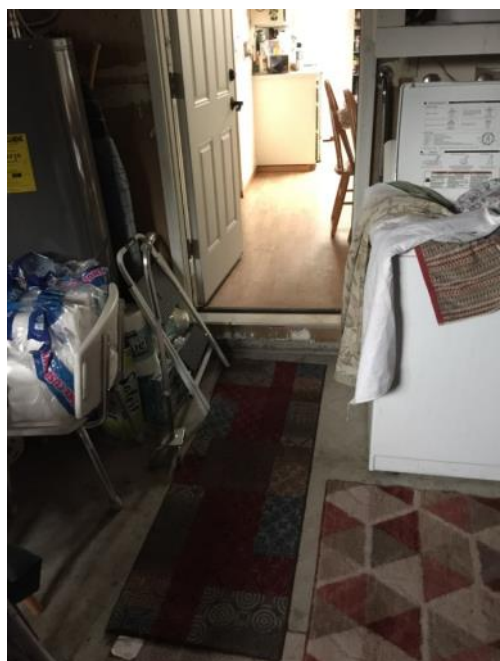
JeffCo Builders Don Abbot, Joe Gagnier, Todd Knoblock and David Parish hit the road last month for a ramp and railing job in Sequim.



Before



Todd Knoblock, Don Abbot, and David Parrish. Photo by Joe Gagnier.



Before



After

JeffCo Builders

The client in Chimacum needed a back porch railing to match the one that Dan and Joe Nieuwsma installed for her a couple of years ago. Joe Gagnier and David Parrish made it happen. Dave in photo, Joe behind the lens.



A couple more of the increasingly popular metal hand rails installed by David Parrish in Port Ludlow.



Kitsap Builders

Poulsbo Ramp

We built an 8' ramp with platform for a client in Kingston earlier this year. It was one of the last ones we got in prior to the temporary shutdown due to Covid. She recently moved into a new home, just weeks before scheduled surgery. Needless to say, she had a lot of concerns on her mind, including how she would get in/out of the house with her wheelchair.

Bluebills were able to put in a new switchback ramp with days to spare before the hospitalization. Her old ramp was removed and incorporated into the new one. Normally we don't install balusters between the railings, but in this case we made an exception. Michael Crovitz and John White took the lead on this one, with some assistance from Bob Keever.



The view from underneath



Nearly completed ramp

Kitsap Builders

Pressure treated lumber has become increasingly difficult to obtain in Kitsap. A combination of supply slowdowns and everyone working on home improvement projects seem to be the culprit.

Normally we have Hadlock Lumber deliver direct for the larger ramp jobs, and we are grateful to them for the free delivery out here. For the smaller jobs we maintain a supply of lumber that we can draw from our storage locker, which we recently restocked with a delivery from Hadlock, where the lumber shortage doesn't seem to have hit too hard.



Lumber rack at Lowe's in Silverdale



Bluebills Storage Locker in Kitsap

BUILDERS

For the first few months after the CV quarantine, we did little in the way of builder jobs. However, we have been able to work out a process with our insurer, Catholic Community Services, that allows us to do most typical Builder work. You can see from the pictures and stories in this issue and prior Flyers that our Builders are finding ways to help.

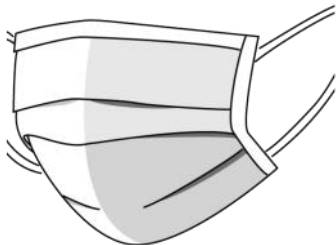
Due to the CV and the fact that I have been on the DL (lung cancer operation) we have not been collecting the Builder data for the last few months. The data is extracted from the list of open and completed projects, which is useful in making sure requests are acted on and completed.

Starting in Oct., I hope to again set up the above lists. Most Jefferson and Clallam job requests seem to come to me so I have the data. Kitsap requests go through Bob Kever, and he maintains much the same data. By 2021 we should be caught up.

I can see from this episode that with my age and health if we want to maintain some kind of Builders record, I can't be counted on too much longer. I would like to see each county keep track of their own jobs which means a Builder Coordinator for each county.

Think this over.

Thanks, Myron



From the Wayback Machine

The following Article is from the 2010 October Flyer



For the past several years Bluebills have been collecting school supplies over the summer months so that we can deliver a significant amount of goods just prior to schools starting in the Fall. **Dick Ostlund** coordinates the effort which requires obtaining a warehouse (in this case a 12 foot by 40 storage unit), shelving for the unit (made by Bluebills with funds provided by **Ken Winter's son**, who is a Boeing airplane salesman.) and sorting out the goods as they are received. The school supplies are provide by World Vision.

By the time of delivery there was no longer any room in the warehouse and the Gifts-In-Kind warehouse was used for overflow.

During the last week in August the items were delivered to the thirteen schools in our area who have more then 70% of the students on free or reduced price meals. The schools stretched from Queets, Neah Bay and Clallam Bay on the west and northwest coast to schools in Shelton, in the Hood Canal.

Our volunteers stepped up to the task of delivering about one pickup truck load of schools supplies to each of the schools. The Hood Canal volunteers took care of the schools in their area. **Russ and Shelly Rousseau** made the long trip to Queets, dropping off the Forks load in route. **Ted Muralt** of Clallam Bay arranged for their school district to make their pick up. **Amy and John Miller, Mike Graham and Larry Lang** covered the remaining schools.

**Thanks to everyone who helped make this
a success again this year!**

Lee Douglass and Candy Anstiss load up goods headed for schools in Shelton.



Amy Miller stands beside their truck which is loaded with supplies for a couple of schools in Kitsap Co.

Larry Lang,
Mike
Graham
and
Clint Webb
help load.



Bonnie
Douglass and
Bill Anstiss
strap down a
load for the
Hood Canal
Area.



Bluebill Flyer

October 2010



Ted Muralt and his 'sidekick' CALLIE arrive from Clallam Bay with driver and van from Cape Flattery School District. They picked up the items for Clallam Bay and Neah Bay.

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 August, 2020

28 volunteers reported 556 hours. That is 19% of the Bluebill membership reporting hours for August.

October Birthdays

KEN SNIDER	10/01
BILL ANSTISS	10/02
JOHN FILLERS	10/03
PEGGY LEE FLENTIE	10/04
RAY PAUL	10/06
JIM KELLY	10/07
BARBARA SHAIN	10/08
GAIL CHANPONG	10/09
JUDI HYDE	10/09
DIANE KOBZ	10/09
MARY ROUSER	10/09
CHARLIE MARQUIS	10/12
HUGH GRENQUIST	10/13
KATHY CIANCI	10/15
TIM PROPECK	10/18
GEORGE ZIMMERMAN	10/20
DON ABBOTT	10/21
JIM MCGONIGLE	10/22
MARY KOWALCZYK	10/24
JONI WILLIAMS	10/26
KENNETH ORTH	10/27
ROBERT KEEVER	10/28
FRANK VAHCIC	10/31

Happy Birthday!

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