

PSO BLUEBILL FLYER April 2024



PSO Bluebill Newsletter Serving Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties

April 2024 Note From the Vice Chair By Bob Keever



Chair (Vacant)

Vice Chair
Bob Keever

The Bluebills, named after the first airplane that Boeing built, was established in 1994 as a group of Boeing retiree volunteers. According to historical records provided by Bob Lambert and Richard and Norma Vaughn, "The time proved to be right. There was a pressing need. In 1995 there was the "Golden Handshake" and many Boeing employees were soon to be retirees. There was a vast pool of proven and motivated talent coming available to improve their community ... Retirees need to remain relevant in their new lives. Retirees, once the travel bug had been satisfied, had to have reasons to get out of bed and turn off the TV."

Initially it was the Heritage Seattle chapter, with Sno-King Everett chapter added in 1995, and Olympic Peninsula (Jefferson, Clallam, Kitsap counties) added in 1998. As time progressed, more of the volunteers out here were non-Boeing retirees, and some were still working. Then in the 2017 time period, Boeing realigned their engagement with retiree organizations, wished the Bluebills well, and discontinued their support. Thus, we rebranded, and the "Boeing Bluebills" Oly Pen chapter became the "Peninsula Support Organization Bluebills" and established itself as a 501 (c)3 non-profit.

Like most volunteer organizations, we suffered a slowdown during the Covid pandemic. We have only recently put the pieces back together, rebuilding the Leadership Team and programs, updating our website (psobluebills.org) and membership list, and reviewing and revising our Bylaws ([see page 8](#)).

If you are looking for a reason to get out of bed and turn off the TV, join one of our Bluebills programs, or suggest a new one that you might be interested in. As the original Bluebills vision statement said, "...We don't work for paychecks these days, except the kind of payoff that rewards us with a warm glow of satisfaction. We are at work on projects that are making our communities better places to live."

Cheers!
Bob Keever



Peninsula Support Organization (PSO)
Bluebills

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Peninsula Support Organization/Bluebills

PO BOX 65098

PORT LUDLOW, WA 98365

Or Online:

DONATE

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A Call For Officers!

For 2024 the PSO Bluebills need the following positions filled:

Chairman

Publicity Chair

Please contact anyone on the Leadership Team if you are interested in filling these vital positions.

*Thank
You*



COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY FAIR

Community Opportunity Fair 2024

August 27, 2024

Bay Club, 4-6pm

Save the Date!

Dear Exhibitor,

The Community Opportunity Fair Committee has kicked off planning for 2024. The event in 2022 was a great success with over 50 exhibitors and 250 attendees! Exhibitors had lively conversations with attendees and reported adding many new volunteers and/or members.

We are planning for even more fun this year! Please save the date, Tuesday, August 27th from 4-6pm. The event will be held at the Bay Club again this year with both inside and outside booths, entertainment and a food truck!

To keep costs to a minimum, we are requesting each exhibitor provide a volunteer to help the organizing committee on the day of the fair or the day before. This is in addition to the people you will need to staff your booth during the fair. We will send more detailed information about volunteer needs with roles and duties as we get closer to the date.

Please be thinking about fun and creative things you can do at your booth. Interesting visuals, fun games, baskets for donations, giveaways, etc. The very popular passports will be back for you to stamp as attendees come to your booth. And to keep things exciting, we will do periodic drawings of the completed passports for fun prizes!

In-Kind Donations rather than a Volunteer-

Van and Driver: We are looking for one more van and driver to transport attendees to and from the extended parking on the day of the event. Please let us know if your organization could help out with a van and driver instead of a volunteer joining our team. With 2 vans last year, attendees flowed very nicely between the Bay Club and extended parking.

Tables: We also need about 15 8x3' lightweight folding tables that could be donated for the event in lieu of a volunteer.

Water Bottles: To add to attendee's bags and offer to exhibitors.

Please feel free to call or email with any questions. Allison's phone is 425-442-0072, email alliober@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for all you do to make this a fun, informative and successful event for you the exhibitor and all the attendees that come looking to see what Port Ludlow has available to join, engage and/or participate.

Best Regards,

Allison Leonard Donna Geer

Janet DeDonato Tam MacDearmid

Vickie Norris

Community Opportunity Fair Committee

Join.Engage.Participate

Bylaws Changes and New Board Members Confirmed at March Meeting

Changes to the PSO Bluebills Bylaws were approved during the March Leadership meeting. The bylaws were written in 2017 and these changes reflect changes to the organization made by combining the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills and the Peninsula Support Organization. The changes also brought up to date things like teleconferencing and digital archiving. Due to the difficulty in attracting officers, the requirements for term limits are eliminated. The changes to the bylaws are listed below.

- a. The Bylaws state the PSO's purpose is exclusively to raise money for needy projects. Remove the word "exclusively," and add "provide volunteers" as well as raise money.
- b. Declare that all officers are automatically Board Members (Section 5.02 – Number and Qualifications). This is consistent with the PSO Operating Procedures document.
- c. Eliminate Term Limits for Board Members (Section 5.05 – Term of Board).
- d. Make consistent the rule that to remove any Director requires a two-thirds majority vote (Section 5.06 – Vacancies), which is what Section 5.08 says.
- e. Establish rule that Secretary shall maintain a digital archive for all minutes (Section 5.10 – Minutes).
- f. Establish the rule that Board Members may attend Board Meetings either in person or via teleconference or the likes (Section 5.14 – Board member Attendance).
- g. In Section 6.05, add that the Treasurer is responsible for filing required annual reports with the Secretary of State office and the IRS, and for annual renewal of the Business License.

During the March meeting two Member at Large positions were added to the Board: Jim Mueller, Editor of the Flyer and Historian, and Calvin Williams, Membership Chair, agreed to fill these positions, are able to vote and provide coverage for other board members when they are absent.

Calander For April

April 12 Bluebills Leadership Meeting- The Beach Club-
12:00pm

April 18 Dove House Tournament Leadership Meeting
The Beach Club– 3:00pm

April 2024

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				





SPRING CLEANING?

Please Remember OlyCap!

After returning from the OlyCap storage unit, I can say we are light in a few items for the OlyCap Homeless Family Program. I help collect for OlyCap and we usually have a good variety for the families to start a new life in an apartment. We need bathroom towels and single sheet sets. If you are sprucing up your rooms this spring, please consider donating your old items so others can use them. I will also take any kitchen items; dishes, dish drying racks, bowls, silverware, etc. (No wine glasses). If you are doing a deep clean or moving, contact me at rlplep@yahoo.com with OlyCap in the subject area. Thank you for helping.

Laura Paul, 360-344-2494.

If you have any furniture items, call OlyCap, 360-385-2571.

[Click on the OlyCap logo below for more information about OlyCap](#)

Thank



You!

Dove House is requesting donations of travel sized personal care products for their clients.



Shown above is a collection picked up in early January.

There is a donation box set up in the Beach Club lobby for the collection of these items.

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Paul:

laura.paul@psobluebills.net, or 360-344-2494.

THANK YOU!

Signs of the Times

For the past eleven years, The Bluebills have sponsored the Annual Dove House Golf Tournament. Part of that sponsorship has been the creation of tee signs displayed on the course during the tournament. Local businesses sponsor these signs for advertising and to show support. In the beginning, Myron and his crew designed and built wooden stands to hold the signs that Val Vogt designed and they built. As the tournament grew more popular, so did the number of signs and the stands to hold them.



Eventually the stands and the signs took up a considerable amount of space in both of the Bluebill's remaining storage units. New technology, which allowed signs to be printed on corrugated plastic for virtually the same cost as the original signs were tried out and made their way on to the field. The weight and durability (waterproof) of the new signs made them popular and it was decided in 2024, to convert all of our signs to the new format.



The sign stands were given away to various individuals and groups including: folks putting on garage sales, a theater and a band in Port Townsend, a farm in Chimacum, and a couple planning their wedding reception. It is our hope that the stands will continue to have a long and useful life in our community.

WE GOTTS MERCH!



Represent the PSO Bluebills in the community plus have a cool T-Shirt!

If you would like to order T-Shirts: 15.00 per shirt S-XL, 17.00 per shirt for XXL and 18.00 per shirt XXXL.

Order from Barbara Burke: 206-890-5387, or email:

mike.burke@psobluebills.net

Send check to: PSO Bluebills, Atten: shirt, PO BOX 65098, PORT LUDLOW, WA 98365

Kitsap Builders

First Quarter Report to the City of Poulsbo

Peninsula Support Organization Bluebills

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Mar 31, 2024

Kimberly Hendrickson

Housing, Health and Human Services Director

City of Poulsbo

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RE: Peninsula Support Organization Bluebills 1Q 2024 accomplishment report

Dear Ms. Hendrickson:

The Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) Bluebills, is pleased to submit this quarterly program accomplishment report related to the \$15K committed by the City of Poulsbo to pay for supplies purchased for home repair and safety equipment for low-income residents in the Poulsbo area.

During the period Jan 1 – Mar 31, Bluebills volunteer handymen provided services to 24 clients in the greater Poulsbo area (98370). These services included:

- 18 sessions splitting, stacking, and delivering firewood

- 18 sessions performing handymen repairs

- Installing 5 grab bars

- Building and installing 3 ramps

- Installing 3 railings

Bluebills do not charge for their labor. Materials are paid for by clients, private donations, and funding from Kitsap Community Resources, and the City of Poulsbo. In this first quarter, **\$2,363.45 of the \$15,000** committed by the City of Poulsbo, was spent on materials for two senior, disabled, low-income clients who reside within the Poulsbo City limits. Details are as follows:

Client A, 1800 NE Lincoln Rd, Lot A, Poulsbo ([Poulsbo Manufactured Housing Community](#)), had a hot water tank that had been leaking for years, resulting in flooring that was totally rotted out (see photos below). The hot water tank was replaced and the damaged flooring was torn out and replaced. Cost of materials was \$1973.81.

Client B, 1800 NE Lincoln Rd, Lot B, Poulsbo (Poulsbo Manufactured Housing Community), did not have a fully functional bathroom. Bluebills assisted him with repairs/renovations so that one of the bathrooms was brought up to full functionality (see photos below). Cost of materials was \$389.64.

A detailed invoice, #005-r1, including copies of all receipts, which totaled \$2,363.45, was submitted to the City of Poulsbo on March 3, 2024.

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Bluebills Repairs/Renovations at Poulsbo Manufactured Housing Community



Lot A – before repairs



Lot A – after repairs



Lot B – during repairs



Lot B – after repairs

JeffCo Builders

In the Background

In March, the Jefferson County Builders were somewhat busy, mostly with ramp surveys, material bids, design discussions, along with a few grab bar installations. With that in mind, I would like to relate a find that I made while working on a grab bar installation for a friend and neighbor. He needed a grab bar in his fiberglass shower stall at a particular location. According to Murphy's Law it was nowhere near a wall stud so there wasn't anything to bolt to. In the past, I have installed these using a number of toggle bolts but I have never really been satisfied with the results. At the hardware store, I discovered this device: "[The Moen Securemount](#)". (click on link)

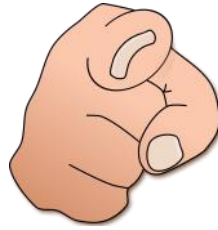


I'm sure that the more seasoned hands out there will snort and say, "You didn't know about that"? Well this was news to me. With this device you can mount a grab bar on most any hollow wall surface. Quick, easy, secure, and a good seal.

Jim Mueller



HAVE YOU REPORTED YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?



**Please remember to send in 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:

judy.mccay@psobluebills.net

Volunteer hours for February, 2024

**34 Bluebills reported 1245 volunteer
hours for the month of February. That is
20% of our membership reporting hours.**

April Birthdays

ANN GAGNIER

DALE GLIDWELL

TIMM KELLY

ANITA KNAPP

ALANA MORRIS

SAM ROBERTS

AUDREY WITSOE

Happy Birthday!



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