

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026



This Month...

**NORTHERN COMFORT BAND
JULY 1ST AT 1PM**

**PARKWOOD SUMMER BBQ
JULY 8TH AT 11AM**

**P.E.R.T.
JULY 10TH AT 10AM**

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL
JULY 24TH AT 1PM**

Parkwood in July

We had an amazing June, and July will be even better! We have our annual BBQ on July 8th! We cannot wait to see everyone there! Bud Laird will be playing a mix of great music, and we will have great food and fun games to look forward to!

Parkwood would like to see who is interested in volunteering in helping others within the community. I was told that years ago we had a group that was experienced and able to help those who were in need. We have people in need of help for different things from changing a light bulb to helping with other tasks that take a bit more know-how. If you are interested in helping others in the community that do not have experience and/or the ability to, please reach out to the office.



We are excited to announce that Parkwood will be selling homes again! Let us who know you, and the community, help you sell your home.





CLALLAM COUNTY BURN BAN



Summer came bringing lots of sunny, warm days to Parkwood in June. July is here and we have another season to take note of. Fire season. Clallam county has already put out burn restrictions, so make sure to keep an eye on the wildfires in our area. Air quality is something we also need to watch, especially for sensitive groups. Here are some sites you can check for air quality.

- Washington DNR Smoke Blog – Statewide smoke updates and forecasts [WA - DNR](https://www.wa-dnr.gov)
- NWS Smoke Forecast – Weather.gov for smoke dispersion and air quality alerts www.nwfirewatch.com
- AirNow.gov – Federal AQI map, updated hourly www.nwfirewatch.com



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*Sequim
Irrigation Festival*
Since 1896

130 years ago local farm families celebrated their completion of the first irrigation ditch carrying Dungeness River water to Sequim Prairie. The Sequim Irrigation Festival commemorating the opening of the first ditch has been held every year since 1896, making it the oldest continuing festival in the state.

Glimpse Into Parkwood Neighbors

By: sk knickerbocker

Barbara Madger



Photo: Barbara and husband Jim

Born: In the beginning of the Baby Boom.

Where were you raised? I was born in NYC but since my father was in the Coast Guard, we lived in NYC, Boston, Puerto Rico, Florida, New Jersey, Southern and Northern California. I went to college in Minnesota and Maryland. My first job was teaching third grade at Naha Air Force Base during the Viet Nam war, and I later taught in public school in Eureka, California before moving to Sequim in 2004. When I retired I adapted my teaching skills to teaching line dance to adults.

Husband: Jim, married 35 years until he passed away in Dec. 2024.

Children: My personal children have all been four legged—cats for years and now dogs. If you've lived in Parkwood for a long time you might remember Brandy and Sasha, the Standard Poodles who walked for hours with me every day.

Now my children are mixed breed rescue dogs---Bessie, the black one who rarely leaves our yard and Annie, the white one who ventures a few blocks with me on her leash in both directions from the house. You may have seen and heard them as you walk by the house.

Jim's children are amazing adults who live out of state but have been very close to us all their lives. Each has raised several children.

Year you moved to Parkwood? Jim and I moved here in 2011, and have loved every minute of living here. The charm included the trees, the friendly neighbors, and great places to walk. We moved here to have less yard work than we had in our previous home so now I do only the easy things I like to do in the yard.

Travel? Jim and I traveled a lot including five years in an RV--a perfect way to travel with pets, do your own cooking, and sleep in your own bed.

What helps you get through life? I don't mind what happens to me. My mother quoted a line from "Invictus" 'I am the captain of my soul'. These are great words but I think it left her chronically discontent. I've learned so much from things that have happened that weren't my choice and from that I came to recognize that I'm not in charge of anything outside of the hula hoop around me and that there are powers greater than me running the show.

Hobbies you have now? When I'm not walking, line dancing, or working in the yard. I spend my time reading, or riding my exercise bike while knitting and watching TV.

How do you feel about being the age you are now? It's not possible to get as old as I am and not learn something about getting along in life. I tend to live according to my self-created "Happiness Commandments"

Adages to live by: Lighten up. Do it now. Dance more. Choose strategy over willpower. Cultivate an attitude of gratitude. Come from a place of love. Stay in the moment. Act the way you want to feel. Don't let the perfect be the enemy of the good. Don't expect praise or recognition. Don't take things personally. What's fun for other people may not be fun for you, and vice versa. You can choose what you do, but you can't choose what you like. Be kind--no exceptions. We already have everything we need. Live Life as though it were written in your favor.

A LOVEY COVEY

BY: JANE NICHOLAS AND IDA DOMAZLICKY

I had originally planned to write about a different bird this month, but this species turned up on the Parkwood Facebook page so I shifted my focus to the California Quail instead! It was noted they were abundant here in the park for several years, but they haven't been spotted very often recently. I have no scientific evidence for it, but it seems they move their covey year to year, either shifting neighborhoods within the Park or moving outside of it. Perhaps it's due to pressure from predators (hawks and coyotes). Moving makes them less predictable targets. I'm hoping they will make their home here again this year. With our many shrubs for cover, fencerows and some open green spaces with seedy grasses, Parkwood is a good place for them.

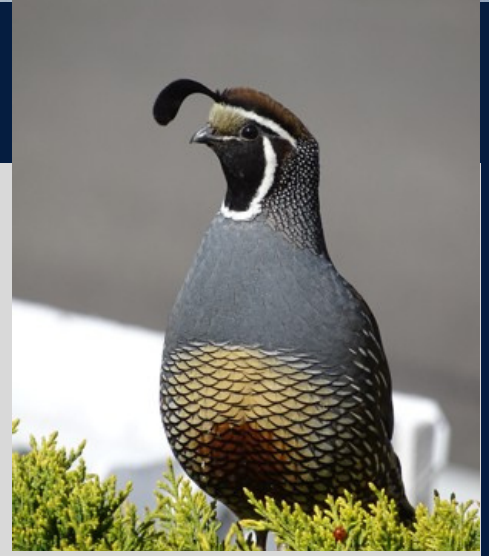


PHOTO BY IDA DOMAZLICKY

If you haven't seen one before, you're likely to this year. It's rather like the old saying about snakes. "If you see one, there are bound to be more." Quails tend to form coveys, even during breeding season. In their off season the covey numbers can climb to 60 or 70 birds strong. The Olympic Peninsula is well within this quail's range (Baja California to the Canadian border plus parts of Idaho and Nevada). Our drier climate and native vegetation is a draw for them and makes for a good breeding ground. If you're heading up the mountains this summer watch for a close relative - the elusive Mountain Quail. The mountain male has more color on its neck and belly, but its headdress is less grand than our valley quail.

When it's time to pair up, the California Quail males put on quite a show with their flashy markings and dapper top knot. Once bonded, a pair will whistle a duet to seal the deal. They don't make a fuss about their nest. Any old depression lined with some grass or fluff will do. The female will lay up to 16 eggs and some of them may end up in nests besides her own. The chicks are ready to fledge only one day after hatching! They mostly feed themselves on seeds, berries and the occasional insect, but the parents do try to keep them corralled and will watch over them like hawks while they're learning the ropes. The males are most often the ones you'll see first. They find a high vantage point so they can watch over the group while the females scurry about keeping the young ones out of trouble. A tall order when there's over a dozen fluff balls to manage. At times they will cross the road single file with adults on each end. If they get the signal to hurry ("chi CA go"), they will break into a quick step and look quite comical doing so.

They are fairly heavy for their size at 5-8 oz., so maybe that is one reason they hesitate to take flight. Or perhaps it's because they have learned that running for cover is more effective than exposing themselves in the air. They are game birds after all, and being cagey has helped keep their numbers remain relatively stable over the years. Planting native plants that provide food for them and not keeping every bit of land perfectly tidy will help the California Quail thrive and raise a healthy brood again so we can all enjoy a quail family in Parkwood again.

Male quail watching over his covey.



JULY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  NORTHERN COMFORT BAND 1PM	2 BREW CREW 9AM PARK ARTS & CRAFTS 1PM	3  FIT & FALL PROOF 9AM	4  POKER 12PM
5	6 CHAIR STRETCH & STRENGTH 10:05AM  MAHJONG 1PM	7  FIT AND FALL PROOF 9AM CANASTA 11:30AM POKER 12PM	8 PARKWOOD SUMMER BBQ 	9 BREW CREW 9AM PARK ARTS & CRAFTS 1PM	10  P.E.R.T. 10AM	11  POKER 12PM
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