

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**PARKWOOD COMMUNITY CLUB BOARD MAY CLOSE LEAKING POOL, CALLING ON MEMBERS, COMMUNITY, AND
“ELVIS” TO SAVE THE DAY**

The Parkwood Community Club, Port Orchard WA, called an emergency meeting of their membership on Tuesday, September 18, 2023. During a presentation, given by President, Anna Rogers; and Treasurer, Rain Sherman; the membership was notified that a previously identified leak had increased to the point of unsustainability. The repair is estimated to cost \$150,000 or more.

The Parkwood Community Club Board of Trustees voted unanimously, with overwhelming support from our members, to host a fundraiser event on November 4, 2023. This event will be held in the Hall at 3045 SE Madrona Dr SE in Port Orchard and be composed of two parts.

Nov 4, 9:00am – 3:00pm; the community club hall will host an Open House, free of charge and open to the public. This event will feature a large silent auction, DIY signature and art tile wall, custom engraved bricks, club logo apparel, snacks and hot dogs will also be for sale.

Nov 4, 5:00pm – 10:00pm the Parkwood Community Club Hall will be transformed into “Poolside with Elvis” a limited ticket, paid event (\$50, 100 tickets for sale on the pccportorchard.org website)

“Poolside with Elvis” will feature special guest Danny Vernon and his 90 minute “Illusion of Elvis” show. Ticket holders will not only have access to all the fundraisers, but also will get last bids on the silent auction, live DJs, and more! If you are unable to participate in any of our fundraisers but would still like to donate, please send donations (mark donation in the memo please) to Parkwood Community Club PO Box 327 Port Orchard WA 98366

Many PCC members are low income, elderly, and families. The club has always prioritized affordability and understands the lack of other choices available for water exercise. They need community support to meet this financial need and repair the pool, which has served Parkwood, Port Orchard, and the surrounding community for 60 years.

The PCC Board, hoping to find a solution for the leak that did not burden the membership financially, researched all summer and encountered many of the same roadblocks as in 2022. Due to the 501c(4) non-profit status, there were no avenues for accessing money through grants, public funds, or a loan.

In early September 2023, the August financial statements were presented at the monthly board meeting. It was clear that the club could no longer afford to cover the additional water and additional utilities expense due to the leak.

The cost had exponentially exploded over the previous 3-4 months. It was reported that the water bill went from an average of \$700 in 2019 to nearly \$1700 in 2022. In September of 2023, that same bill was nearly \$5,000. Due to this increased cost, the board may elect to close the pool until the funds can be raised and the pool repaired.

Subsequently, Kitsap Bank has agreed to offer a \$50,000 loan. The board will likely be forced to levy an emergency assessment on their membership for the remaining repair expense. The assessment and pool closure will be determined at the next scheduled meeting of the PCC Board of Trustees on October 5, 2023.

Donations can be sent to: Parkwood Community Club PO Box 327 Port Orchard, WA 98366

Visit pccportorchard.org for more information.

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