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ISSUE

Newsletter



Welcome to the Civic Center!

The Key Peninsula Civic Center is a non-profit community center that was incorporated in 1956.

Many local organizations call this facility home for meetings, events, and fundraisers. Individuals also find the Civic Center a convenient and affordable option for weddings, memorials, skate parties and more!

The Civic Center is a valuable community resource used to promote the welfare of the Key Peninsula and its citizens, and to encourage civil consciousness through active participation in constructive projects that improve our community.

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Happy New Year! I hope that all of you have had a wonderful holiday season, and a chance to rest and recharge and spend time with loved ones.

At this time of year, it is very common to make New Year's resolutions. I have been reflecting on that over the past week, and considering why we like them so much (or why we don't). I think it is fair to say that we typically like the idea of trying to improve ourselves, and it seems easier in a way to do so with a fresh start – whether it be the beginning of a new week, month, or year.

For my part, a few years back I decided to approach goals and self-improvement on a monthly, rather than an annual basis. However, I did make one annual goal for myself, and that is to try to step back from all of the noise of modern life a little more, and to be more meaningful and thoughtful with those things that I choose to do with my time. We are surrounded almost constantly by information; it is part of living in a world where we carry global connections in our pockets in the shape of our phones. While it is absolutely amazing to live in a time where so much information is available, it can be incredibly

overwhelming and a serious distraction from the things that really matter. So, this year, perhaps you would like to join me in becoming a little less digitally connected, and a little more connected to and aware of the people in your life, our community, and the beautiful nature that surrounds us out here on the KP. There is a lot of value to be found in engaging face to face with others, and slowing down to appreciate the little nuggets of joy in life that could easily be missed if you are not looking for them.

Whatever your goals are for the new year or the new month, week, or even day, I wish you luck and success in your endeavors!

I hope you enjoy this month's edition of our newsletter. We have some fun community events coming up, of which I hope you take advantage, and we have several events that are free to the community - whether offered directly by the Civic Center, or by one of its affiliates.

I am so grateful for such a facility as the Civic Center. It is a wonderful community resource, and I am very happy to be able to help the organization and work with such a wonderful group of volunteers who give so much to this place. I know that I, and the rest of the board, are very grateful for all the support we receive from the community to keep the Center a vital part of the Key Peninsula. Here's to a wonderful 2025!

MiKail Palmer
Board Secretary

This past week, several of our volunteers installed new pickleball lines in the gym. Thank you to all who assisted with this project!



NOW HIRING...

The Civic Center is currently hiring for a part time maintenance/janitorial position (15-20 hours per week). If interested, please reach out to our office at office@kpciviccenter.org. Job details will be posted soon.

The Civic Center has a monthly board meeting on the 2nd Thursday of every month. We welcome guests at these meetings!

Our next board meeting will be on **Thursday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Whitmore room.

LET'S GET CRABBY
KPCC'S ANNUAL CRAB FEED
SATURDAY FEB 15th 4-7PM
AT KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER
17010 S Vaughn Rd NW, Vaughn Wa 98394

ALL YOU CAN EAT:
 DUNGENESS CRAB, SPAGHETTI, FRENCH BREAD, CAESAR SALAD & DESSERT

Adults \$50
Kids 6-12 \$15
Kids 0-5 FREE

GET YOUR TICKETS AT:
 Sunnycrest Nursery
 KP Civic Center Office
 253-884-3456
www.kpciviccenter.org
 Eventbrite **SCAN ME** to purchase now

Bring your own crab crackers & picks
 **Craft beer & wine available for purchase

Crab Feed is an annual family friendly event and the most delicious way to support the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association.

PICKLEBALL OPEN PLAY



WEDNESDAY
9:45AM-12:30PM
\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

17010 S VAUGHN RD NW
 VAUGHN WA 98394

Skate Night 2025
 Key Peninsula Civic Center
17010 S Vaughn Rd NW, Key Peninsula, Wa

Food January 10th
 skating January 17th
 games January 24th
 music
 dancing 6pm-7pm 7pm-9pm
 K-3rd K-8th

Ages kindergarten through 8th grade
 Cover charge is \$6 (Includes skates)
 Adults free when accompanied by a participating child :)
skatenight@kpciviccenter.org

YOGA AT
Key Peninsula Civic Center

MON & WED @ 8:30AM

SIGN UP ONLINE AT
WWW.KPCIVICCENTER.ORG



Ready to find a workout you love? -- START HERE!

Whether you are just beginning your fitness journey or simply looking for a way to change up your workouts, REFIT® is for YOU!



What is REFIT®?

REFIT® is our high-energy movement to music most-fun-you've-ever-had-working-out format. This fitness experience is open to all ages and fitness abilities. With powerful moves set to positive music, REFIT® is designed to make you sweat and smile, you'll find out what it feels like to LOVE YOUR WORKOUT!



What is REV+FLOW?

REV+FLOW is a low impact, high intensity workout focusing on strength, toning, mobility, muscular endurance and flexibility. Bring a mat and light (1-3lb) weights -- we do have a couple extra if you forget.

Join us for this FREE community fitness experience at your Key Peninsula Civic Center!



Schedule posted weekly on socials. Follow the QRs to see how much fun you can have!

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EVERY BODY BELONGS

REV+FLOW

LakeBay Fuchsia Society

The LakeBay Fuchsia Society will have their first meeting of 2025 on February 6th at 7pm. We will be discussing our plans for 2025. What programs do we want? What plants or garden ideas do we want to explore? Plans for our annual May plant sale will be discussed. Come and join us for good times, good friends and good activities. We even have a garden you can "play" in. We always welcome new members. Please join with us for a great plant filled 2025.
Barbara Rowland, President



Our winter term is starting up this month! We will be learning about rocks, fossils, and dinosaurs, in our classes for the next few weeks. While the classes require registration, we do

have an open play period from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. every Wednesday, usually at the Civic Center. All homeschooling families are welcome to join us for some social time! If you would like further information about our co-op classes, you can email us at keypenhomeschoolcoop@gmail.com.

Did you know? The Key Peninsula Civic Center operates as a day shelter in the case of emergencies. Associated with that, we offer emergency preparedness classes to the community once a month. Starting in 2025, those classes will take place on the final Thursday of the month, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Whitmore Room at the Civic Center. There will be monthly classes from January-October 2025.

These classes are free and open to the community, and we encourage you to join us if you would like to learn more about emergency preparedness topics for yourself, your family, and/or your local neighborhood.

The January class will take place on Thursday, January 30th. Further information will be posted on our website at <https://www.kpciviccenter.org/emergency-prep.html>

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