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# 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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# Message from the Board



From a schoolhouse in 1906 to a community center in 1956, the Key Peninsula Civic Center has been here for the community for the last 118 years. The small annex building was built on land donated by the Wright family to establish a high school for the peninsula area. Other buildings were constructed on the 4.5 acres over the following 30 years, with the larger main building being built by the WPA between 1936 /37. As the community grew and the need for larger schools increased, the property was put up for sale by the newly formed Peninsula School District in 1956 for the asking price of \$9,600.00. At the same time, the community was in need of a place for the local community to gather. So, in the spring of 1956, Ollie Whitmore led a group of citizens to establish the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association. Some of the first community organizations to call the facility home included seniors, Grange, VFW, scouts, garden clubs, and more.

Over the last 68 years the Civic Center has been run by a volunteer board dedicated to promoting activities for the benefit of the community. In the fifty plus years that I have been associated with the center, I have attended a wide variety of activities that have included fishing derby, Pioneer Days, bingo, Reno night, Halloween party, New Years party, spaghetti / pancake feeds, roller skating, and dances. It has also been home to the Key Peninsula Historical

Society Museum for the past 25 years. Yoga and pickleball are two newer activities that draw users to the center.

Like most nonprofit groups, the need for volunteers and finances can be a struggle. It takes a good portion of both to keep the organization and facilities going. With the increase in population, the building and grounds continue to have increased use. Increased costs in utilities, labor, and supplies along with an aging building is a struggle for our board. Our annual budget is about \$200,000. Keep in mind that we receive NO tax dollars of support. Being the home, or mothership as I call it, to many users is key to having a strong community. There are different ways to ensure that the center is there for this community. Become a board member, volunteer time to an event or specific projects. Make a charitable donation to the center. Support events or activities at the center. It is a great asset to have - please be a part of keeping our facility thriving. I hope to see you at one of our upcoming events.

Tim Kezele  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President / Building & Grounds

# Happenings at the Center



On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the Mustard Seed Project hosted their fundraising event “Rolling Through the Decades” in the Civic Center gym.



Hilary Franz spoke to a group of local residents in our VFW room on June 28<sup>th</sup> regarding the development of Lakebay Marina.



Several lights in our gym needed to be replaced. Thank you so much to Waypoint North Church for the loan of their lift, and to Mark Ambler for helping us replace the lights!



On June 28<sup>th</sup>, AARP hosted the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District candidate forum at the Civic Center’s gym.

# Happenings at the Center

Skate night has ended for the season. We want to thank all of our volunteers and staff for making this such a successful year!



We welcomed Sarah Watkins this year as the kitchen manager, bringing with her a wealth of kitchen experience and a passion for creating fun, family-friendly meals on Friday nights. Together with Shabdrang Kaur, our skate night manager, they created exciting themed nights that drew in crowds not seen in years. Entire families enjoyed delicious dinners and skated together on the floor.

Angel Guild Thrift Shop granted skate night \$3,000 to upgrade worn equipment and provide first aid training. The Civic Center truly appreciates all that Angel Guild does for the community.

Although Shabdrang has since stepped away, Sarah expanded her role to become the skate night manager, ensuring that the spirit of skate night continues to thrive.

## Pickleball at the Key Peninsula Civic Center By Ellen Le Vita

Pickleball was invented in 1965 by three friends—Joel Pritchard, Bill Bell, and Barney McCallum—on Bainbridge Island, Washington. Their goal was to create a fun, accessible game for their families to enjoy together. The sport has grown exponentially since then. It is in their honor that at the Key Peninsula Civic Center (KPCC), our games start from the side of the net closest to Bainbridge Island.

Pickleball is a fun and social racket sport that



combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Played on a badminton-sized court with a net, it involves less running than tennis. The game is played with a hard paddle and perforated plastic balls. Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, Pickleball at the Civic Center is easy to learn and can quickly become addictive! Pickleball has many advantages including being a low-impact sport. It's gentle on the joints and muscles, making it an excellent choice for people of all ages and fitness levels. It's also a social sport. Whether you're playing



# Happenings at the Center

doubles or singles, you'll meet new people, make friends, and enjoy the camaraderie on the court.

Another advantage of Pickleball is improved balance and coordination. The game requires precise footwork, agility, and hand-eye coordination. Regular play can enhance these skills over time. Pickleball involves strategy, positioning, and decision-making. It keeps your mind engaged and sharp.



Pickleball is also affordable and accessible: You don't need expensive equipment or a fancy court. The KPCC offers two indoor pickleball courts for your use. Most people prefer to bring their own racquets, but if you are just beginning and are unsure if you will enjoy the sport, KPCC has paddles available for you to use. Balls are always available when the courts are scheduled for open Pickleball.

We do ask that you sign a waiver the first time you come to play, but afterwards, there is an easy sign-in sheet. Minors are welcome too, but parents must sign the waiver form and ensure KPCC has a parent's contact phone number. A donation jar is present at every open session. We suggest a \$5 donation, but we welcome you to play with or without a donation.



Come join the fun at KPCC. Check the on-line calendar (<https://www.kpciviccenter.org/calendar.html>) for times. We do have to cancel play periodically if a rental occurs or facility maintenance is required.



# Happenings at the Center

## Staff Spotlight



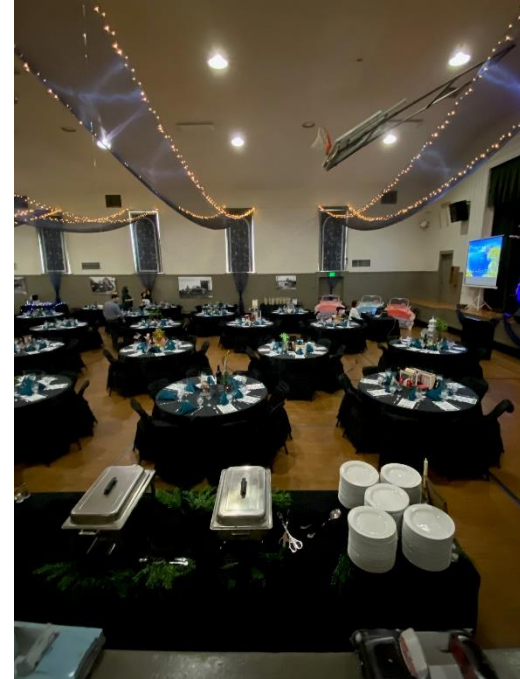
We want to say a huge thank you to Shabadrang Khalsa! She has done so much for the Civic Center and we really appreciate her! During her time at the Center, she has helped with various projects, taught yoga, and of course, managed our popular skate night. She helped to re-establish this long-lived tradition after COVID, and we appreciate all that she has done.

Thank you again, Shabadrang, and good luck with all of your future endeavors!

## Room Rental Spotlight

As you may know, several of our rooms at the Civic Center are available to rent.

The Gymnasium is home to many activities and special events, including skate parties, scout meetings, workshops, weddings, anniversary parties, classes, fundraisers, receptions, banquets, dances, graduation ceremonies, memorials and more. The Gym is adjacent to the kitchen, making your next catered event a breeze.



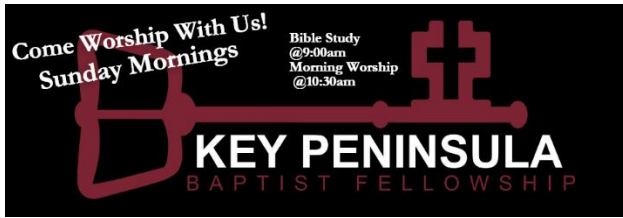
Rental of this area includes access to the lower balcony and stage.

The capacity of the gym is 300 people, and the cost is \$120 per hour, or \$80 per hour for Key Peninsula residents.

Please visit our website, or call our office to make your reservation!



# Affiliate News



Where were you 30 years ago this May? Finding it hard to recall? For some, those years fade into the past and are difficult to recollect. For me and my wife, Andrea, it's a cinch to remember, as we were newlyweds living in an upstairs apartment (read cheap) in Woodstock, IL. And way out in Washington State, on the Key Peninsula, the Key Peninsula Baptist Church was born May 15, 1994.

Our first pastor was Jim Rouse, who along with his wife and several local families began meeting on Sundays at the Key Center Library. Not being there myself, I can only guess what songs were sung and what messages were preached in those early days. I would guess, with very high probability, it was very Baptist.

Key Peninsula Civic Center became our home and, along with our revised name, Key Peninsula Baptist Fellowship has been there ever since. Rick and Kayleen Krum, the stalwart directors of our current AWANA club were founding members in that church three decades ago. Rick and Kayleen wear many hats of service at the church— as is common in small rural churches. The Krums are the only founding members remaining after all these years. There are, however, several familiar names known in the KP community that belong to our friendly little fellowship: Sharon Brooks, Patty Heerspink, JR Freeze, Jena Henak, Lee and May Wheeler to name just a few.

The church is people, not a building or a philosophy of life. People. Although we enjoy meeting in the Key Peninsula Civic Center building, the center of our thoughts and attention is to love God and love people. We don't do this anywhere approaching perfection—but we do make it our sincere aim. We are indebted to God for His

kindness to us, in so many, many ways, especially the redemption provided for us in Jesus Christ. So, we gather Sundays to worship Jesus and think of ways to serve the broader community. It is not likely I'll be around thirty years hence, but I am very hopeful Key Peninsula Baptist Fellowship will still be here serving God and the community.

All are welcome. Come as you are!

Yours truly,  
Pastor Paul Jensen



# Affiliate News



Key Peninsula Historical Society & Museum

Preserving History of the Key Peninsula

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## Lakebay Fuchsia Society

Our Mother's Day sale at the KP Civic Center Livable Fair was a huge success. All our baskets were sold within 45 Minutes, almost a record. The winner of our fuchsia basket this year was Theresa Adames. The winner of the Flower bowl, donated by Brother's nursery, was Susan Arends. We want to thank everyone for visiting our sale and supporting us. In the following months, come and walk through our demonstration garden at the Civic Center. Thanks again to all of you for your support.

Barbara Rowland, President  
LakeBay Fuchsia Society

# Upcoming Events & General Information

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

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Whitmore room.

We will be hosting a community breakfast on July 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope you will come join us!



**Community BREAKFAST**  
**July 13th**  
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*New Time*  
*starting 7/8/2024*  
**MON & WED**  
**\* 8:30am-9:30am**

KEY PENINSULA CIVIC CENTER



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# Upcoming Events & General Information

## Donations

The Civic Center is a non-profit organization, and we rely heavily on donations from the community and local businesses.

We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all who have done so much for the Civic Center through event sponsorships, fund raisers, and individual donations.

During the month of May, the Key IGA made the Civic Center the recipient of their monthly round up event, from which the Center received \$3,450.00!



We also want to thank the Key Center El Sombrero for hosting a takeover for us on June 19<sup>th</sup>. They donated 15% of all sales that evening to the Center.

And finally, due to our spring fund drive, we have received over \$6,000 in individual donations so far! Thank you so much to all of you!

If you wish to DONATE, you can do so by visiting our website, or by mailing a check to our office. Please consider making a donation today!

We are also still offering bricks for sale. You can order those through our website, or by clicking on the photo below:



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