

Detailed listing of articles, photos, and some letters in the APB

	Water District	Hospital District	Parks District, not including County Parks	Fire District	My Comments	Friends of Point Roberts Library
2009						
Jan 09	Water Board Denies Developer Request , P. 3. Stanton Northwest, Lily Point.		Library Seeks Agreement to Expand , P. 1. Library needs more room to flourish.	P. 9, photo. Year in review, Bayview fire, Oct. 2008.		
			P. 2, photo. Board with Irene Waters commemoration plaque.			
Feb 09		Hospital District to Clarify Finances , P. 14. Revenue reporting from Interfaith has not been clear.				
Mar 09	Water District to Review Customer Rates , P. 8. Regular review.			Chief Announced He's Hanging up Boots , P. 1. Chief Bill Skinner to retire.		
Apr 09	Water Rates Described as Unfair , P. 1. Base fee is too high.					
May 09	Commissioner Expresses Concern on Funding of Infrastructure Requirements , P. 5. Staff believes long-term planning has the district well-prepared.	New Director Promises Financial Clarity , P. 1. Desmond Skubi new head of Interfaith.		P. 9, photo. New chief, Mark Ellison.		
Jun 09		Clinic Considers Expansion, X-ray machine , P. 8.		Commission Suspends Fire Chief One Month Later , P.1. Mark Ellison removed from position.		
				P 12, photos. Chief Skinner retirement party.		
Jul 09			Parks Commissioners Tour Point , P. 20. Lily Point walk, lighthouse discussion.	P. 2, photo. 3rd cabin in 6 years on Bayview destroyed by fire.		
				And Don't Let the Door Slam You In , P. 17. Commissioners permanently suspend Chief Mark Ellison.		
Aug 09	Water Rates to Increase 13 percent , P. 17.		Parks Board Going for the Gold , P. 16. 20% levy increase for maintenance and operation.	Bayview Fires Now Considered Suspicious , P. 1.		

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Sep 09	Water Rates to Rise This Month, P. 1. 15% increase.					
Oct 09		911: Board Dares to Dream Big, P. 1. Increasing clinic space by 10'.		P. 5 photo, reno underway.		
				Another Suspicious Fire?, P. 11. Gulf Road out building.		
				Fire District to Plan Future Upgrades, P. 11. 1979 and 1991 engines, last 20 years.		
Nov 09	Water District May Have to Go Back to Ratepayer Well, P. 8. Water mains continue to fail.					
Dec 09	Board Throws Cold Water on Idea, P. 16. Resident encourages using rainwater to reduce need on GVWD.	Local Clinic Walloped with Big Fat Fee, P. 1. Interfaith/Unity Care required 26% increase for their services.	Parks Levy Gets Voters' Thumbs-up, P. 17. 20% increase, from \$35,000 to \$42,000.			
2014-15						
Nov 14	Water District OKs Ham Repeater, P. 12.		New Library Process Moves Along, P. 10. Closing the funding gap.	P. 2 and 3. Ed Park photos of Halloween party.		
Dec 14						
Jan 15	Dan, the Man with the Plan, P. 11. Failed pump and rash of water main failures.			Community Responds to Theft of Charity Funds, P. 1. Theft at Fire Station of boot drive for Food Bank.		
				Fire District to Consider Security, P. 7. Response to theft.		
Feb 15	Water Costs, P. 9. Rates going up 1.6%.		Parks Board Seeks New Blood, P. 1.			
Mar 15	Water Pump Craps Out, P. 9. \$83k to replace it.			Fire Board OKs Emergency Funding of Radio, P. 1. Terrain causes radio and paging problems.		
Apr 15				Commissioners Agree to Bump Radio Budget, P. 1. From \$50k to \$70k.		

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May 15	Commissioner Throws Monkey Wrench into Plans , P. 1. Commissioner wants current shop cleaned up and inventoried before committing to new shop.			Ask and Ye Shall Receive , P. 1. Chief Carleton's contract	"And boy, did he receive." 2012 open records request revealed numerous instances of commissioners discussing business through email. Bill and Stan seen together - such meetings open to misinterpretations. Article ran for three pages.	Friends of Library AGM Coming Up, P. 13.
				Fire District Appoints Finance Head , P. 2.	Nothing re new finance head at HD in August 2016.	
				You Can't Keep a Good Man Down , P. 5. Photo of former Chief at new job.	Judy Ross is personal friend of Meg Olson.	
Jun 15				Fire District's Attorney Has No Concerns with Contract , P. 1. But Pat Grubb does. Grubb calls attorney's statements, are clearly false. He also requested the District amend its response.		
				Fire District Improves Rating , P. 8.		
Jul 15	The Grass is Always Greener on the Other Side of the Bill , P. 12. Gulf Club not paying bill.		It's Time for the Parks Summer Camp , P. 17.	Around the Point , P. 18. Insurance rating improvement for residents.		
Aug 15			Parks Board Backslides on Library Commitment , P 18. Three of the five commissioners pulling back sharply from asking voters to support new library.	Congress Woman DelBene to Commend Lifesavers , P. 1.		
				Get the Big Picture About the People who Keep Us Healthy , P. 7. Open house.		
Sep 15	Water Use Gets Northern Exposure , P.9. Cost of metered water is a restriction itself.		Parks Board Working on Comprehensive Plan , P. 1. Plan to feed into the 2017 levy request.	Local Agencies Commended for Saving Life of a Visiting Bicyclist , P. 22.		P. 19 - written by Judy Ross.

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Oct 15		Update: The Point Roberts Clinic , P. 17. Written by Hospital District staff. This was in response to a complaint by a taxpayer and patient.	Commissioners Take Early Steps to Create Comprehensive Plan , P. 14. Seeking public input.	Fire District Seeks Higher Medical Certification from State , P. 8. Intermediate life support provider rating.		
2015-16						
Nov 15	Water Rates Look Stable for 2016 , P. 15. Favorable exchange rates, rate study planned for 2016.		Parks Board Prepares for Project , P. 14. Library memorandum, tenant, footings at Julius Station do not have rebar.	Fire District Tax Increase Considered , P. 18. 2017 [sic] options to be considered at next meeting, Oct. meeting discussion of banked increase and necessary expenditures for 2016.	Editor claimed not enough space to run all letters in support of Commissioner Riffle, ran one in support or his opponent, written by his opponent.	P. 7 - written by Judy Ross.
Dec 15			Parks Board Moves to Fill Rain Barrel , P. 8. Rebuilding rainy day fund; taking the allowed 1% increase in their levy; \$250k bond approved last year; photo of French flag.	Fire Commissioner Election a Real 13-vote Squeaker , P. 1. New jail funding, Water Board and Countywide election results.		P. 18 - written by Judy Ross.
				P. 3, photo of Veterans Day ceremony.		
				Fire District Taxes Going Up , P. 8, First time in four years. Does not mention that the other taxing districts have been taking their allowed increase each of those four years.		
Jan 16			Enough With the Dumping Already , P. 3. People using park property as the dump.		Friend of APB, Arthur Reber elected to Water Board in November, starts now.	P. 7 - written by Judy Ross.
			P. 5, photo of new board members.			
			Year in Review , P. 9.			
			P. 16, photo of out-going board member and cake.			
Feb 16			Change of the Guard at the Parks Board , P. 13. Goals for the year and photo.	Hot Times on the Point , P. 8; westside house training burn.		P. 7 - written by Judy Ross.
				P. 1 & 9; related photos.		

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Mar 16	Water District Struggles for Policy , P. 6. Inactive property shutoffs.		Parks Board Seeks Public Input , P. 7. Library.	Community Lends Helping Hand , P. 16. Williams Street Fire.		P. 15 - written by Judy Ross.
Apr 16	It's a Chicken Coop Policy Approach , P. 14. Terminating service policy.	Health Clinic Quality Notches Up , P. 7. Survey of patients reviewed.	Parks Board Mulls Library Alternatives , P.1. Confusion over funding the library.	Fire Commissioner Jeff Wilmots Steps Down , P. 1.		
May 16	Water, Water Everywhere, nor Any Drop to Drink , P. 2. Easter morning leak on Wicklow.			Gulf Road Building Destroyed by Fire , P. 1. Storage facility.		
				New Fire Commissioner Picked , P. 3.		
				Questions Raised in Aftermath Handling of Fire , P. 6. Kenny Calder's allegations given an entire page. Written by Pat Grubb and Meg Olson. Pat Grubb did not attend the meeting.		
Jun 16			Parks Board Considering Off-Leash Areas , P. 1.	Kenny Calder letter, P. 4. Inaccuracies unchallenged by editor.	Kenny's mom is a persona friend of Meg Olson.	
				Fire District Responds to Complaints Arising from Aftermath of Fire , P. 8. No where does it clarify that only one person, Kenny Calder, made the complaint.		
				Students Design Fire Truck Signs , P. 11.		
Jul 16			Parks Board to Offer Voters One-Year Library Levy , P. 1.			
			Summer Kids Program Gets Underway on June 27 , P. 17.			
			Free at Last, Dogs Get the Run Around , P. 20.			
Aug 16			Park District Places One-Time Measure on Ballot , P. 1.	Fire District Secures SCBA Grant , P. 19		

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Sep 16			Parks District Takes Emergency Action , P. 18. Septic failure.	Fire Chief Addresses Taxpayer Association , P. 18.		P. 15 - written by Judy Ross. — Taxpayer group endorses library levy too: Mark Robbins, Arthur Reber.
				All Hands on Deck for Fire Department Open House , P. 18.		
Oct 16				Fire District Nixes Sign Request , P. 8. No where does it state that the sign had been in the works for 6 months but no one at the APB knew.		P. 17 - written by Judy Ross. —3 letters of support for the library: Robbins and Reber.
				Trump Trumps Fire Townhall Meeting , P. 20.		
2016-2017						
Nov 16			Library Vote Requires 60 Percent Super-Majority , P. 1.	Commissioners Looking to Max Out on Taxes , P. 1. Little discussion, no action taken but Meg did contact a state revenue director who stepped down in 2010 and the current Assessor.		P. 16 - written by Judy Ross. —Plus 3 letters of support (Reber again), 2 against, 1 refused print. —Editor note added to Commissioner Hughes' letter. —3 more letters sent in E edition: Judy Ross, but her Inaccuracies not corrected.
Dec 16	Water District Revenue Drops , P. 11. Building starts lower, expenses down, may need rate review in 2017.		Library Levy Fails to Reach 60% Approval , P. 1. Actually a rundown of election results with only one paragraph about library results.	Fire Chief Proposes Forest Fire-Fighting ATV , P. 1. Complete coverage of taxes, reserves, and budget.		
			Parks District Putting Budget to Bed , P. 18. Vote to take unexpected \$1,000 in banked capacity plus 1%. Budget, needs.	Veteran's and Remembrance Day ceremony photos, P. 9.		
				Halloween Celebration photos, P. 12.		