

# Newsletter

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## President's Message

Season's Greetings,

I personally am amazed by the wonderful decorations that the Park employees and volunteers have worked so hard to install for this 2016 Holiday. I was awestruck as I drove into the park recently after the snow hit us. What a wonderful sight it was to see the lights and tree decorations. This is just another example of community that we all have as members of this magical place.

The Park is alive with many activities throughout this time of year and into

2017 so please review the webpage for information that your family may want to take part in and come have some fun!

If you have an interest in the events of the park, please come on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday where there is Open workshops. Some of these may also be open for Committee member's coming in February. So, if you have an interest please come to the workshops or drop by the office and one of the Office staff can direct you to the appropriate location and time.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday the Open Session meeting is held where the Board of Director's and members meet at the Adult Club house to review committee meeting reports and & Park business. All Members are welcome to attend and engage in the process.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday and happy New Year!

*Donal Barnes, President*

## Vice-President's Message

Hello Everyone

I would like to announce that there is an opening for the GBNT Board of Directors. If you are interested in volunteering for this position please stop by the office and pick up

the application.

Hope everyone is able to enjoy this winter weather. It would be a good idea to check on your trailer, sheds and general area to make sure your lot is ready for the winter so

you don't have any surprises in the spring.

*Bill Ritchie, Vice-President*

## Park Manager's Message

Hello campers

If all predictions are right this will be a very cold and snowy winter so get prepared now for any emergencies that come up at GBNT like extra water, alternate heat and power source, food, batteries. Just in case the worst happens years past it's been very mild but back in 2010 lots of snow and ice storms downed trees and limbs on the roads making driving hazards. Maintenance will work on keeping the roads open through the park. Don't forget to winterize your

outside stand pipe and water lines if you leave them on and connected to your RV.

The electrical upgrade project is still going along we are working on odyssey loop now and will continue up constitution, cougar, and thunderbolt. Remember Ray is calling members 2 to 4 weeks ahead of time to see if trailers can be moved for easier access to camp sites for the new power and water lines. Those who already had their sites upgraded will notice some settling of the ditches dug on roads and on sites we plan on

going over these areas again before next spring to fill in and level up roads and camp sites. Maintenance and I appreciate your cooperation and patients with this project.

Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and we will see all of you in the spring.

*Steven Thaele, Park Manager*



**Happy Holidays from  
all of us to all of you!**

**A big Thank You to Carpinito Brother's Farm of Kent,  
WA for donating Halloween Pumpkins for the kids.**

### Membership

Welcome to all of the new members. It has finally slowed down from our busy summer this year. We had 7 new members in October, 9 new members in November and we have 7 pending members for December.

Thank you to the Committee for all you do.

### Violations

- 16-37 - Guests parking on road = \$200 fine
- 16-38 - Noise level = \$50 fine
- 16-39 - Speeding = \$50 fine
- 16-40 - Removed
- 16-41 - Careless driving = \$100 fine
- 16-42 - Driving under the influence = \$100 fine

<b>Welcome New Members!</b>	
<b><u>October 2016</u></b>	
Kundert, Bruce & Jeanette	<b>810</b>
Hill, Rob & Small, Susan	<b>798</b>
Peterson, Hilber	<b>876</b>
Hillyard, John & Charnley, Jane	<b>171</b>
Thornton, Michael	<b>83</b>
Simanek, Lance	<b>87</b>
Duncan, Joshua & Murphy, Dakota	<b>605</b>
<b><u>November 2016</u></b>	
Ferguson, Brian	<b>315</b>
Boitano, Larry & Colleen	<b>1049</b>
Ayres, Linda & Jeffrey	<b>341</b>
Boggs, Leonard & Shawn	<b>607</b>
Fahlander, Karla & Gary	<b>782</b>
Franssen, Robert & Zomok, Shawn	<b>942</b>
Edlin, Ed & Connie	<b>635</b>
Keel, Michael & Tiffanie	<b>156</b>
Stites, Sherri & Cypher, Brian	<b>191</b>

**Starting January there will be monthly electrical meetings the 3rd Saturday of every month. First workshop is January 21st**

## Facilities, Safety & Security

With the New Year fast approaching, I would like to take a moment to thank everyone for making GBNT a relaxing and family friendly place to enjoy. May everyone have a very Happy New Year.

*Kenneth Pratt, Liaison*

### REMINDER

Winter is here and temperatures are dropping to freezing. Make sure to winterize your standpipe so it does not freeze and crack. Members will be charged for standpipes not winterized that crack.

## Dams designed for fun plague fish

Piling rocks across a small stream on a hot day to create a private forest wading pool may seem harmless to hikers and campers, but fish have a different point of view.

Recreational dams can block a fish's daily needs for migrating or moving to feeding areas and cooler water.

"These last few years, with

air temperatures higher earlier, the 'normal' rock dams load has exploded in Washington," said Teresa Scott, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife drought coordinator.

Building dams out of rocks and logs across a creek to form a swimming hole violates state hydraulics regulations. Left in place, even a

small dam can inhibit young fish movements and migrations and can cause flooding during storms or even months later during runoff.

### Further reading:

<https://www.questia.com/article/1P2-40000226/dams-designed-for-fun-plague-fish-rock-dam-builders>

**MSA's M = Motion S = Second A = Approved**

**October 2016**

**MSA:** To accept 2017 Budget Proposal

**MSA:** to allow Mike Hill to use the ball park in the afternoon (1-4pm) November 6, 2016 to build and launch rockets for the purpose of education for Cub Scout Pack 189 Mukilteo, WA

**MS:** To Purchase a Forklift for the Park use and Electrical Upgrade not to exceed \$15,000 out of capital expense fund.

**MSA:** To Table the above motion until the NEW BOD can review the current equipment and the new necessity for it. Park Manager to also review the sale and value of the heavy equipment unit that was to be sold.

**MS:** To purchase a replacement vehicle for Maintenance not to exceed \$20,000 out of capital expenses

**MSA:** Table the above Motion until Park Manager and Facilities to review the current vehicles and assess value

**MSA:** To set up \$700.00 for the Thanksgiving Dinner, November 19, 2016.

**MSA:** To purchase 20' X 40" tarps to cover the Adult Center floor area to keep control of the hay during the Trick or Treat after party.

**December 2016**

**MSA** the purchase of an aluminum canopy for the 99 red Dodge truck not to exceed

\$2500.

**MSA:** create a plan that would track vendors in park and allow security to monitor their location passed after discussion.

**MSA:** Create a "NO STREET PARKING" tag that would be placed on windshield of illegally parked car passed after discussion. One no vote Mary Jo Leach.

**MSA** to price Lot 548 at \$8,000. Passed after discussion

**MSA** to price Lot 516 at \$8500

**MSA** to price Lot 528 at \$8500

**MSA** to price Lot 527 at \$8500

***Kitty Korner w/cat tales***



As I'm writing this article we are getting our first snow. Sue is busy out feeding the cats to make sure they have food. She has been watching for our cats we got from the shelter and has spotted them from time to time looking very well. They have found a feeding station close to where they were released but keeping out of sight as much as possible. If you find any of them at your place looking for a warm place and they are not hurting anything, it would be great if you'd leave them there or at least let Sue know. Thank you to all who care for them and those who send money or food. We need these cats to keep the rats away.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

*Sue, Orma & the Kitty Kats*

## Long Range Planning

Long Range Planning Committee Workshop will meet on January 14, 2017 at Adult Clubhouse at 1:00 p.m. Jodie Bedell is committee chair and is looking for campers who would be willing to work on the committee. We are doing some really exciting ideas. We are currently working on a spread sheet which will help us define areas of the Park that we see a need for upgrade or improvements. We have a very comfortable savings and, under Steven Thaete's stew-

ardship, have been very frugal with our monies. We are actively working with the Park Manager and the Treasurer to review upgrades to many areas of the park. Some of the items under the microscope include replacing worn out vehicles used by staff, upgrading upstairs and kitchen access to the ACH, replacing the playground by the ACH, upgrading bathrooms to make them family friendly, fixing the septic system at the Ball Park, covering a sport court

to make it available year round, adding a large shed with walk in freezer for the kitchen, and the list goes on and on.....

Please send us any comments or concerns you have and we will respond. Come to the workshop and let your voice be counted!

*Rita Tuck, Liaison*

**For Sale:**

**Coleman 5000W 120v/240v 10hp Generator.**

**Runs good. \$300 Call Wayne: 909-732-5057**

## Activities

This has been my first year on the BOD, and being assigned the Activities director has been so much fun! Our Halloween party was a huge success, and the kids all had a lot of fun, and got a lot of candy!

Thanksgiving was a great turnout, the food was delicious, and everyone left very full and happy.

Our Christmas decorating party was loaded

with talented volunteers. Come look at the adult center! Chris made us lasagna, Caesar Salad & garlic bread. Our Christmas party is on December 17th, all of the activities that day will be on our website or the whiteboard.

Our next workshop is January 14th, always the second Saturday of the month.

We will be discussing our

upcoming Valentines day party, St. Patrick's day and Easter activities also.

Bring us your great ideas and we'll try to make them happen.

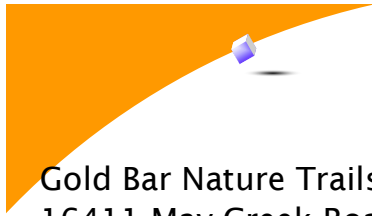
Thanks to all of the volunteers, you make these parties great!!!

*Meri Jo Leach, Liaison*

### *In Loving Memory*

**Melinda Edgecombe former member of GBNT, she will be missed by her many family & friends.**

**Mark Hayes son of Thomas & Barbara Hayes**



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