



# Newsletter

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**Gold Bar Nature Trails**

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## President's Message

Winter Greetings,  
I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday season and are looking forward to the New 2017 Year as I am.

Every New Year opens the doors to the Parks many activities and events! Please take note of the awesome events that the Activities committee and volunteers work hard to plan and put together. In addition, the kitchen is always open on the weekend with great comfort dishes to warm you up with all this snow currently at the park.

With the beauty of the snow also comes challenges with regards to frozen pipes or even worse broken pipes inside trailers. Please check your current standpipe to make sure it is off and stable. There have also been many fallen trees which can pierce a roof and then add

to many issues. It is worth a trip up to the park to check on your property to ensure that it is dry and free from some of these issues that nature hands us.

The Park Team continues to make progress on the Electrical and Water upgrade which means OPEN TRENCHES as well as large heavy equipment. So please keep your eyes open for the trenches and the equipment.

Also, upcoming in March is where members are selected for the upcoming Park committee's which serve great purpose for the Membership. I would like to thank the current volunteers who have served and will continue to serve on these committees. These committees assist in many of the processes and activities which are vital to the annual event

calendar and maintenance of the park property. If you have an interest in being a volunteer for a committee, please contact the office to inquire.

As a reoccurring General note I would add the following- Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday where there are various Open workshops. 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 at 10am 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 processes.

*Donal Barnes, President*

## Vice-President's Message

Hello everyone  
I hope everyone has enjoyed the winter season so far. It has been a busy winter around here with the wind and snowfall. Our staff has been working hard with the clean up of downed trees and debris.

We are looking forward to summer temperatures now as I'm sure most of you are too! There

are some fun activities coming up and the Activities Workshop needs help planning future events, so please drop by the monthly workshops held on the second Saturday of the month and help with this year's planning.

The General Meeting is held on the fourth Saturday of the month. Come join us and par-

ticipate in the discussion topics of the month.

Currently, there is an open position on the GBNT Board. If you are interested in helping your park, please stop by the office and pick up an application.

Thanks again,

*Bill Ritchie, Vice-President*

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## Park Manager's Message

Hello campers!

Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow. The month started with 50 mph winds, snow and a power outage. Only one trailer was hit by a falling fir tree.

This type of weather is a reminder to all campers to check your insurance policy for your RV.

The electrical and water project is progressing. Last year 118 campsites were completed with 50 amp service and new stand-pipes.

Things to remember, Ray our maintenance supervisor has been calling members 2 to 3 week ahead of the area we plan on digging up next informing members what they will encounter, like open ditches that make it hard to

enter the site to camp. Sometimes they will request for you to secure your RV so we can move it if possible, to help us install the power and water in a better location. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. We will continue to keep this project moving.

Reminder on the third Saturday of each month the electrical committee has set up a work day to help with this project. Volunteers are welcome. They will meet at the adult club house at 8:30 am.

We still have 2 full time maintenance entry level positions available starting at \$11.00 per hour. Apply at office or e-mail to [gbntone@gmail.com](mailto:gbntone@gmail.com)

Our security staff is always patrolling the park looking for break-ins

and storm damage. We have had one shed broken into this winter, the member was notified. So keep your phone numbers current with the office.

There are several upcoming events St. Patrick's dinner, Easter egg hunt along with Friday night dinners 2 and 4 Fridays of the month and breakfast Saturday and Sundays every weekend so check the white boards and web site for dates and times of events.

Thank you.

*Steven Thaete, Park Manager*

## PEA PATCH

Snow is melting and the Pea Patch gardeners are buying seed and planning this year's crop.

The Pea Patch offers a place where people who might not meet elsewhere can admire each other's work and produce. It's growing into a place where neighbors help each other dig out rocks, water strawberry pots, and exchange ideas.

If you are interested in working a plot this summer, contact Dale Peterson, Mike Seitz [425-765-1998](tel:425-765-1998), or Maxine Brink. Leave a message in the office with your phone/text number until we get a mail box set up at the Pea Patch.





## Membership

Welcome to all of the new members.

We had 6 new members in December and 2 new in January with 1 denied.

Thank you to the committee for a job well done.

### FYI

**The Bridge on May Creek Road will be closed for repairs from May 2017 to November 2017. The only way to access the park will be Reiter Road.**

### Welcome New Members!

#### December 2016

Schumacher, Scott & Barbara	82
Helman, Timothy	515
Fischer, Jeffrey & Dorinda	738
Sinclair, Toni & Miriam	42
McAteer, Stephen & Mary	1121
Page, Daniel & Kerry	317

#### January 2017

Johnson, Don	526	527
Roberts, Charles &		935
Thompson, Janice		

## Classifieds

### For Sale:

1999 Winnebago Adventure. Good condition 10-cylinders, 34 foot, automatic transmission. Clean non-smoker. Tow car and bar included. 1 slide out, 56,000 miles. \$18,500

Call 360-793-0236 or 425-870-1782

### *The Woof Report*

Greetings to all my 4 legged furry friends. It's been a great winter but now it is time to get outside and play. Please remind your humans that our paws can't pick up poop. Always carry a pet waste bag with you. We never know where the urge

might overcome us. Be prepared for the unexpected, (the maintenance guys will really appreciate it, not to mention other walkers).

Please hold on to our leashes to keep us in control and secure. Keep us from chas-

ing other humans or getting into trouble by using a leash at all times. Besides, we like to walk with you, side by side. Thanks for taking care of us and letting us take care of you. It is clear we need each other. **WOOF**





## Facilities, Safety & Security

As I write this, we have a mere 49 days until Spring. I hope that everyone is looking forward to new adventures at GBNT. The crew has been busy all winter getting maintenance projects done and the park looks wonderful.

There are a few reminders for the upcoming season.

Guests must be registered by the actual member, not a friend, fam-

ily member or other guests. A guest pass allows a guest to sign themselves in.

Please respect your neighbors. We live very close together on our sites and there have been complaints of loud music as well as lighting that illuminates the neighborhood instead of the lot. Please try to keep your music and lighting on your lot.

There have been complaints

about the odor in the Library above the Kitchen in the Adult Clubhouse. Please do not bring food or drink into the library.

Please keep an eye out for vandalism and suspicious circumstances. Every member is part owner in this park and we have an obligation to watch out for each other.

*Kenneth Pratt*

**We are still having trouble with members not using the same key card to exit with as they entered with.**

**Remember your key cards are separate and you must exit with the same key card or you are still keyed in.**

## Long Range Planning

Exciting Times!

We have been working with the Facilities Chairman and with Steven Thaete. We now have a comprehensive list of Park needs which need to be addressed over the next few years. We will be working with the Treasurer and Facilities committee to find the best way to cover these expenses. We also recognize that we need to

be looking at "wants" as well as the "needs" if we are to continue evolving as a place to come for the best camping experience.

With that said, we are developing a web based survey to gather input from our members on a variety of topics. Our goal is to have the survey approved and in place as the Spring Season begins.

We will also be working on a web based Volunteer corner which will list specific projects or jobs that would allow a member to know more about a need, what skills are needed, when those skills are needed and how much involvement is required. The more volunteers help with some projects, the lower our out of pocket expenses will be.





MSA's

**M = Motion S = Second A = Approved****January 2017**

**MSA:** to accept Colleen Carr to the BOD was passed unanimously after discussion.

**MSA:** to approve verbiage changes to Policy 25, item 2, paragraph b. as per Proposal 1. (See attached administrative Minutes)

**MSA:** to approve verbiage changes to Policy 25, Membership Approval paragraph 2 as per Pro-

posal 2. (See attached Administrative Minutes)

**MSA:** to purchase a Forklift capable of lifting 8,000 lbs. with 8 or 9 foot forks powered by diesel or propane for the Park and Electrical Upgrade to use not to exceed \$15,000 out of the Capital Expense Fund.

**MSA:** to purchase a replacement vehicle similar to the Ford Transit

with divider to separate driver from cargo for Maintenance not to exceed \$20,000 out of capital expenses.

**MSA:** \$250.00 for Super Bowl Sunday Party February 5th.

**MSA:** \$800.00 for Valentine Day Party February 11<sup>th</sup>.

**The following items will be going up for Auction:****1998 Subaru Wagon****1999 Saturn Wagon*****Kitty Korner w/cat tales***

I woke up this morning to find out the power was out and we had snow all over. I know I was cold so I can't help but wonder how our poor kitties are doing.



Sue came to feed them and bubba was waiting to be fed. I think he makes the rounds but starts here. He thinks he's the boss. I sure hope they all found warm places to hang out and sleep. I hope if some are hanging out at your place and not hurting anything, you will let them stay.

Thank you to all of you wonderful folks who send food or money for them and also those of you who feed them. Sue also feeds the kitties canned food so, if you get food that would be greatly appreciated.

We probably have a couple months of winter yet so stay warm & enjoy.

*Sue, Orma & the Kitty Kats*





## Secretary's Message

I hope everyone has had a great winter. The staff has been working to get the park ready for the upcoming season. Friday night dinners will be offered at the Flying Onion Café. They are extremely good, especially after a long drive to get to the park.

Please welcome all the new members from private sales and that our sales staff have brought into the park.

If you haven't read the Rules & Regulations and Bylaws, they are available online at [gbntone.org](http://gbntone.org) or you can get a hard copy in the

office. I highly recommend that everyone spend a few minutes reviewing the documents.

*Kenneth Pratt, Secretary*

## Administration

Two Changes have been made to the GBNT ByLaws and the Policy Administration Records. They pertain to: if you are a current member you will no longer need to appear before the membership committee and the purchase of more than one membership (allowing you the purchase of an additional site). These ByLaws and policies are effective as of January 27, 2017. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. My number is listed in the newsletter.

### **ByLaws, Article III-Membership, Section 2, Paragraph j.**

A membership in good standing ~~for a period of one year or more~~ may purchase an additional membership by refile a credit check, Washington State Patrol check, membership application and reap-

~~pearing before the Membership Committee. If purchasing a membership on a contract with GBNT, a credit check, Washington State Patrol check, and additional membership application and appearing before the Membership Committee would be required.~~

~~(9/23/95) When a member applies for an additional membership, proof of permanent residency (P.O. Box or street address will be accepted) is required may purchase an additional membership by submitting a new membership application. All GBNT procedures (credit check and Washington State Patrol check) will be required. Appearance before the Membership Committee will be waived. If purchasing a membership on contract with GBNT, the same policy will apply.~~

(BOD 12-16-95) 1-10-10) (9- -16)

### **ByLaws, ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP, Section 2, MEMBERSHIP, Paragraph I**

Any prospective member may purchase one or more memberships initially. ~~An additional membership may be purchased after a period of one (1) year from the original purchase date,~~ at time of purchase after passing their credit check and Washington State Patrol check at time of purchase and appearing before the Membership Committee. (1-1-10) (9- -16)

*Rita Tuck, Administration*



## Activities

Hello campers!

I don't know what's going on with all this snow, it won't go away! Luckily we have a nice warm adult center to visit, and meet with fellow campers.

If you want to plan something to do, or just meet up with different hobbies, I have a mail box in the office and would love to hear your ideas! Also we have a workshop on the second Saturday of every month. Come down for breakfast and hang out for the workshop.

If you are new to GBNT and would like to meet people and be part of the decision making pro-

cess, we would love to have you! I have been planning our Valentine's dinner, and expect it to be over the top. Chris and I have co-ordinated a grand feast of 4 courses, and I am excited for everyone who is going.

Keep in mind, we will also be planning a Saint Patrick's day dinner. This will be held the week before, on Saturday March 11th. We will have Corned Beef & Cabbage or Roast Beef supplied by the park, bring a side dish to share. Adults \$6 Children \$3.

So if you enjoyed the Valentine's dinner, you'd better sign up early. Plans are in the works for our an-

nual Easter egg hunt. We are trying something a little different this year, so if you want the inside scoop you'll need to come to our workshop! I am going to need a LOT of helpers this year, so keep this in mind.

Volunteers are the backbone of the activities committee. Please remember this while you are enjoying all of the planned activities. Any extra time you have, please consider hanging out with us. We are a fun and goofy bunch! See you soon!

*Meri Jo Leach, Liaison*

**Volunteer Day will be held the third Saturday of the month, meet at the ACH @ 9:00. We will work on projects in park. I would like to thank Mike Fredrickson and Jack Welborn for participating in February.**

*Keith Summers Liaison Infrastructure Committee*

## Super Bowl Sunday

A great time was had by all. We had about 53 participants who came to eat, enjoy a great game (even if it wasn't our beloved Seahawks) and share the crowd experience from the comforts of their own clubhouse. We have enjoyed hosting this so much that we are thinking of maybe a baseball World Series event or NBA event? Let us know and we will get to work on it.

Friday Nites at the Flying Onion Café (ACH) will be serving 2 meals in March on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 24<sup>th</sup>. In April we will open for every Friday evening. Check the white boards or the flyer boxes for weekly menu offerings. We are already thinking of things we would like to serve up as the summer season begins. Let us know if there is something you would like to have and we'll see what we can

come up with.

This is a great way to start your weekends, no greasy food wrappers or French fries floating around in your car, no need to start up the stove or BBQ when you pull in after a long drive on Friday evening. Just good food, reasonable prices, and convenient!

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