

Newsletter

G O L D B A R N A T U R E T R A I L S

P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Hello Fellow Members!
 When is it ever going to stop raining! I am not sure, but I think we have our quota and then some! It seems to me that this last Fall and now Spring is an exception to what I recall for normal rainfall. I for one am ready for sunnier days. I know they are out there and most of all are ready for them. If you have not been up to the Park in a while I would suggest you venture up with the hope that things are still dry in your RV. There has been a serious overload of fallen tree limbs that have unfortunately made some work for some of us. There is hope though in the form of our Park Management and Maintenance crews who are constantly patrolling and eliminating as many tree

problems as possible. Please note that due to the serious weather that in most cases the less serious individual site needs must take a lesser priority than some of the more serious issues. Please be patient with response times since the staff is doing the best they can 24/7. I also found out the hard way that if you need RV repairs from Doug's RV that they too are facing a heavy workload this season. So, make those calls and schedule accordingly. I would like to say a belated **Special Thank you to Becky Fredrickson and Tom Hayes** for serving on the BOD and making contributions and sacrifices regularly. Their contributions and support made differences that are seen around the park and

community.
 In addition, I would also like to say a belated Welcome to Colleen Carr and fresh off appointment a Welcome to Chris Johnson!
 New roles for the BOD with these new additions are as follows- Meri Jo as Treasurer and Bingo liaison---Colleen as Facilities, Safety and Security---Chris as Activities. These will be updated/posted on the back of the newsletter for your reference. Please review the newsletter for important information and dates regarding Memorial Day weekend activities!

Happy Trails,

Donal Barnes, President

V I C E - P R E S I D E N T ' S M E S S A G E

Hello everyone,
 Spring is approaching quickly which means summer is not far behind. I hope everyone made it

through the winter with no issues. Lot inspections will be coming up soon, so now would be a good time to get a head start on a little

spring cleaning. I hope to see more of you around this spring and summer.

Bill Ritchie

P A R K M A N A G E R ' S M E S S A G E

Welcome campers, another season has arrived and the spring cleanup has begun. Maintenance crews have been busy pressure washing the sport courts and youth center. Pool cleanup and prep will be next. The youth center pool will be open this season on May 20th Saturday from 12 noon to 10 pm and Sunday 10am-10pm, the following weekends will be Friday 4pm to 10pm, Saturday & Sunday 10am-10pm. Starting June 17th, the youth center will be open 7 days a week until Labor Day Weekend. The Adult pool will open full time on Saturday May 20th 10am-12 midnight, please remember the pool rules; Adults 18 years of age and over may use the pool at

any time. Youths age 7 and under may use the pool when accompanied by an adult member or an authorized adult guest, 18 years of age or over, during the hours of 10:00am to 12:00 noon and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm only 7 years old and younger are allowed.

The youth center is planning on having more crafts this year, the staff is busy gathering ideas for other activities as well. Also plan on stopping by for a fresh grilled hamburger or hot dog from 12 noon to 1 pm during the summer.

We are still accepting applications for youth center pool attendants and summer season assistant cook at the adult club house working with

Chris our cook on Friday night dinners and Saturday & Sunday breakfast. Please bring your applications to the office or email them to:

gbntone@gmail.com

We are also looking for an office person.

We need two people who wish to work part time in the sales office so we can have a 3 person team to cover weekends and holidays.

Thanks for a great winter and looking forward to an even better summer lets have fun this year!

Thank you

Steven Thaete, Park Manager

T R E A S U R E R ' S M E S S A G E

Available for sealed bid GBNT is auctioning two cars, located under the power lines.
1-Subaru wagon 1998. Clear title, no keys. Minimum bid \$100

2-Saturn wagon 1999. Clear title, no keys. Minimum bid \$75
Sealed bids will be accepted at the office until June 17th at noon.
Cars must be removed from

the park 10 days after the winning bidder is announced. Cars are sold "as-is". No warranty is expressed or implied.

Meri Jo Leach, Treasurer

M E M B E R S H I P

Hello everyone. We are starting our new year out well. For March we had four sales, two private.

For April, so far, we have five sales, four are pending. So, with that, we want to welcome all out new members. We will be officially opening for our season on Memorial day weekend, you will find a lot of exciting things to enjoy, and hopefully, you our new members, will pass along, ideas for things that you would like to see happening, in and about our park. Have a great up and coming summer.

Sheri Blansett, Liaison



We are asking members for their feedback on our web page gbntone.org is there anything you would like to see added or changed. Please give your ideas to the office or email gbntone@gmail.com

Welcome New Members!	
<u>February 2017</u>	
Johnson, Todd	590
Colarusso, Jacqueline	475
Givens, Jon	631
<u>March 2017</u>	
McCabe, Ronald & Karen	660
Higgins, Mark	903
Jones, Marla	147
Bergan, Clinton & Rachel	851
Talmadge, Michael & Beverly	821
Rossman, Jay & Gathman, Tina	675

Kitty Korner w/cat tales



Here it is Spring and our kitties seem to have weathered the winter fine. They seem healthy and still sneaking around.

There was a big black Tom out here looking for food, etc. He shouldn't stay here long as our cats are all fixed except Bubba. They're in competition for sure. It's hard to catch the Toms, otherwise we'd have them fixed. When we have tried, we've always found one of our fixed cats in the trap or a racoon.

Once again, thank you, to all of you who donate money and cat food for our cats. And also thank you to those who feed them.

Sue, Orma & the Kitty Kats

RULES & REGULATIONS

SECTION 1 General, Section D, # 7 – Recreational Vehicles Item g
 “Members must ensure that independent vendors/contractors entering the Park are registered in the Park. Member is responsible for vendor during vendor stay in Park. If vendor is working on multiple sites he must register each site on the office sign in sheet. Member is responsible for a lost or damaged key card issue to vendor. Normal work day vendor hours are 9:00 a.m.

to 5:00 p.m. If you have a special circumstance, you must notify the office during work hours. “
 The new vendor sign in program is now active. A copy of the new rule and the policy it operates under is available in the office for your information. The new program places vendor accountability on the membership for vendor actions. We needed to ensure that vendors coming into the park are not violating our rules and regulations. We have had many instances of vendors

staying in the park for extended periods or being on membership sites that have not authorized their visit. This new policy allows our Security to monitor their actions more closely. If you have an unusual exception or need to have a vendor on site after hours, please call the office or Security so vendor presence can be noted on the sign in sheet.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

PEA PATCH

Necessary Components For A Successful Pea Patch.

Boundaries: Logs keep our soil, plants and pots inside our assigned plot. (Thank you, Staff) Good gardeners also keep the walk space between clear of pots, berry vines, thistles and grass that make the whole garden look unkempt.

Tools: Thanks to Dale Peterson and other long-time Pea Patchers, a wheelbarrow, shovels and other implements are available for Pea Patch gardeners' use. The composter is for legitimate plants. The seeds of grass and weeds will plague us for years if they are mixed in with dirt and applied to our gardens.

Soil: In summer 2016 Mike Seitz graciously purchased and

trucked in luscious, black compost from **Bailey**

Compost. If you applied some of that compost to your plot, you may consider reimbursing Mike. I left \$10 and \$20 bills in envelopes in the office for Mike as I used the compost. Tell him if you are willing to reimburse him for more this year.

Wilson's laid bags of soil mix on the top of their plot, and slit into the plastic creating a weed-free planting space. Clever.

Seeds and plants: Did you know the **Carpinito Bros.** donate a truck load of pumpkins for GBNT Halloween festivities? They also grow Ka zillions of seedlings. Take a day trip and feast your eyes at 1148 Ave. N., Kent WA 98032.

Cooperation: Natural Elements gave us a dismal tomato year in 2016 – truly dispiriting. But sunflowers, dahlias, artichokes, beans, greens, other plants and flowers produced beautifully. Any GBNT member is welcome to stroll around the Pea Patch. The gardeners request that you admire our individuality and efforts, but please do not harvest. Extra produce will be brought to the Adult Club House. If the Natural Elements cooperate.

Pea Patch Meeting: For all gardeners and members who would like a plot. Saturday, May 13th at noon in the Adult Club House.

See you there.

M S A ' S M = M O T I O N S = S E C O N D A = A P P R O V E D

February 2017

MSA requested: Motorcycle gate should be locked every night 1 hour after sunset. Security is requesting a sign be made with information on both sides to include that the gate will be locked 1 hour after sunset each night and to include the phone number for Security.

MSA to approve for Violation Committee Barb Hansen, Judy Kittleson, Patti Casto, Linda Peterson, Wayne Kubli

MSA \$800 for St Patrick's Day Dinner on March 11th members to bring side or salad. Dinner will be \$6.00

MSA to approve By-Laws Committee members: Phyliss Duzell, Barb Hansen, Sandy

Wellborn

MSA to approve new Rule and new Policy for Vendor Sign-in Program (see attachment)

MSA for policy 42 to Administrative policy. (see attachment) Passed after discussion

MSA to approve Long Range Committee Members: Jody Bedell, Carl Bern, Mike Fredrickson, Ben Goodwin, Jack Welborn, Bob Wilson.

March 2017

MSA to approve Chris Johnson for open Board position.

MSA to move \$300,000.00 to a three-year CD with an interest about 1.85% from the Saving's CMA checking account

MSA to move \$250,000.00 to

a two-year CD with an interest about 1.6% from the Saving's CMA checking account

MSA Marilyn Rowe to the committee

MSA \$700 for BBQ on Memorial Day Friday night Dinner

MSA \$700 for food for event Saturday at Ball Park

MSA to approve two additional members to committee: Peggy Fitzwater and Becky Clair.

MSA for Chris Johnson to do activities, Mary Jo to do Bingo and Treasurer

MSA to hire Snohomish Valley Roofing to re-roof the shop \$11,636.00 and office building \$13,042.00 from the CMA account.

V O L U N T E E R I N G

Our park has many opportunities for volunteering that require from two hours to twenty hours a month. Once a month, the third Saturday of the month, volunteers meet in the clubhouse at 8:00 AM to do odd jobs in the park as well as help build pedestals for the electrical upgrade. Committees that uphold the rules and

regulations, look at the future needs of the park, develop ORV opportunities and help with new membership are always looking for input from fresh ideas. Volunteering for Gate Duty for a couple of hours on three day weekends, helping in the kitchen or maintenance in the park will help to keep our park secure

while increasing the value of our memberships. Each of us own a piece of the park and we all need to participate to make it a wonderful place to come relax and play. If you or members of your family want to volunteer contact the office.

Ken Pratt

ADMINISTRATION

We are focusing on several areas of the administrative side of GBNT. At present, we are reviewing the current Rules and Regulations in an effort to clarify or reduce redundancy whenever possible. This is a slow process and will undergo many edits by the Board before any changes can be made. Our goal is to shift more responsibility to members to police themselves and/guests. Over

the years the statement “show me where it shows that in the rules” has been heard too often. Rules and Regulations are intended to make your stay in the Park enjoyable while allowing others to enjoy their stay as well. It is impossible to write a rule for every circumstance but those we do put in place will strongly hold each member accountable for themselves and their guests.

We are also focusing on creating internal steps that will enhance our work flows, MSA actions, work order tracking, and personnel training. Our scanning project will be underway in another month and we should be able to see less paper stacks and easier ways to access historical information.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

BY LAWS

If you have a proposal you would like to present to the general membership which would affect the By-Laws you must have your **final** materials submitted to the GBNT office no later than May 31, 2017.

Ask the office staff for the forms needed to submit a pro-

posal. You will need 2 documents, one for the actual proposed change and one for the required 30 membership signatures. If you have concerns about the correct format, please talk with the office staff **BEFORE** the deadline so we can advise you of concerns. Once

your final documents are complete and given to the office we will review them once again and ensure that your proposed changes are correctly documented and your signatures are all valid.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Long Range Planning has been working with Steven Thaete to get long needed projects on the books. Two roofs are being repaired now and other roofs will be put into the long

range schedule for future action. We do have some smaller projects that will be in the works as we play catch up on needed park improvements. Many of our needs are being

projected over our 5 year plan to ensure that funding is handled appropriately and prudent fiscal practices are met.

Rita Tuck, Liaison

A C T I V I T I E S

The ACH is looking very spring like and lovely with spring flowers abounding on tables. The kitchen is getting a paint job and new cupboard doors and handles. Chris McGuire, our cook, has been a trooper this month in painting the kitchen between flipping pancakes and making dozens of decorated cupcakes for the youngsters Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Rabbit appeared, complete with pearls and pastel scarf to the delight of all the little ones. Thanks to all the parents and volunteers who stuffed eggs, scattered eggs, and helped clean up.

The older children were treated to a flashlight hunt for eggs. They had an unknown destination, lots of eggs to find and lots

of friendly competition. We promise to make the hunt harder, darker, and longer next year! They filled up on brownies after cracking their eggs for prizes and candy.

Our new Activities Director, Chris Johnson and his lovely wife Cathy will be back in the Park soon and they plan on lots of events for kids of all ages this Summer. I can't speak for him, but I have heard rumors about movies in the dark, hay rides, tournaments, music nights, maybe even some drum lessons, etc. Chris has been working with Sue Simpson, the Youth Center Supervisor and between the two of them, we will have a packed summer schedule. Mother's Day is May 14th and to celebrate we are hosting a dinner

for everyone on May 13th at the ACH. Menu is still in the works but I know it will be exceptional as always. Look for sign-up sheet in the office soon.

Memorial Day weekend is fast approaching and we need your help. If you are willing to help out, please call the office at 360-793-1888. Give them your name and a way to reach you and we will contact you with volunteer options that would work for you. It's an easy and fun way to meet other campers and many hands make light work!

We have sign-up sheets for the Poker Run, "Shop in the Woods" garage sales and for gate duty in the office now so be sure to get on the lists.



**There will be a Meeting to discuss
having an ORV track built in the park.**

May 6th

11 am to 1 pm

At the Adult Clubhouse

Everyone welcome

B I N G O

BINGO!!!

Yes, bingo is back for the season!

We will start our first game on Saturday, May 6th.

As always, the early bird game starts at 6:40 and the regular

games start at 7.

Come in and say hi to the bingo manager Louise, the kitchen manager Curtis, and the many familiar volunteers that make the bingo experience a great one!

This game is geared for any and all ages, so come down and join us. It's always a great time, especially when you win some extra cash!

Meri Jo Leach, Liaison

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